

Demographic Data Dilemmas

Southeast Asia

Directions: Examine the data for the Southeast Asian countries. Select the country that best fits the situations described below. Be able to provide a reason for your answer.

First, think of the information needed to know in order to answer the question. Then, use the appropriate geographic resource to find that information. Remember not all of the information needed will be contained in the statistics.

Part I

1. Country most likely to participate in foreign investment opportunities.
2. Country with the best market for umbrella sales.
3. Country with the best port for international shipping.
4. Country with the best market for copies of the *Qur'an*.
5. Country most likely to experience a civil war.
6. Most ethnically diverse country.
7. Country with the longest period of independence.
8. Most economically advanced country.
9. Most agriculturally advanced country.
10. Country with the highest percentage of subsistence farmers.
11. Most "educated" country.
12. Country that could benefit the most from Peace Corps medical assistance.
13. The least economically advanced country.

Part II. Use demographic data to write conclusions about Southeast Asia.

Example: Most countries of Southeast Asia have high life expectancies.

Part III. Use demographic data to compare the mainland and the insular countries.

Example: Per capita GNP is highest on the island countries.