

Southeast Asia's Economic Pulse: Latest Investment, Fintech, and Growth Insights

Global Finance · Answer Key · 17 Questions

1. According to the ASEAN Economic Outlook report released in September 2024, what is the projected regional real GDP growth for ASEAN in 2024 and 2025?

- A) 4.7% in 2024 and 4.8% in 2025**
- B) 4.5% in 2024 and 4.7% in 2025
- C) 5.0% in 2024 and 5.1% in 2025
- D) 4.2% in 2024 and 4.3% in 2025

2. In 2025, Malaysia achieved its highest-ever approved investment figures. What was the total value of these approved investments?

- A) RM 426.7 billion**
- B) RM 384.4 billion
- C) RM 285.2 billion
- D) RM 219.6 billion

3. The fintech market in Southeast Asia is projected to reach a significant milestone in 2025. What is this projected market value?

- A) \$1.073 trillion**
- B) \$907 billion
- C) \$1 trillion
- D) \$750 billion

4. What was the primary driver of Malaysia's strong investment performance in the first nine months of 2025, accounting for 65.9% of approved investments?

- A) The services sector**
- B) The manufacturing sector
- C) The primary sector
- D) Foreign direct investment

5. According to KPMG's outlook, Vietnam's GDP is forecast to expand by what percentage in 2025, after growing by 7.09% in 2024?

- A) 8 percent**
- B) 7 percent
- C) 6.5 percent
- D) 7.5 percent

6. In 2025, Singapore's economy experienced a slowdown. What was the projected GDP growth rate for Singapore in 2025?

- A) 0.0-2.0%**
- B) 2.7-2.9%
- C) 3.5%
- D) 1.0-3.0%

7. Which country led Southeast Asia in IPO proceeds in 2025, with 13 listings raising approximately \$2 billion?

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

8. The Bank of Thailand agreed with the government to maintain the current inflation target for 2025. What is this target range?

- A) 1 to 3 percent**
- B) 0.5 to 1.5 percent
- C) 1 to 2 percent
- D) 2 to 4 percent

9. Which sector dominated the IPO landscape in Southeast Asia in the first half of 2025, contributing significantly to the capital raised?

- A) Consumer**
- B) Real estate
- C) Energy & resources
- D) Financial services

10. According to AMRO's AREO January 2026 update, the ASEAN+3 region expanded by what percentage in 2025, outperforming expectations?

- A) 4.3 percent**
- B) 4.1 percent
- C) 3.8 percent
- D) 4.5 percent

11. In 2025, the Philippine financial system remained stable. What was identified as a persistent source of potential risk despite this stability?

- A) Domestic credit dynamics and real estate market imbalances**
- B) High inflation
- C) Weakening currency
- D) External debt levels

12. Which country saw its Gross National Income (GNI) per capita increase, leading to its reclassification to upper-middle-income status by the World Bank in 2025?

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

13. According to a Deloitte report on Southeast Asia's IPO market in 2025, what was the average IPO deal size, more than doubling from the previous year?

- A) US\$54 million**
- B) US\$27 million
- C) US\$10 million
- D) US\$75 million

14. In 2025, Singapore led Southeast Asia in AI investment, attracting a significant portion of the region's private AI funding. What percentage of all ASEAN-10 AI investment did Singapore capture?

- A) 55%**
- B) 30%
- C) 40%
- D) 65%

15. Malaysia's Budget 2025 outlined measures to reduce the deficit and boost revenue. What was the projected deficit reduction to in 2025?

- A) 3.8 percent**
- B) 3.5 percent
- C) 4.0 percent
- D) 3.0 percent

16. According to a Money20/20 report, what percentage of senior fintech leaders identified Southeast Asia as their primary growth target for expansion?

- A) Almost 23 percent**
- B) Over 15 percent
- C) Around 10 percent
- D) More than 30 percent

17. In 2025, Indonesia secured a significant amount in investment, surpassing its national target. What was the total value of this secured investment?

- A) IDR 1,714.2 trillion (approx. USD 60 billion)**
- B) IDR 1,500 trillion (approx. USD 50 billion)
- C) IDR 1,800 trillion (approx. USD 65 billion)
- D) IDR 1,600 trillion (approx. USD 55 billion)