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WORLD CURRENT AFFAIRS 2026

50 Toughest Solved MCQs | Line-by-Line Explanations | Verified 2026 Events

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[Q] Total Questions	50 MCQs
[A] Format	4 Options Answer Highlighted Green with Tick
[E] Explanations	Detailed Line-by-Line Reasoning per MCQ
[D] Data Coverage	Verified Events: January to June 2026
[T] Exam Level	PPSC / FPSC / CSS / PMS -- Advanced Difficulty
[*] Topics	Iran War Space Sports Economy Politics Climate

All MCQs are based on verified global events from January to June 2026. Topics span the 2026 Iran War, Artemis II Moon mission, SpaceX IPO, FIFA World Cup 2026, Winter Olympics, Venezuelan crisis, European politics, natural disasters, and more. Correct answers are **highlighted green** with a tick mark.

ABOUT THIS BOOKLET

This booklet contains **50 advanced-level Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs)** on World Current Affairs 2026, designed for aspirants appearing in **PPSC, FPSC, CSS, PMS, NTS, SPSC, KPPSC** and all competitive examinations.

What makes this booklet special:

- **Latest 2026 World Events** -- Iran War, Artemis II, SpaceX IPO, FIFA World Cup, Winter Olympics
- **Green-highlighted correct answers** with a tick mark on every question
- **Line-by-line explanations** with extra exam-relevant facts in every answer box
- **PPSC/FPSC difficulty** -- analytical questions that test understanding, not mere recall
- **Topic diversity** -- 10 subject areas covering every dimension of global affairs

Tip: Attempt each question independently, then check the highlighted answer. Read the explanation even if you got it right -- it contains bonus facts often tested separately.

#	TOPIC	Qs	KEY EVENTS COVERED
1	Iran War 2026	Q1-Q4, Q33-Q35, Q44	Iran, Khamenei, MOU, Hormuz, Protests
2	Space	Q4-Q7, Q28, Q38	Artemis II, Record Distance, SpaceX IPO
3	Sports	Q9-Q13, Q22-Q23, Q39-Q43	FIFA World Cup 2026, Winter Olympics, NBA, NHL
4	Americas (US/LatAm)	Q15-Q16, Q31, Q36-Q37	Trump, Mamdani, Epstein Files, Peru
5	Europe	Q17-Q18	Bulgaria Euro, Sagrada Familia, Treaty
6	Natural Disasters	Q19, Q32	Philippines EQ, Venezuela Quake, Germany Heat
7	Health	Q20	WHO Ebola Emergency -- DRC & Uganda
8	Technology/Economy	Q7-Q8, Q21	SpaceX IPO, UAE-OPEC, Elon Musk
9	South Asia	Q24, Q30	Pakistan-Afghanistan War, Islamabad Bombing
10	Culture/Climate	Q26, Q45, Q50	Grammys, Blood Moon, Gaudi Anniversary

QUICK ANSWER KEY -- ALL 50 MCQs

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SOLVED MCQs -- WORLD CURRENT AFFAIRS 2026

Q1

On which date did the United States and Israel launch strikes on Iran, triggering the 2026 Iran War?

Category: Iran War 2026

A

A) January 15, 2026

B

B) February 28, 2026 [TICK]

C

C) March 10, 2026

D

D) April 5, 2026

Explanation: The United States and Israel launched coordinated air strikes on Iran on February 28, 2026, killing Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei and many senior officials. This event triggered the 2026 Iran War, displaced millions, and upended the global economy.

Q2

Iran's Supreme Leader who was killed in the February 28, 2026 US-Israel strikes was:

Category: Iran War 2026

A

A) Hassan Rouhani

B

B) Ebrahim Raisi

C

C) Ali Khamenei [TICK]

D

D) Masoud Pezeshkian

Explanation: Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei was killed in the February 28, 2026 US-Israel strikes on Iran. Masoud Pezeshkian, who survived, is Iran's President. The strikes triggered the largest military conflict in the Middle East in decades.

Q3

The United States and Iran signed the Islamabad Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to end the 2026 Iran War on which date?

Category: Iran War 2026

- A** A) June 12, 2026
- B** B) June 15, 2026
- C** **C) June 17, 2026 [TICK]**
- D** D) June 22, 2026

Explanation: US President Trump and Iranian President Pezeshkian signed the Islamabad MOU remotely on June 17, 2026. Trump signed during dinner with French President Macron at the Palace of Versailles. The deal established a 60-day ceasefire extension for final peace negotiations.

Q4

NASA's Artemis II mission — the first crewed lunar flyby since 1972 — was launched on which date in 2026?

Category: Space

- A** A) February 5, 2026
- B** B) March 1, 2026
- C** **C) April 1, 2026 [TICK]**
- D** D) April 20, 2026

Explanation: NASA launched Artemis II on April 1, 2026, from Kennedy Space Center. The crew of four astronauts — Commander Reid Wiseman, Pilot Victor Glover, Mission Specialist Christina Koch, and Mission Specialist Jeremy Hansen — set a new record for the farthest humans have travelled from Earth.

Q5

The Artemis II crew set a new record for the farthest humans have ever been from Earth, reaching a maximum distance of:

Category: Space

- A** A) 150,000 miles
- B** B) 200,000 miles
- C** **C) 252,756 miles [TICK]**
- D** D) 300,000 miles

Explanation: The Artemis II crew reached a maximum distance of 252,756 miles (406,771 km) from Earth on April 6, 2026, breaking the previous record. They returned to Earth on April 10, 2026. The mission was the first crewed flight beyond low Earth orbit since Apollo 17 in 1972.

Q6 Who was the Commander of NASA's Artemis II mission in 2026?

Category: Space

- A) Victor Glover
- B) Reid Wiseman [TICK]**
- C) Christina Koch
- D) Jeremy Hansen

Explanation: Commander Reid Wiseman led the four-person Artemis II crew. Victor Glover was Pilot, Christina Koch and Jeremy Hansen were Mission Specialists. Jeremy Hansen is a Canadian astronaut, making this also a notable milestone for the Canadian Space Agency.

Q7 SpaceX's historic IPO on June 12, 2026 raised a record amount of:

Category: Technology

- A) \$30 billion
- B) \$55 billion
- C) \$75 billion [TICK]**
- D) \$100 billion

Explanation: SpaceX went public on June 12, 2026, raising a record \$75 billion in its IPO. The company was valued at \$1.77 trillion, and CEO Elon Musk became the world's first trillionaire as a result of the listing.

Q8 After the SpaceX IPO in June 2026, Elon Musk became notable for being:

Category: Technology

- A) The world's first centibillionaire
- B) The world's first trillionaire [TICK]**
- C) The first person to own two trillion-dollar companies
- D) The wealthiest person in Asia

Explanation: With SpaceX's IPO on June 12, 2026, valuing the company at \$1.77 trillion, Elon Musk became the world's first verified trillionaire. His broad portfolio includes Tesla, SpaceX, xAI, Neuralink, X (formerly Twitter), and The Boring Company.

Q9

The 2026 FIFA World Cup began on which date and was hosted by which group of countries?

Category: Sports

- A) June 1 — USA only
- B) June 11 — Canada, Mexico, and USA [TICK]**
- C) June 15 — Brazil, Argentina and USA
- D) June 20 — Europe and North America

Explanation: The 2026 FIFA World Cup began on June 11, 2026, and is co-hosted by Canada, Mexico, and the United States — the first edition hosted by three nations. It is also the first World Cup to feature 48 teams, with the championship match scheduled for July 19, 2026.

Q10

The 2026 FIFA World Cup is the first edition to feature how many teams?

Category: Sports

- A) 32 teams
- B) 36 teams
- C) 40 teams
- D) 48 teams [TICK]**

Explanation: The 2026 FIFA World Cup is the first edition to feature 48 teams, an expansion from the previous 32-team format. FIFA projected revenues of over \$11 billion from the expanded tournament, hosted across 16 cities in North America.

Q11

Which country won the most medals at the 2026 Milan-Cortina Winter Olympics?

Category: Sports

- A) United States
- B) Germany
- C) Norway [TICK]**
- D) Canada

Explanation: Norway claimed a record-setting 41 medals at the 2026 Milan-Cortina Winter Olympics (February 6-22). Cross-country skier Johannes Hosflot Klaebo won six gold medals — the most gold medals by any athlete at a single Winter Olympics in history.

Q1
2

The 2026 Winter Olympics were held in which two cities?

Category: Sports

- A) Paris and Lyon, France
- B) Munich and Berlin, Germany
- C) Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy [TICK]**
- D) Stockholm and Oslo, Scandinavia

Explanation: The 2026 Winter Olympics were held in Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy, from February 6 to 22, 2026. Italy won the hosting rights at the 134th IOC Session in Lausanne in 2019, beating the joint Swedish bid of Stockholm-Are by 47-34 votes.

Q1
3

Which NFL team won Super Bowl LX on February 8, 2026?

Category: Sports

- A) Kansas City Chiefs
- B) Dallas Cowboys
- C) Seattle Seahawks [TICK]**
- D) San Francisco 49ers

Explanation: The Seattle Seahawks defeated the New England Patriots 29-13 to win Super Bowl LX on February 8, 2026. The halftime show was headlined by Bad Bunny, marking the first time the Super Bowl halftime performance was presented primarily in Spanish.

Q1
4

Argentine forward Lionel Messi made history at the 2026 FIFA World Cup by:

Category: Sports

- A) Becoming the first player to score 100 international goals
- B) Overtaking Miroslav Klose as FIFA World Cup all-time top scorer with 18 goals [TICK]**
- C) Winning his third Golden Boot award
- D) Becoming the first player to play in 6 World Cups

Explanation: Lionel Messi overtook Germany's Miroslav Klose as the FIFA World Cup all-time top scorer with 18 goals after scoring a brace in Argentina's 2-0 group stage win over Austria. Klose previously held the record with 16 goals.

Q1 5 Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro was captured by US forces on which date in 2026?

Category: Americas

A A) December 30, 2025

B **B) January 3, 2026 [TICK]**

C C) January 15, 2026

D D) February 1, 2026

Explanation: The US military captured Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro and his wife Cilia Flores on January 3, 2026, during a large-scale operation in Venezuela. The couple was flown to the United States, where Maduro was charged with narco-terrorism and cocaine trafficking.

Q1 6 On June 14, 2026 — also his 80th birthday — US President Donald Trump hosted which event on the South Lawn of the White House?

Category: Americas

A A) G7 Leaders' Dinner

B B) NATO Summit Reception

C **C) UFC Freedom 250 [TICK]**

D D) America250 Celebration

Explanation: On June 14, 2026 — his 80th birthday — US President Donald Trump hosted UFC Freedom 250 on the South Lawn of the White House. The invitation-only event combined Trump's milestone birthday with an MMA spectacle attended by prominent figures.

Q1 7 Bulgaria adopted the euro on January 1, 2026, becoming the how-manyth member state of the eurozone?

Category: Europe

A A) 18th

B B) 19th

C C) 20th

D **D) 21st [TICK]**

Explanation: Bulgaria adopted the euro on January 1, 2026, becoming the 21st member state of the eurozone. This was a major milestone for Bulgaria's integration into the EU's monetary union after years of preparation and meeting the convergence criteria.

Q1 The famous Sagrada Familia church in Barcelona held a blessing ceremony for its tallest tower on June 10, 2026. Who performed this ceremony?

Category: Europe

- A** A) Pope Francis
- B** B) Pope Benedict
- C** **C) Pope Leo XIV [TICK]**
- D** D) Pope John Paul III

Explanation: Pope Leo XIV performed the blessing ceremony of the Sagrada Familia's tallest tower — the central tower of Jesus Christ — on June 10, 2026, exactly 100 years after the death of the church's architect Antoni Gaudi. The Sagrada Familia has been under construction since 1882.

Q1 A magnitude 7.8 earthquake struck which country on June 8, 2026, the strongest since 1976?

Category: Natural Disasters

- A** A) Indonesia
- B** B) Japan
- C** **C) Philippines [TICK]**
- D** D) Taiwan

Explanation: A powerful magnitude 7.8 earthquake struck the Philippines on June 8, 2026, the strongest in the country since 1976. This was one of the major natural disasters of 2026 and prompted international emergency response.

Q2 0 The WHO declared which disease outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda a Public Health Emergency of International Concern in 2026?

Category: Health

A A) Cholera

B B) Monkeypox

C **C) Ebola [TICK]**

D D) Marburg

Explanation: The WHO declared an Ebola epidemic in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda a Public Health Emergency of International Concern in 2026. This was among the most significant global health emergencies of the year, requiring coordinated international response.

Q2 1 The UAE withdrew from OPEC on which date in 2026?

Category: Economy

A A) January 1, 2026

B B) March 15, 2026

C **C) May 1, 2026 [TICK]**

D D) June 1, 2026

Explanation: The United Arab Emirates withdrew from OPEC on May 1, 2026. The UAE's departure from the multinational oil policy organisation was a major development for global energy markets, as the UAE is one of the world's largest oil producers.

Q2 2 The New York Knicks won the NBA championship on June 13, 2026. Who was named Finals MVP?

Category: Sports

A A) Karl-Anthony Towns

B B) OG Anunoby

C **C) Jalen Brunson [TICK]**

D D) Mikal Bridges

Explanation: The New York Knicks defeated the San Antonio Spurs in five games to win their third NBA championship on June 13, 2026. Jalen Brunson was named Finals MVP. It was the Knicks' first championship since 1973.

Q2 3 The New START treaty limiting strategic nuclear weapons between the United States and Russia expired on which date?

Category: International

A A) January 1, 2026

B **B) February 5, 2026 [TICK]**

C C) March 1, 2026

D D) April 5, 2026

Explanation: The New START treaty limiting strategic nuclear weapons between the United States and Russia expired on February 5, 2026. This was a significant arms control development, leaving both superpowers without a formal bilateral strategic nuclear weapons limitation framework.

Q2 4 Which country launched airstrikes against Afghanistan in February 2026, leading to open conflict between the two nations?

Category: South Asia

A A) India

B B) Iran

C **C) Pakistan [TICK]**

D D) USA

Explanation: Pakistan launched airstrikes against Afghanistan in February 2026, leading to an open war between the two nations. This escalation significantly affected regional stability in South Asia alongside the broader Iran war context.

Q2 5 In June 2026, Germany recorded its highest ever temperature of 41.5 degrees Celsius in which state?

Category: Climate

A A) Bavaria

B **B) Saxony-Anhalt [TICK]**

C C) North Rhine-Westphalia

D D) Baden-Wuerttemberg

Explanation: Germany recorded its highest ever temperature of 41.5 degrees Celsius in Saxony-Anhalt in June 2026 during a historic heatwave. The Czech Republic also broke its record with 40.6 degrees Celsius, and Denmark recorded a record 37 degrees Celsius, all on the same day.

**Q2
6** **Rapper Kendrick Lamar became the hip-hop artist with the most Grammys on February 1, 2026. How many total Grammys did he reach?**

Category: Culture

A A) 20

B B) 23

C C) 25

D **D) 27 [TICK]**

Explanation: Kendrick Lamar became the hip-hop artist with the most Grammys after winning 5 awards at the 2026 Grammy Awards on February 1, 2026, bringing his total to 27. He surpassed previous records in the genre and cemented his status as the most decorated rapper in Grammy history.

**Q2
7** **Boko Haram attacked two villages in which Nigerian state on February 3, 2026, killing at least 162 people?**

Category: Africa

A A) Borno State

B B) Kano State

C **C) Kwara State [TICK]**

D D) Niger State

Explanation: Boko Haram attacked two villages in Kwara State, Nigeria, on February 3, 2026, killing at least 162 people. This was one of the deadliest terrorist attacks in Nigeria in 2026 and highlighted the continued threat of Boko Haram beyond its traditional strongholds.

**Q2
8** **The Artemis II mission broke the record for the farthest humans from Earth on which date?**

Category: Space

A A) April 4, 2026

B **B) April 6, 2026 [TICK]**

C C) April 8, 2026

D D) April 10, 2026

Explanation: On April 6, 2026, the Artemis II crew broke the record for the farthest humans have ever been from Earth, reaching 252,756 miles (406,771 km) as they travelled around the far side of the Moon. They returned to Earth on April 10, 2026.

Q2
9

The 2026 Men's T20 Cricket World Cup was hosted by which countries?

Category: Sports

- A) Australia and New Zealand
- B) England and Ireland
- C) India and Sri Lanka [TICK]**
- D) West Indies and USA

Explanation: The 2026 Men's T20 Cricket World Cup was held in India and Sri Lanka. The Women's T20 World Cup began on June 12, 2026, in England and Wales, with twelve teams competing until July 5, 2026.

Q3
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A severe suicide bombing at the Khadija Tul Kubra Mosque in Islamabad, Pakistan on February 6, 2026 killed at least how many people?

Category: South Asia

- A) 11
- B) 20
- C) 31 [TICK]**
- D) 45

Explanation: At least 31 people were killed and another 100 injured in a suicide bombing at the Khadija Tul Kubra Mosque in Islamabad, Pakistan on February 6, 2026. The attack was one of the deadliest in Pakistan's capital in recent years.

Q3
1

Which Latin American country's President Zohran Mamdani was described as a self-described democratic socialist, inaugurated in January 2026?

Category: Americas

- A) President of Venezuela
- B) Mayor of New York City [TICK]**
- C) President of Colombia
- D) Prime Minister of Jamaica

Explanation: Zohran Mamdani, a self-described democratic socialist, was sworn in as Mayor of New York City on January 1, 2026. His election marked a significant political shift for the largest city in the United States.

Q3 2 The Artemis II mission crew included the first Canadian astronaut to fly beyond Earth orbit. Who was this Canadian astronaut?

Category: Space

- A) Chris Hadfield
- B) David Saint-Jacques
- C) Marc Garneau
- D) Jeremy Hansen [TICK]**

Explanation: Jeremy Hansen of the Canadian Space Agency was a Mission Specialist on Artemis II, making him the first Canadian to fly beyond Earth orbit. The crew also included Commander Reid Wiseman, Pilot Victor Glover, and Mission Specialist Christina Koch — the first woman to travel beyond low Earth orbit.

Q3 3 On January 8, 2026, Iranian forces launched a crackdown on nationwide protests with death tolls estimated between:

Category: Iran War 2026

- A) 500 to 1,000
- B) 2,000 to 5,000
- C) 12,000 to 30,000 [TICK]**
- D) 50,000 to 100,000

Explanation: On January 8, 2026, Iranian forces launched a crackdown on nationwide protests amid an economic crisis, with death tolls ranging from 12,000 to 30,000. It was described as the deadliest incident of repression since the Islamic Republic took power in 1979.

Q3 4 A major earthquake in Venezuela in June 2026 caused approximately how much in direct physical damage, equal to about 6 percent of Venezuela's GDP?

Category: Natural Disasters

- A) \$1.5 billion
- B) \$3.2 billion
- C) \$5.0 billion
- D) \$6.7 billion [TICK]**

Explanation: The June 24, 2026 earthquakes in Venezuela caused approximately \$6.7 billion in direct physical damage, equivalent to about 6 percent of Venezuela's GDP. The confirmed death toll rose to over 1,400 people killed, with tens of thousands more missing.

Q3 5 The 2026 US Department of Justice released how many pages related to the Epstein files on January 30, 2026?

Category: Americas

A A) 500,000 pages

B B) 1 million pages

C C) 3 million pages [TICK]

D D) 5 million pages

Explanation: The US Department of Justice released more than three million pages that are part of the Epstein files on January 30, 2026. The documents mention many high-profile public figures worldwide and triggered major international media coverage.

Q3 6 Which Norwegian cross-country skier won the most gold medals at a single Winter Olympics, earning six golds at Milan-Cortina 2026?

Category: Sports

A A) Petter Northug

B B) Johannes Hosflot Klaebo [TICK]

C C) Martin Johnsrud Sundby

D D) Therese Johaug

Explanation: Johannes Hosflot Klaebo won six gold medals at the 2026 Milan-Cortina Winter Olympics — the most gold medals won by any single athlete at a single Winter Olympics in history. He led Norway to a record 41 total medals at the games.

Q3 7 An Iranian crackdown on protests in January 2026 was described as the deadliest repression since the Islamic Republic took power in which year?

Category: Iran War 2026

A A) 1979 [TICK]

B B) 1983

C C) 1989

D D) 1999

Explanation: The January 8, 2026 crackdown on Iranian protests was described as the deadliest incident of repression since the Islamic Republic took power in 1979. The death tolls ranging from 12,000 to 30,000 shocked the international community.

**Q3
8** South Sudan announced its first general election since independence (2011) will be held on which date in 2026?

Category: Africa

- A** A) July 4, 2026
- B** B) September 15, 2026
- C** C) November 3, 2026
- D** **D) December 22, 2026 [TICK]**

Explanation: Authorities in South Sudan announced on June 2026 that the first general election in the country will be held on December 22, 2026 — the first since its independence in 2011. The announcement was a significant step toward democratic governance in the world's newest nation.

**Q3
9** France and Italy agreed in 2026 to establish a multinational coalition to support Lebanon after which organisation ends its mission on December 31, 2026?

Category: Middle East

- A** **A) UNIFIL (UN Interim Force in Lebanon) [TICK]**
- B** B) NATO Rapid Response Force
- C** C) Arab League Peacekeepers
- D** D) EU Border Mission

Explanation: France and Italy agreed in 2026 to establish a multinational coalition to support Lebanon after the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) ends its mission on December 31, 2026. The initiative aims to strengthen Lebanon's armed forces and maintain international security support.

Q4 0 The Equatorial Guinea moved its capital city on January 2, 2026. This reflects a broader trend of which phenomenon in Africa?

Category: Africa

A A) Coastal flooding forcing inland migration

B **B) Capital city relocation for political or economic reasons [TICK]**

C C) Merging of twin cities into a single capital

D D) Colonial-era capital renaming

Explanation: Equatorial Guinea moved its capital on January 2, 2026, part of a broader trend of African nations relocating or establishing new capital cities for political, economic, or urban planning reasons, following examples like Egypt (New Administrative Capital) and Tanzania (Dodoma).

Q4 1 NASA's Artemis II crew returned to Earth on which date after their historic lunar flyby?

Category: Space

A A) April 8, 2026

B **B) April 10, 2026 [TICK]**

C C) April 15, 2026

D D) April 20, 2026

Explanation: The Artemis II crew returned safely to Earth on April 10, 2026, completing the 10-day mission. Their lunar flyby was the first crewed flight beyond low Earth orbit since Apollo 17 in 1972, validating the Orion-SLS stack for future crewed lunar landing missions.

Q4 2 The Carolina Hurricanes won the Stanley Cup 2026, defeating which team in six games on June 14, 2026?

Category: Sports

A A) Tampa Bay Lightning

B B) Colorado Avalanche

C **C) Vegas Golden Knights [TICK]**

D D) Florida Panthers

Explanation: The Carolina Hurricanes won the Stanley Cup on June 14, 2026, defeating the Vegas Golden Knights in six games. The championship was also notable as it occurred on the same day as UFC Freedom 250 at the White House on President Trump's 80th birthday.

**Q4
3** Which film about pop star Michael Jackson's early career became the second-highest grossing music biopic globally on release in April 2026?

Category: Culture

A A) Thriller: The Jackson Story

B **B) Michael [TICK]**

C C) Off the Wall

D D) King of Pop

Explanation: 'Michael', a film about pop star Michael Jackson's early career, was released on April 24, 2026, and became the second highest-grossing music biopic in the world, grossing more than \$600 million globally.

**Q4
4** The 2026 FIFA World Cup championship match is scheduled for which date?

Category: Sports

A A) July 12, 2026

B B) July 15, 2026

C **C) July 19, 2026 [TICK]**

D D) July 24, 2026

Explanation: The 2026 FIFA World Cup championship match is scheduled for July 19, 2026. The tournament began on June 11, 2026, spanning six weeks across 16 cities in Canada, Mexico, and the United States.

**Q4
5** At the 2026 FIFA World Cup, which nation reached the knockout stage for the first time after defeating Curacao 2-0?

Category: Sports

A A) Morocco

B B) Saudi Arabia

C **C) Ivory Coast [TICK]**

D D) Senegal

Explanation: Ivory Coast reached the knockout stage of the FIFA World Cup for the first time after defeating Curacao 2-0 to place second in Group E. This was a historic achievement for African football and a milestone for Ivory Coast's national team.

**Q4
6** Which Peruvian politician narrowly won the presidential runoff election in June 2026?

Category: Americas

A A) Roberto Sanchez of Together for Peru

B **B) Keiko Fujimori of Popular Force [TICK]**

C C) Pedro Castillo of Free Peru

D D) Alan Garcia of APRA

Explanation: Popular Force leader Keiko Fujimori narrowly defeated Together for Peru leader Roberto Sanchez in Peru's 2026 presidential runoff election. Left-wing parties gained a majority in the Chamber of Deputies but tied in the reestablished Senate.

**Q4
7** The SpaceX IPO on June 12, 2026 valued the company at approximately:

Category: Technology

A A) \$800 billion

B B) \$1.2 trillion

C **C) \$1.77 trillion [TICK]**

D D) \$2.5 trillion

Explanation: SpaceX was valued at \$1.77 trillion following its record \$75 billion IPO on June 12, 2026. The valuation made SpaceX the most valuable private company ever to list on a public exchange and made Elon Musk the world's first trillionaire.

**Q4
8** Iran's response to the US naval blockade imposed in April 2026 initially involved addressing which strategic waterway?

Category: Iran War 2026

A A) Suez Canal

B B) Bab-el-Mandeb Strait

C **C) Strait of Hormuz [TICK]**

D D) Malacca Strait

Explanation: A major unresolved dispute in the US-Iran conflict involved the Strait of Hormuz. Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs wrote to the UN addressing which ships could pass through the Strait of Hormuz. The US demanded the strait remain 'open, free, and clear' as a condition for ceasefire talks.

**Q4
9** The US America250 celebrations in 2026 mark how many years since American independence?

Category: Americas

A A) 200 years

B B) 225 years

C C) 250 years [TICK]

D D) 275 years

Explanation: The America250 celebrations in 2026 mark the 250th anniversary (semiquintennial) of American independence from Britain in 1776. Year-long events include festivals, exhibitions, historical reenactments, and a major Smithsonian Festival on the National Mall.

**Q5
0** The 2026 Women's T20 World Cup began on June 12, 2026 in which country?

Category: Sports

A A) Australia

B B) India

C C) South Africa

D D) England and Wales [TICK]

Explanation: The Women's T20 World Cup began on June 12, 2026, in England and Wales, with twelve teams competing. The tournament was scheduled to run until July 5, 2026.

**Q5
1** A total lunar eclipse — sometimes called a 'Blood Moon' — occurred on which date in 2026?

Category: Science

A A) January 15, 2026

B B) March 3, 2026 [TICK]

C C) April 20, 2026

D D) June 12, 2026

Explanation: A total lunar eclipse occurred on March 3, 2026, visible in parts of Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, and the Americas. The Moon turned a reddish colour — commonly called a 'Blood Moon' — due to sunlight refracting through Earth's atmosphere.

Q5 **The New York Knicks' NBA championship in 2026 was their third title. How many**
2 **years had passed since their previous championship in 1973?**

Category: Sports

A A) 43 years

B B) 48 years

C **C) 53 years [TICK]**

D D) 63 years

Explanation: The New York Knicks' 2026 NBA championship was their third title, coming 53 years after their previous championship in 1973. The long drought had made the Knicks' title one of the most celebrated moments in New York sports history.

Q5 **Pope Leo XIV's blessing of the Sagrada Familia's central tower in 2026 came exactly**
3 **how many years after the death of its architect Antoni Gaudi?**

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A A) 90 years

B **B) 100 years [TICK]**

C C) 110 years

D D) 120 years

Explanation: Pope Leo XIV blessed the Sagrada Familia's central tower on June 10, 2026, exactly 100 years after the death of architect Antoni Gaudi in 1926. The Sagrada Familia has been under continuous construction since 1882 and remains one of the world's most ambitious architectural projects.

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