

Complete Current Affairs Guide | January - June 2026 | World Events

50 MCQs

Jan-Jun 2026

Solved & Explained

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Q.1

Latin America Politics

January 2026

On January 3, 2026, which Venezuelan leader was captured by U.S. forces and flown to New York to face criminal charges?

(A) Hugo Chavez

(B) Nicolas Maduro -- CORRECT ANSWER

(C) Diosdado Cabello

(D) Delcy Rodriguez

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

U.S. military forces captured Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro and his wife Cilia Flores on January 3, 2026, during a large-scale operation in Venezuela. Maduro was flown to New York City and charged with narco-terrorism, cocaine trafficking, and other crimes.

Q.2

U.S. Politics

January 2026

On January 1, 2026, who was sworn in as Mayor of New York City?

(A) Eric Adams

(B) Zohran Mamdani -- CORRECT ANSWER

(C) Bill de Blasio

(D) Michael Bloomberg

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

Zohran Mamdani, a self-described democratic socialist and member of the New York State Assembly, was sworn in as Mayor of New York City on January 1, 2026. He defeated his opponents in the Democratic primary and general election.

Q.3

European Economy

January 2026

Which country adopted the Euro on January 1, 2026, becoming the 21st member of the Eurozone?

(A) Romania

(B) Bulgaria -- CORRECT ANSWER

(C) Serbia

(D) Croatia

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

Bulgaria officially adopted the Euro as its currency on January 1, 2026, becoming the 21st member state of the Eurozone. Bulgaria had fulfilled all the convergence criteria required for Euro adoption.

Q.4

Disasters

January 2026

In which country did a train derailment on January 18, 2026 kill 46 people and injure 291 others in the town of Adamuz?

(A) France

(B) Italy

(C) Spain -- CORRECT ANSWER

(D) Germany

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

On January 18, 2026, two trains derailed in Adamuz, in southern Spain, killing 46 people and injuring 291 others. It was one of Spain's worst rail disasters in recent years.

Q.5

International Organizations

January 2026

The 56th World Economic Forum was held in January 2026 in which Swiss city?

(A) Geneva

(B) Zurich

(C) Davos -- CORRECT ANSWER

(D) Basel

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

The 56th World Economic Forum (WEF) was held in Davos, Switzerland, from January 19-23, 2026. World leaders, economists, and business executives gathered to discuss global economic trends, geopolitics, and emerging challenges.

Q.6

African Politics

January 2026

In January 2026, Uganda held presidential elections in which Yoweri Museveni won reelection. Who was the main opposition candidate who was abducted?

(A) Kizza Besigye

(B) Bobi Wine -- CORRECT ANSWER

(C) Patrick Amuriat

(D) Mugisha Muntu

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

In the January 15, 2026 Ugandan general election, incumbent President Yoweri Museveni won reelection amid protests over alleged election fraud. The main opposition candidate Bobi Wine (Robert Kyagulanyi) was abducted, and dozens of protesters were killed.

Q.7

Africa

January 2026

Which African country moved its capital to a new location on January 2, 2026?

(A) Nigeria

(B) Tanzania

(C) Equatorial Guinea -- CORRECT ANSWER

(D) Cameroon

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

Equatorial Guinea moved its capital from Malabo (on Bioko Island) to Oyala (renamed Ciudad de la Paz) on January 2, 2026, making it one of the few countries in recent history to officially relocate its capital city.

Q.8

International Organizations

January 2026

The U.S. officially withdrew from which international health body in January 2026?

(A) UNICEF

(B) World Health Organization -- CORRECT ANSWER

(C) GAVI

(D) MSF

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

The United States officially left the World Health Organization (WHO) in January 2026 under the second Trump administration. The withdrawal had been formally initiated and took full effect in January 2026, following procedural timelines.

Q.9

Sports

February 2026

The 2026 Winter Olympics were held in which two Italian cities in February 2026?

(A) Rome and Venice

(B) Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo -- CORRECT ANSWER

(C) Turin and Naples

(D) Florence and Bologna

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

The 2026 Winter Olympics were held from February 6-22, 2026, in Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy. This made them the first Olympic Games to be officially co-hosted by two cities. Norway topped the medal tally with a record 41 medals.

Q.1
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Sports

February 2026

Which country won a record 41 medals at the 2026 Winter Olympics in Italy?

(A) United States

(B) Germany

(C) Norway -- CORRECT ANSWER

(D) Canada

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

Norway set a record by winning 41 medals at the 2026 Winter Olympics in Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo. Norway was led by cross-country skier Johannes Hosflot Klaebo, who won six gold medals — the most gold medals won by any athlete at a single Winter Olympics.

Q.1
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Sports

February 2026

Which NFL team defeated the New England Patriots 29-13 to win the Super Bowl in February 2026?

(A) Dallas Cowboys

(B) Kansas City Chiefs

(C) Seattle Seahawks -- CORRECT ANSWER

(D) San Francisco 49ers

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

The Seattle Seahawks defeated the New England Patriots 29-13 in February 2026 to win the team's second Super Bowl title. The halftime show by Bad Bunny made history as the first Super Bowl halftime performance presented primarily in Spanish.

Q.1
2

Latin America

February 2026

In February 2026, who was elected President of Costa Rica, becoming the first woman to hold the office?

(A) Christiana Figueres

(B) Laura Fernandez Delgado -- CORRECT ANSWER

(C) Epsy Campbell

(D) Ottón Solís

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

Laura Fernandez Delgado was elected President of Costa Rica on February 1, 2026, in the Costa Rican general election. Her party also won a majority in the Legislative Assembly, marking a significant political shift in the country.

Q.1
3

Pakistan & Terrorism

February 2026

On February 6, 2026, a suicide bombing at the Khadija Tul Kubra Mosque in which city killed at least 31 people and injured 100?

(A) Lahore

(B) Karachi

(C) Islamabad -- CORRECT ANSWER

(D) Peshawar

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

On February 6, 2026, a suicide bombing at the Khadija Tul Kubra Mosque in Islamabad, Pakistan, killed at least 31 people and injured another 100. The attack was one of the deadliest terror incidents in the Pakistani capital in recent years.

Q.1
4

International Security

February 2026

The New START nuclear treaty between the U.S. and Russia, limiting strategic nuclear weapons, expired in which month of 2026?

(A) January 2026

(B) February 2026 -- CORRECT ANSWER

(C) March 2026

(D) April 2026

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

The New START treaty — which limited the number of strategic nuclear warheads that the United States and Russia could deploy — expired on February 5, 2026, without a successor agreement in place, raising major global nuclear security concerns.

Q.1
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Africa & Terrorism

February 2026

Boko Haram attacked two villages in which Nigerian state in February 2026, killing at least 162 people?

(A) Borno State

(B) Kwara State -- CORRECT ANSWER

(C) Adamawa State

(D) Yobe State

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

On February 3, 2026, Boko Haram militants attacked two villages in Kwara State, Nigeria, killing at least 162 people. The attack was one of the deadliest carried out by Boko Haram in that region and prompted nationwide condemnation.

Q.1
6

Middle East Conflict

March 2026

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

(A) February 28, 2026

(B) March 3, 2026 -- CORRECT ANSWER

(C) March 10, 2026

(D) March 15, 2026

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

U.S. and Israeli forces launched major strikes on Tehran, the capital of Iran, on March 3, 2026, marking the beginning of what became known as the 2026 Iran War. The strikes targeted Iran's nuclear facilities and military infrastructure.

Q.1
7

Asian Politics

March 2026

Who was re-elected as General Secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam in early 2026?

(A) Nguyen Phu Trong

(B) To Lam -- CORRECT ANSWER

(C) Pham Minh Chinh

(D) Vo Van Thuong

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

To Lam was re-elected as General Secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam at the 14th National Congress in early 2026. He had previously served as Minister of Public Security and became General Secretary in 2024 following the death of Nguyen Phu Trong.

Q.1
8

Middle East & Energy

March 2026

In the context of the 2026 Iran conflict, which crucial waterway was blocked, threatening global oil supplies?

(A) Suez Canal

(B) Bab-el-Mandeb

(C) Strait of Hormuz -- CORRECT ANSWER

(D) Strait of Malacca

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

The Strait of Hormuz — a vital chokepoint through which approximately 20% of the world's oil passes — was blockaded during the 2026 Iran conflict. The closure significantly disrupted global oil supplies and caused major energy price spikes worldwide.

Q.1
9

Europe & Sanctions

March 2026

France seized a shadow fleet tanker in the Mediterranean in early 2026. The tanker was operating under which country's flag?

(A) Iran

(B) Russia -- CORRECT ANSWER

(C) North Korea

(D) Venezuela

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

France seized a shadow fleet tanker flying a Russian flag in the Mediterranean Sea in early 2026. The seizure was part of Western efforts to enforce sanctions against Russia and disrupt the shadow fleet used to sell Russian oil in violation of international sanctions.

Q.2
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Mexico & Crime

April 2026

In April 2026, drug lord El Mencho was assassinated in which Mexican city, leading to major cartel violence?

(A) Mexico City

(B) Monterrey

(C) Guadalajara -- CORRECT ANSWER

(D) Tijuana

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

El Mencho, the leader of the Jalisco New Generation Cartel (CJNG) and one of Mexico's most wanted drug lords, was assassinated in a Mexican military operation assisted by U.S. intelligence in Guadalajara in early 2026. His killing led to widespread cartel violence and unrest in the region.

Q.2
1

Sports - Cricket

April-June 2026

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

(A) Pakistan and UAE

(B) Australia and New Zealand

(C) India and Sri Lanka -- CORRECT ANSWER

(D) England and Ireland

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

The 2026 Men's T20 Cricket World Cup was jointly hosted by India and Sri Lanka. The tournament began in 2026 and featured multiple international cricket teams competing in the T20 format across venues in both host nations.

Q.2
2

Entertainment

April 2026

Which film about pop star Michael Jackson's early career was released in April 2026, grossing over \$600 million globally?

(A) Michael -- CORRECT ANSWER

(B) King of Pop

(C) Thriller: The Story

(D) Moonwalk

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

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

Q.2
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Energy & Economy

May 2026

On May 1, 2026, which country withdrew from OPEC, the multinational petroleum policy organization?

(A) Saudi Arabia

(B) Kuwait

(C) United Arab Emirates -- CORRECT ANSWER

(D) Qatar

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) officially withdrew from OPEC (Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries) on May 1, 2026. The UAE had been one of OPEC's largest producers and its departure marked a significant shift in the organization's composition and influence.

Q.2
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Global Health

May 2026

The Ebola outbreak declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern by the WHO on May 17, 2026 originated in which country?

(A) Nigeria

(B) Cameroon

(C) Democratic Republic of Congo -- CORRECT ANSWER

(D) Ethiopia

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

The 2026 Ebola outbreak began in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) in May 2026 and subsequently spread into neighboring Uganda. The outbreak was caused by the Bundibugyo strain of the Ebola virus, and the WHO declared it a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on May 17, 2026.

Q.2
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Global Health

May 2026

The 2026 Ebola outbreak was caused by which strain of the Ebola virus for which no widely licensed vaccine existed?

(A) Zaire strain

(B) Sudan strain

(C) Bundibugyo strain -- CORRECT ANSWER

(D) Reston strain

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

The 2026 Ebola outbreak was caused by the Bundibugyo strain of the Ebola virus — a less common but highly dangerous variant. Unlike the Zaire strain (used in previous outbreaks), no widely licensed vaccine existed for the Bundibugyo strain, significantly complicating global containment efforts.

Q.2
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Sports

May 2026

In May 2026, which horse won the Kentucky Derby, marking the first time a female trainer placed first in the race?

(A) Justify II

(B) Golden Tempo -- CORRECT ANSWER

(C) American Pharoah Jr

(D) Secretariat's Echo

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

Golden Tempo won the Kentucky Derby in May 2026, trained by Cherie DeVaux — the first time a woman trainer's horse placed first in the prestigious race. The victory was celebrated as a historic milestone for female trainers in horse racing.

Q.2
7

FIFA World Cup 2026

June 2026

The 2026 FIFA World Cup began on June 11, 2026. It was the first World Cup hosted by how many nations?

(A) One

(B) Two

(C) Three -- CORRECT ANSWER

(D) Four

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

The 2026 FIFA World Cup, which began on June 11, 2026, was the first World Cup to be hosted by three nations: the United States, Canada, and Mexico. It was also the first World Cup to feature 48 teams, expanded from the previous 32-team format.

Q.2
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FIFA World Cup 2026

June 2026

The opening match of the 2026 FIFA World Cup was held at which stadium in Mexico City?

(A) Estadio Olimpico

(B) Estadio Azteca (Banorte Stadium) -- CORRECT ANSWER

(C) Estadio BBVA

(D) Estadio Cuauhtemoc

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

The 2026 FIFA World Cup opening match was held at Mexico City's iconic Azteca Stadium, which had been renamed the Banorte Stadium. The stadium is one of the most historic football venues in the world and had also hosted the 1970 and 1986 FIFA World Cup finals.

Q.2
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FIFA World Cup 2026

June 2026

How many teams participated in the 2026 FIFA World Cup, making it the largest in World Cup history?

(A) 32 teams

(B) 40 teams

(C) 48 teams -- CORRECT ANSWER

(D) 64 teams

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

The 2026 FIFA World Cup featured 48 teams — a major expansion from the previous 32-team format used since 1998. The expanded format meant more nations could participate, particularly from regions like Africa, Asia, and CONCACAF that historically received fewer spots.

Q.3
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FIFA World Cup 2026

June 2026

Which country's fans were completely banned from attending the 2026 FIFA World Cup matches in the United States, alongside Haiti?

(A) Russia

(B) North Korea

(C) Iran -- CORRECT ANSWER

(D) Cuba

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

Under the Trump administration's travel ban, fans from Iran and Haiti were completely banned from attending World Cup matches in the United States. However, players, coaches, and support staff from these nations were granted exemptions to participate in the tournament itself.

Q.3
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Technology & Economy

June 2026

In June 2026, SpaceX launched its IPO, raising a record \$75 billion. This made CEO Elon Musk the world's first what?

(A) Billionaire

(B) Centibillionaire

(C) Trillionaire -- CORRECT ANSWER

(D) Multi-trillionaire

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

SpaceX's IPO on June 12, 2026, raised a record \$75 billion, valuing the company at \$1.77 trillion. The IPO made CEO Elon Musk the world's first verified trillionaire, with his net worth exceeding \$1 trillion — an unprecedented milestone in business history.

Q.3
2

Sports - Cricket

June 2026

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

(A) Australia

(B) South Africa

(C) England and Wales -- CORRECT ANSWER

(D) India

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

The 2026 Women's T20 Cricket World Cup began on June 12, 2026, and was held in England and Wales, concluding on July 5, 2026. Twelve teams competed in the tournament across multiple venues in England and Wales.

Q.3
3

Culture & Religion

June 2026

Pope Leo XIV blessed and opened which world-famous church's tallest tower on June 10, 2026, exactly 100 years after its architect's death?

(A) Notre-Dame de Paris

(B) Westminster Abbey

(C) Sagrada Familia -- CORRECT ANSWER

(D) St. Peter's Basilica

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

On June 10, 2026, Pope Leo XIV held a blessing ceremony for the Sagrada Familia's tallest tower — the Tower of Jesus Christ — in Barcelona, Spain. The ceremony occurred exactly 100 years after the death of architect Antoni Gaudi. The completed Sagrada Familia became the world's tallest church.

Q.3
4

Natural Disasters

June 2026

On June 8, 2026, a powerful magnitude 7.8 earthquake struck which Asian country, described as the strongest since 1976?

(A) Indonesia

(B) Japan

(C) Philippines -- CORRECT ANSWER

(D) Vietnam

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

A powerful magnitude 7.8 earthquake struck the Philippines on June 8, 2026 — the strongest earthquake to hit the country since 1976. The earthquake caused significant damage and casualties, triggering tsunami warnings across the Pacific region.

Q.3
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Diplomacy

June 2026

The Islamabad Memorandum signed on June 15-17, 2026 was a landmark agreement between which two countries?

(A) India and Pakistan

(B) United States and Iran -- CORRECT ANSWER

(C) Israel and Palestine

(D) Russia and Ukraine

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

The Islamabad Memorandum, signed on June 15-17, 2026, was a 14-point interim agreement between the United States and Iran. It aimed to end the 2026 Iran War, reopen the Strait of Hormuz, lift the U.S. blockade of Iranian ports, and begin a 60-day negotiation period on Iran's nuclear programme.

Q.3
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Latin America Politics

June 2026

The 2026 Colombian presidential election was won by which right-wing candidate?

(A) Ivan Duque

(B) Federico Gutierrez

(C) Abelardo de la Espriella -- CORRECT ANSWER

(D) German Vargas Lleras

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

Right-wing outsider Abelardo de la Espriella won the 2026 Colombian presidential election on June 21, defeating left-wing candidate Ivan Cepeda in a runoff. His victory was part of the broader conservative wave that swept through Latin America in 2026.

Q.3
7

Sports

February 2026

Which cross-country skier won the most gold medals (six) at the 2026 Winter Olympics?

(A) Victor Muffat-Jeandet

(B) Johannes Hosflot Klaebo -- CORRECT ANSWER

(C) Alexander Bolshunov

(D) Petter Northug

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

Norwegian cross-country skier Johannes Hosflot Klaebo won six gold medals at the 2026 Winter Olympics in Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo, setting the record for the most gold medals won by any athlete at a single Winter Olympics edition.

Q.3
8

Disasters

June 2026

In June 2026, a mid-air collision between two helicopters in which South American city killed six people?

(A) Buenos Aires

(B) Bogota

(C) Rio de Janeiro -- CORRECT ANSWER

(D) Lima

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

On June 14, 2026, two helicopters collided mid-air over Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, killing six people. Among those killed were American singer-songwriter Oliver Tree, Argentine YouTuber Gaspi, and Argentine director Lucas A. Vignale.

Q.3
9

Middle East

January 2026

The Syrian transitional government's offensive in January 2026 captured most territory held by which group?

(A) ISIS (ISIL)

(B) Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) -- CORRECT ANSWER

(C) Hezbollah

(D) Hamas

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

In January 2026, following an offensive and subsequent ceasefire, the Syrian transitional government captured most of the territory that had been held by the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF). The SDF, largely composed of Kurdish-led forces, had controlled large parts of northeastern Syria.

Q.4
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FIFA World Cup 2026

June 2026

By June 2026, the 2026 FIFA World Cup featured how many host cities across three nations?

(A) 11 cities

(B) 13 cities

(C) 16 cities -- CORRECT ANSWER

(D) 20 cities

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

The 2026 FIFA World Cup was hosted across 16 cities: 11 cities in the United States, 3 cities in Mexico, and 2 cities in Canada. This made it the most geographically dispersed World Cup in the tournament's history.

Q.4
1

Entertainment

February 2026

Which Grammy-winning artist performed at the 2026 Super Bowl halftime show, making history as the first primarily Spanish-language performance?

(A) J Balvin

(B) Maluma

(C) Bad Bunny -- CORRECT ANSWER

(D) Daddy Yankee

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

Puerto Rican rapper Bad Bunny performed at the 2026 Super Bowl halftime show, making history as the first headlining performance presented primarily in Spanish. His performance was watched by hundreds of millions of viewers globally.

Q.4
2

Entertainment

February 2026

Rapper Kendrick Lamar won 5 Grammy Awards at the 2026 ceremony, bringing his total to 27. Which record did this set?

(A) Most Grammys ever won

(B) Most Grammys won by a hip-hop artist -- CORRECT ANSWER

(C) Most wins at a single ceremony

(D) Most consecutive wins

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

Kendrick Lamar won 5 Grammy Awards at the February 2026 ceremony, bringing his total to 27 — making him the hip-hop artist with the most Grammy wins in history. This achievement solidified his status as one of the greatest artists in hip-hop and music history.

Q.4
3

Global Health

May-June 2026

The 2026 Ebola outbreak also spread from the DRC into which neighbouring country?

(A) Rwanda

(B) Tanzania

(C) Uganda -- CORRECT ANSWER

(D) Burundi

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

The 2026 Ebola outbreak, which began in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), also spread into neighbouring Uganda. The cross-border transmission significantly complicated containment efforts and led the Africa CDC to call it potentially the worst Ebola outbreak ever recorded.

Q.4
4

FIFA World Cup 2026

June 2026

Which Iranian team captain criticized FIFA during the 2026 World Cup, calling the tournament a 'disaster' due to off-pitch issues?

(A) Ali Daei

(B) Mehdi Taremi -- CORRECT ANSWER

(C) Sardar Azmoun

(D) Alireza Jahanbakhsh

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

Iranian national team captain Mehdi Taremi publicly criticized FIFA during the 2026 World Cup, calling the tournament a 'disaster.' He cited constant travel between the U.S. and Mexico, lack of recovery time, and missing staff due to visa restrictions caused by the ongoing Iran war.

Q.4
5

Technology & Economy

June 2026

After his IPO in June 2026, SpaceX was valued at approximately how much, making it one of the world's most valuable companies?

(A) \$500 billion

(B) \$1 trillion

(C) \$1.77 trillion -- CORRECT ANSWER

(D) \$2.5 trillion

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

After its IPO on June 12, 2026, SpaceX was valued at \$1.77 trillion, making it one of the most valuable companies in the world. The company raised a record \$75 billion through the IPO, surpassing all previous records for the largest IPO in history.

Q.4
6

Latin America

2026

In January 2026, which country's government was overthrown, with conservative right-wing victories also seen in Colombia, Costa Rica and Peru?

(A) Bolivia

(B) Venezuela -- CORRECT ANSWER

(C) Argentina

(D) Ecuador

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

Venezuela's government was captured/overthrown in January 2026 when President Nicolas Maduro was seized by U.S. forces. Additionally, a broader conservative wave swept through Latin America in 2026, with right-wing victories in Colombia, Costa Rica, and Peru, marking a significant political shift across the continent.

Q.4
7

FIFA World Cup 2026

June-July 2026

What was the financial championship match schedule date for the 2026 FIFA World Cup final?

(A) July 4, 2026

(B) July 12, 2026

(C) July 19, 2026 -- CORRECT ANSWER

(D) July 26, 2026

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

The 2026 FIFA World Cup championship match (the Final) was scheduled for July 19, 2026. The tournament began on June 11, 2026, and lasted approximately six weeks across 16 host cities in the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

Q.4
8

Sports

June 2026

Which NBA team defeated the San Antonio Spurs to win the NBA championship in June 2026?

(A) Brooklyn Nets

(B) Boston Celtics

(C) New York Knicks -- CORRECT ANSWER

(D) Los Angeles Lakers

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

The New York Knicks defeated the San Antonio Spurs in five games to win the NBA Championship in June 2026 — the franchise's third NBA title. Jalen Brunson was named MVP of the Finals, capping an extraordinary season for the New York franchise.

Q.4
9

Climate & Environment

June 2026

NOAA declared the onset of an El Nino event in June 2026 with what percentage chance of being among the largest since records began?

(A) 33%

(B) 50%

(C) 63% -- CORRECT ANSWER

(D) 78%

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) declared the onset of an El Nino event in the tropical Pacific on June 11, 2026. NOAA forecast a 63% chance that the event would rank among the largest El Nino events since climate records began in 1950.

Q.5
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Disasters

January 2026

Which Swiss city witnessed a fire at a bar in Crans-Montana in early 2026 that killed 41 people and injured 116?

(A) Geneva

(B) Zurich

(C) Crans-Montana -- CORRECT ANSWER

(D) Lausanne

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

A devastating fire broke out at a bar in Crans-Montana, Switzerland, in early January 2026, killing 41 people and injuring 116 others. It was one of the deadliest fire disasters in Switzerland's modern history.

Q.5
1

Sports

June 2026

The New York Knicks NBA Finals MVP in June 2026 was which player?

(A) Karl-Anthony Towns

(B) Jalen Brunson -- CORRECT ANSWER

(C) Julius Randle

(D) Josh Hart

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

Jalen Brunson was named MVP of the 2026 NBA Finals after leading the New York Knicks to their third NBA championship in franchise history. Brunson delivered outstanding performances throughout the Finals series against the San Antonio Spurs.

Q.5
2

Middle East Conflict

March 2026

Which Iranian nuclear facility was the primary target of U.S.-Israeli strikes in March 2026?

(A) Natanz Enrichment Facility -- CORRECT ANSWER

(B) Tehran Research Reactor

(C) Fordow Nuclear Plant

(D) Bushehr Nuclear Power Plant

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

The U.S.-Israeli strikes on Iran in March 2026 primarily targeted Natanz, Iran's key uranium enrichment facility, along with other military and nuclear infrastructure. The strikes were aimed at setting back Iran's nuclear weapons program and marked a major escalation in the regional conflict.

Q.5
3

Diplomacy & Security

June 2026

By June 2026, which international body's chief warned that the Strait of Hormuz could not safely reopen until de-escalation takes hold?

(A) UN Secretary-General

(B) IMO (International Maritime Organization) Chief -- CORRECT ANSWER

(C) NATO Secretary General

(D) IAEA Director General

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

The chief of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) warned in June 2026 that the Strait of Hormuz could not safely reopen for global shipping until meaningful de-escalation took hold between Iran and the U.S.-Israeli coalition. The blockade had severely disrupted global oil trade.

Q.5
4

Technology & Economy

June 2026

Who became the first person in history to have a verified net worth exceeding \$1 trillion in June 2026?

(A) Jeff Bezos

(B) Bill Gates

(C) Elon Musk -- CORRECT ANSWER

(D) Warren Buffett

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS:

Elon Musk became the world's first person with a verified net worth exceeding \$1 trillion following the SpaceX IPO on June 12, 2026. The IPO, which raised a record \$75 billion, pushed Musk's total net worth beyond the \$1 trillion threshold for the first time in history.

QUICK ANSWER KEY

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Q1	B	Q11	C	Q21	C	Q31	C	Q41	C
Q2	B	Q12	B	Q22	A	Q32	C	Q42	B
Q3	B	Q13	C	Q23	C	Q33	C	Q43	C
Q4	C	Q14	B	Q24	C	Q34	C	Q44	B
Q5	C	Q15	B	Q25	C	Q35	B	Q45	C
Q6	B	Q16	B	Q26	B	Q36	C	Q46	B
Q7	C	Q17	B	Q27	C	Q37	B	Q47	C
Q8	B	Q18	C	Q28	B	Q38	C	Q48	C
Q9	B	Q19	B	Q29	C	Q39	B	Q49	C
Q10	C	Q20	C	Q30	C	Q40	C	Q50	C

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