

ASEAN Navigates Climate Action, Economic Shifts, and Geopolitical Tensions

ASEAN · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. Which regional initiative, focusing on climate change, pollution control, and biodiversity conservation, saw discussions on its implementation progress and related programs like the Regional Knowledge Centre for Marine Plastic Debris (RKC-MPD) and the ASEAN Climate Change Strategic Action Plan (ACCSAP) in April 2026?

- A) ASEAN Strategic Programme on Environment and Climate (SPACE)**
- B) ASEAN Action Plan for Marine Pollution
- C) Regional Environmental Sustainability Initiative (RESI)
- D) Southeast Asian Climate Resilience Framework (SRC F)

2. As of April 2026, which Southeast Asian nation is projected to have the fastest economic growth within the ASEAN region, with a forecast of 7.4%?

- A) Vietnam**
- B) Philippines
- C) Indonesia
- D) Thailand

3. In April 2026, the ASEAN Climate Week was convened in Manila. What was the overarching theme of this event, emphasizing the transition from commitments to tangible actions?

- A) From Ambition to Delivery: Strengthening ASEAN Regional Climate Action**
- B) Navigating Our Future, Together: ASEAN's Climate Strategy
- C) Unity in Action: Building a Resilient ASEAN Climate Future
- D) Climate Resilience: Implementing Commitments for ASEAN Communities

4. Which country is set to host ASEAN Climate Week 2026, an event focused on accelerating regional climate action and strengthening cooperation among member states?

- A) Philippines**
- B) Indonesia
- C) Malaysia
- D) Singapore

5. According to the ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office (Amro) in April 2026, what is the projected economic growth rate for the ASEAN region in 2026?

- A) 4.6%**
- B) 5.2%
- C) 4.0%
- D) 3.8%

6. In April 2026, ASEAN officials convened to address the impact of a specific global crisis on energy supplies. Which crisis was this referring to?

A) Middle East crisis

- B) Ukraine conflict
- C) South China Sea dispute
- D) Global trade war

7. The ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Transboundary Haze Pollution Control (ACCTHPC) Secretariat's office was inaugurated in April 2026. Which country hosted this important institution and demonstrated leadership in environmental protection?

A) Indonesia

B) Malaysia

- C) Singapore
- D) Thailand

8. In April 2026, a survey by the ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute highlighted concerns regarding US leadership in the region. What was the primary reason cited for this unease?

A) Policy unpredictability

- B) Increased trade tariffs
- C) Military interventions
- D) Environmental policies

9. According to reports in April 2026, ASEAN+3 growth is expected to moderate in 2026. What is a primary factor contributing to this projected slowdown?

A) US tariffs and weaker demand

- B) Declining foreign direct investment
- C) Reduced intra-regional trade
- D) Lower commodity prices

10. Which of the following is NOT listed as a key topic for discussion at the ASEAN summit in April 2026, as mentioned in the context of regional and global strategic issues?

A) Space exploration initiatives

- B) Maritime security
- C) South China Sea situation
- D) Geopolitical challenges

11. In April 2026, defense experts in Singapore warned about potential security risks associated with which technology in military bases?

- A) Fitness tracking apps**
- B) Drones
- C) Artificial intelligence
- D) Encrypted communication devices

12. As of April 2026, which two Southeast Asian nations are mentioned as having renewed clashes along their border, contributing to regional security tensions?

- A) Cambodia and Thailand**
- B) Vietnam and Laos
- C) Indonesia and Malaysia
- D) Philippines and Singapore

13. Which ASEAN member state's economy is projected to have the second-highest growth in the region in 2026, following Vietnam?

- A) Philippines**
- B) Indonesia
- C) Malaysia
- D) Thailand

14. In April 2026, the ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office (Amro) released its annual report. What was the forecasted economic growth for the ASEAN and East Asia region for both 2026 and 2027 according to this report?

- A) 4.0%**
- B) 4.3%
- C) 4.6%
- D) 5.0%

15. The State of Southeast Asia Survey 2026 indicated that climate change and extreme weather events are the region's top challenge. What percentage of respondents identified this as the primary concern?

- A) 60%**
- B) 55.3%
- C) 51.7%
- D) 46.1%

16. In April 2026, it was reported that Laos transmitted a record amount of electricity to Vietnam in the first quarter of the year. What was the primary driver for this increase in electricity transmission?

A) New renewable energy projects and stronger cross-border transmission lines

- B) Increased industrial demand in Vietnam
- C) A bilateral energy trade agreement
- D) Drought conditions in Vietnam requiring external power

17. Which of the following is NOT among the critical environmental issues addressed by the ASEAN Strategic Programme on Environment and Climate (SPACE)?

A) Sustainable agriculture practices

- B) Climate change
- C) Pollution control
- D) Biodiversity conservation

18. In April 2026, ASEAN officials convened to discuss the impact of the Middle East crisis on energy supplies. Which country's foreign minister was mentioned as leading Malaysia's delegation to the 25th ASEAN-EU Ministerial Meeting around the same time?

A) Mohamad

- B) Anwar
- C) Zambry
- D) Fadillah