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80 Fully Solved MCQs — Latest Edition

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- ✓ Colour-coded topic categories
- ✓ Politics, sports, economy, health, science, awards & diplomacy

Covering events up to July 2026

Compiled for exam preparation — verify latest developments before test day

The correct option in each question is highlighted in gold and marked with a tick (✓). A concise explanation follows every question to reinforce the underlying concept.

Q1. SPORTS

Which country won the FIFA World Cup 2026 final, defeating Argentina 1-0 in extra time on July 19, 2026?

A Argentina

B Spain ✓

C France

D England

EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: B

Spain beat Argentina 1-0 after extra time in the final held on July 19, 2026, to lift its first FIFA World Cup since 2010.

Q2. SPORTS

Which team finished third at the FIFA World Cup 2026 after beating France in the third-place match?

A Portugal

B Germany

C England ✓

D Brazil

EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: C

England defeated France 6-4 in the third-place play-off, held the day before the final on July 18, 2026.

Q3. SPORTS

Which city is hosting the 23rd Commonwealth Games from 23 July to 2 August 2026?

A Birmingham

B Durban

C Glasgow ✓

D Victoria

🔍 EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: C

Glasgow stepped in as host after Victoria, Australia withdrew in 2023 over costs. It is a pared-down, 10-sport edition featuring around 3,000 athletes from 74 nations.

Q4. SPORTS

Which country will host the centenary (2030) edition of the Commonwealth Games?

A Ahmedabad, India ✓

B Glasgow, Scotland

C Durban, South Africa

D Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

🔍 EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: A

Ahmedabad, India will host the 2030 Commonwealth Games, marking 100 years since the Games began in 1930.

Q5. SPORTS

Who defended his Wimbledon 2026 men's singles title by beating Alexander Zverev in the final?

- ☐ A Carlos Alcaraz
- ☐ B Novak Djokovic
- ☒ C Jannik Sinner
- ☐ D Daniil Medvedev

EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: C

Italy's Jannik Sinner defended his Wimbledon crown on July 12, 2026, defeating Germany's Alexander Zverev in four sets.

Q6. SPORTS

Which country won the Women's T20 Cricket World Cup 2026, defeating England on July 5?

- ☐ A India
- ☒ B Australia
- ☐ C South Africa
- ☐ D New Zealand

EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: B

Australia beat England to win the Women's T20 World Cup 2026 - the seventh time Australia has won the tournament.

Q7. SPORTS

Who are the defending champions heading into the US Open 2026 tennis tournament (Aug 30-Sep 13)?

A Sinner and Swiatek

B Djokovic and Gauff

C **Alcaraz and Sabalenka** ✓

D Zverev and Rybakina

EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: C

Carlos Alcaraz and Aryna Sabalenka enter the 2026 US Open at Flushing Meadows as the defending singles champions.

Q8. POLITICS

Who became the United Kingdom's new Prime Minister on 20 July 2026, succeeding Keir Starmer?

A **Andy Burnham** ✓

B Wes Streeting

C Rishi Sunak

D David Lammy

EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: A

Andy Burnham, former Mayor of Greater Manchester, was confirmed as Labour leader and became the UK's 59th Prime Minister after Keir Starmer's resignation.

Q9. POLITICS

Andy Burnham's appointment made him the UK's how-many-th Prime Minister in the past decade?

A 4th

B 5th

C 6th

D 7th



🔍 EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: D

Burnham became Britain's seventh prime minister in a decade, reflecting a period of rapid political turnover in Westminster.

Q10 POLITICS

What position did Andy Burnham hold immediately before returning to Parliament and becoming PM?

A Mayor of Greater Manchester

B Home Secretary

C Mayor of London

D Chancellor of the Exchequer



🔍 EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: A

Burnham served nearly a decade as Mayor of Greater Manchester (since 2017) before winning a Westminster by-election in 2026 and being elevated to the premiership.

Q11

POLITICS

Which factors were widely cited as contributing to Keir Starmer's resignation in June 2026?

A A national referendum defeat

B Policy U-turns, local election defeats, and falling party confidence ✓

C A vote of no-confidence in Parliament

D Ill health

🔍 EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: B

Starmer's premiership unraveled over 18 months of policy reversals, questions about his judgement, and painful local election defeats in May 2026, prompting his resignation.

Q12

POLITICS

Who won Colombia's tightly contested 2026 presidential run-off election?

A Ivan Cepeda

B Gustavo Petro

C Abelardo de la Espriella ✓

D Jose Manuel Restrepo

🔍 EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: C

Right-wing lawyer Abelardo de la Espriella, endorsed by Donald Trump, narrowly defeated leftist Senator Ivan Cepeda by less than a 1% margin.

Q13

POLITICS

On what date is Colombia's president-elect Abelardo de la Espriella scheduled to be sworn in?

A June 21, 2026

B July 4, 2026

C August 7, 2026 ✓

D September 1, 2026

EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: C

De la Espriella is set to take office on August 7, 2026, succeeding outgoing leftist President Gustavo Petro.

Q14

POLITICS

Who became Nepal's youngest-ever elected Prime Minister, sworn in on 27 March 2026?

A K.P. Sharma Oli

B Sushila Karki

C Balendra Shah ✓

D Ram Chandra Paudel

EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: C

Balendra Shah ('Balen'), a 35-year-old former rapper and ex-Mayor of Kathmandu, became PM after his Rastriya Swatantra Party (RSP) won a landslide in the March 2026 election.

Q15

POLITICS

Who served as Nepal's interim Prime Minister - and the country's first woman PM - after K.P. Oli's resignation in 2025?

A Sushila Karki ✓

B Balendra Shah

C Bidhya Devi Bhandari

D Sher Bahadur Deuba

✎ EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: A

Former Chief Justice Sushila Karki led an interim government after the September 2025 'Gen Z' protests, overseeing snap elections held in March 2026.

Q16

POLITICS

Former Nepal PM K.P. Sharma Oli was arrested in March 2026 in connection with what?

A Tax evasion

B The deadly crackdown on 2025 'Gen Z' protests ✓

C Election fraud

D Treason charges

✎ EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: B

Oli and former Home Minister Ramesh Lekhak were arrested on charges of criminal negligence after a probe commission recommended action over the deadly 2025 protest crackdown.

Q17

ECONOMY

In July 2026, the United States imposed 50% tariffs on most goods from which country?

A Mexico

B Canada ✓

C China

D Germany

🔍 EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: B

President Trump imposed 50% tariffs on most Canadian goods, citing alleged unfair discrimination against American autos, alcohol, and dairy products.

Q18

ECONOMY

Which North American trade pact did the US confirm it would NOT renew in July 2026?

A NAFTA

B USMCA ✓

C CAFTA-DR

D TPP

🔍 EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: B

US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer announced the US would not renew the USMCA, opting instead for annual reviews and separate negotiations.

Q19

ECONOMY

Which Southeast Asian country was reclassified by the World Bank as an upper-middle-income economy in 2026?

A Vietnam

B Indonesia

C Philippines ✓

D Thailand

🔍 EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: C

The Philippines moved up from lower-middle-income status after its per-capita gross national income exceeded the World Bank's FY2026 threshold.

Q20

POLITICS

Brazil's general election, in which incumbent Lula seeks a fourth term, is scheduled for which date?

A August 15, 2026

B October 4, 2026 ✓

C November 3, 2026

D December 1, 2026

🔍 EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: B

Brazil's general election is scheduled for October 4, 2026, with Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva seeking re-election to a fourth term.

Q21

POLITICS

US midterm elections, which will decide control of the Senate and House, are scheduled for which date in 2026?

A October 20, 2026

B November 3, 2026 ✓

C November 11, 2026

D December 5, 2026

EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: B

The US midterm elections will be held on November 3, 2026, determining control of both chambers of Congress.

Q22

ECONOMY

The US marked the semiquincentennial (250th anniversary) of the Declaration of Independence on which date in 2026?

A July 4, 2026 ✓

B January 1, 2026

C September 3, 2026

D October 4, 2026

EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: A

July 4, 2026 marked 250 years since the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, with a time capsule buried at Philadelphia's Independence National Historic Park as part of the celebrations.

Q23**ECONOMY**

The iconic US highway Route 66 celebrates the 100th anniversary of its opening on which 2026 date?

A October 4

B November 3

C **November 11**



D December 25

🔍 **EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: C**

Route 66 will mark its centenary on November 11, 2026, a century after the historic highway first opened.

Q24**HEALTH**

A confirmed case of which virus was reported in Uganda in July 2026, amid its ongoing Ebola outbreak?

A **Marburg virus**



B Nipah virus

C Lassa fever

D Zika virus

🔍 **EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: A**

The Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention confirmed an isolated Marburg virus case in Uganda even as the country battled a separate Ebola outbreak.

Q25

HEALTH

The WHO reported over 120 deaths from a cholera outbreak since May 2026 in war-affected zones of which country?

A Sudan



B Somalia

C Ethiopia

D Yemen

🔍 **EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: A**

The World Health Organization reported roughly 120 cholera deaths and over 1,100 suspected cases in isolated Sudanese war zones since May 2026.

Q26

HEALTH

Kenyan activists accused authorities of violating a court order over the setup of a US-backed quarantine centre for which disease?

A Cholera

B Ebola



C Marburg virus

D COVID-19

🔍 **EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: B**

Activists in Kenya accused the government of defying a court order by proceeding with an American-backed Ebola quarantine facility.

Q27

DISASTER

Which country's acting president declared seven days of national mourning after a deadly July 2026 earthquake?

A Peru

B Venezuela ✓

C Ecuador

D Chile

✎ EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: B

Venezuela's acting president, Delcy Rodriguez, declared seven days of national mourning as the earthquake death toll rose to 2,295.

Q28

DIPLOMACY

More than 40 countries formed a coalition in 2026 aimed at securing which strategic waterway amid regional tensions?

A Strait of Malacca

B Suez Canal

C Strait of Hormuz ✓

D Bab-el-Mandeb Strait

✎ EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: C

Over 40 countries launched a coalition to help secure the Strait of Hormuz following escalating tensions in the region.

Q29

DIPLOMACY

Which Gulf country signed a defence agreement with Ukraine during President Zelenskyy's 2026 Gulf tour?

A Saudi Arabia

B Qatar ✓

C UAE

D Bahrain

EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: B

Qatar and Ukraine signed a defence agreement as part of President Zelenskyy's diplomatic tour of Gulf states in 2026.

Q30

SPORTS

Which three countries are jointly hosting the FIFA World Cup 2030, with special centenary matches also staged in South America?

A Morocco, Portugal and Spain ✓

B Egypt, Italy and France

C Saudi Arabia, Qatar and UAE

D USA, Canada and Mexico

EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: A

The 2030 FIFA World Cup will be jointly hosted by Morocco, Portugal, and Spain, with Uruguay, Argentina, and Paraguay staging special centenary matches to mark 100 years since the first World Cup in 1930.

Q31

POLITICS

What triggered Nepal's deadly 'Gen Z' protests in September 2025?

- A A fuel price hike
- B The government's ban on 26 social media platforms ✓
- C A disputed election
- D A currency devaluation

🔍 EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: B

The protests erupted after Nepal's government banned 26 social media platforms, widely seen as a response to the 'nepo kids' trend mocking politicians' wealthy families.

Q32

POLITICS

Nepal's Rastriya Swatantra Party (RSP) won roughly what share of parliamentary seats in the March 2026 election?

- A One-third
- B Nearly half
- C Nearly two-thirds ✓
- D A single-seat majority

🔍 EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: C

The RSP, led by Balendra Shah, swept to a landslide win, capturing nearly two-thirds of the seats in Nepal's House of Representatives.

Q33

SPORTS

Which twin Italian locations co-hosted the 2026 Winter Olympics?

A Turin and Cortina

B Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo ✓

C Rome and Turin

D Venice and Milan

EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: B

The 2026 Winter Olympics were held across Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo, making it the most geographically spread-out Winter Games in history.

Q34

SPORTS

Which cross-country skier became the first athlete in any sport to win six gold medals at a single Winter Olympics, at Milano Cortina 2026?

A Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo ✓

B Alexander Bolshunov

C Harald Amundsen

D Iivo Niskanen

EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: A

Norway's Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo capped his campaign with a sixth gold in the men's 50km mass start - an unprecedented feat at a single Winter Games.

Q35

SPORTS

Which South American country won its first-ever Winter Olympic medal at Milano Cortina 2026, through skier Lucas Pinheiro Braathen?

A Argentina

B Chile

C Brazil ✓

D Colombia

EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: C

Lucas Pinheiro Braathen's medal marked the first-ever Winter Olympic medal for a South American nation, won for Brazil.

Q36

SPORTS

At the Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympics, the United States set a new national record for what?

A Most gold medals ever won at a single Winter Olympics ✓

B Most flags carried in the opening ceremony

C Youngest medalist ever

D Most broadcast hours

EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: A

Team USA broke its own record for most gold medals won at a single Winter Olympics during the 2026 Milano Cortina Games.

Q37

AWARDS

Who was awarded the 2025 Nobel Peace Prize for promoting democratic rights in Venezuela?

A Delcy Rodriguez

B Maria Corina Machado ✓

C Nicolas Maduro

D Gustavo Petro

✎ EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: B

Venezuelan opposition leader Maria Corina Machado won the 2025 Nobel Peace Prize for her decades-long struggle for free elections and democracy in Venezuela.

Q38

AWARDS

Hungarian novelist Laszlo Krasznahorkai won the 2025 Nobel Prize in which category?

A Peace

B Literature ✓

C Economic Sciences

D Physiology or Medicine

✎ EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: B

Krasznahorkai was honoured 'for his compelling and visionary oeuvre that, in the midst of apocalyptic terror, reaffirms the power of art.'

Q39

AWARDS

The 2025 Nobel Prize in Physics was awarded for discoveries in which field?

A Macroscopic quantum tunnelling in electric circuits ✓

B Gravitational waves

C Dark matter detection

D Nuclear fusion

🔍 EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: A

John Clarke, Michel Devoret, and John M. Martinis won for discovering macroscopic quantum tunnelling and energy quantisation in an electric circuit, advancing quantum computing.

Q40

AWARDS

The 2025 Nobel Prize in Chemistry recognized the development of which class of materials?

A Graphene composites

B Metal-organic frameworks ✓

C Superconducting polymers

D Perovskite solar cells

🔍 EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: B

Susumu Kitagawa, Richard Robson, and Omar Yaghi shared the prize for developing metal-organic frameworks - porous materials with wide-ranging industrial applications.

Q41

AWARDS

The 2025 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine honoured discoveries about what?

A Peripheral immune tolerance ✓

B CRISPR gene editing

C mRNA vaccines

D The human microbiome

✎ EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: A

Mary Brunkow, Fred Ramsdell, and Shimon Sakaguchi won for their discoveries concerning peripheral immune tolerance, key to understanding autoimmune disease.

Q42

AWARDS

The 2025 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences was awarded for explaining what phenomenon?

A The prerequisites for sustained growth through innovation ✓

B Behavioural biases in markets

C Cryptocurrency valuation

D International trade tariffs

✎ EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: A

Joel Mokyr, Philippe Aghion, and Peter Howitt won for identifying how technological innovation and 'creative destruction' sustain long-term economic growth.

Q43

ECONOMY

Which country holds the G20 presidency and will host the Leaders' Summit in 2026?

A South Africa

B Brazil

C United States ✓

D India

🔍 EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: C

The United States assumed the G20 presidency in December 2025 and will host the Leaders' Summit in 2026.

Q44

ECONOMY

Where is the 2026 G20 Leaders' Summit scheduled to be held?

A Trump National Doral Miami, Florida ✓

B Camp David, Maryland

C Mar-a-Lago, Florida

D The White House, Washington D.C.

🔍 EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: A

The 2026 G20 summit is scheduled for mid-December at the Trump National Doral Miami resort in Doral, Florida.

Q45

ECONOMY

Which country hosted the first-ever G20 summit held on the African continent, in November 2025?

A Egypt

B Nigeria

C South Africa ✓

D Kenya

🔍 EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: C

South Africa hosted the 2025 G20 summit in Johannesburg - the first G20 leaders' summit ever held in Africa.

Q46

ECONOMY

Which country did President Trump announce would not be invited to the 2026 G20 summit?

A Brazil

B South Africa ✓

C India

D Mexico

🔍 EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: B

Trump announced South Africa would not be invited to the 2026 G20 summit, citing disputes over its treatment of Afrikaners and a protocol dispute from the 2025 summit.

Q47

SPORTS

Which footballer became the first player ever to start three FIFA World Cup finals, at the 2026 tournament?

A Cristiano Ronaldo

B Kylian Mbappe

C Lionel Messi ✓

D Neymar

EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: C

Lionel Messi made history at the 2026 World Cup by becoming the first player to start three World Cup finals, extending his legendary tournament legacy.

Q48

SCIENCE

India's ePlane Company, an IIT Madras-incubated startup, unveiled the country's first prototype of which aircraft in July 2026?

A A supersonic jet

B An eVTOL (electric vertical take-off and landing) air taxi ✓

C A solar-powered drone

D A hypersonic glider

EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: B

The ePlane Company unveiled India's first eVTOL prototype - a step toward electric urban air-taxi transportation.

Q49

SCIENCE

At the International Physics Olympiad (IPhO) 2026, how did India's student team perform?

A All 5 students won gold, securing joint first rank ✓

B India won one silver medal

C India did not qualify

D India won bronze only

✎ EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: A

All five Indian students at IPhO 2026 won gold medals, helping India secure a joint first-place ranking among participating countries.

Q50

AWARDS

Which Tamil poet and lyricist was conferred India's 60th Jnanpith Award in July 2026?

A Gulzar

B R. Vairamuthu ✓

C A.R. Rahman

D Javed Akhtar

✎ EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: B

R. Vairamuthu, celebrated Tamil poet and lyricist, was honoured with the 60th Jnanpith Award, one of India's highest literary honours.

Q51

DIPLOMACY

Testifying before Congress in July 2026, US Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth said the recent conflict with Iran cost the US how much?

A \$12 billion

B \$37.5 billion ✓

C \$85 billion

D \$150 billion

EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: B

Hegseth testified at a hearing on Iran-related funding that the conflict had cost the United States approximately \$37.5 billion.

Q52

ECONOMY

Which two European countries jointly proposed an EU 'kill switch' mechanism for global stablecoins?

A France and Spain

B Germany and Italy ✓

C Netherlands and Belgium

D Poland and Austria

EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: B

Germany and Italy proposed an EU-wide 'kill switch' mechanism to give regulators emergency control over global stablecoins.

Q53

POLITICS

How old was Andy Burnham when he became UK Prime Minister in July 2026?

A 49

B 52

C 56



D 61

EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: C

Andy Burnham was 56 years old when he took office as the UK's 59th Prime Minister in July 2026.

Q54

POLITICS

Andy Burnham won the UK Labour Party leadership after being nominated by how many of the party's MPs?

A 150

B 250

C 379



D 403

EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: C

Burnham ran unopposed and won nominations from 379 of the 403 Labour MPs in the House of Commons.

Q55**POLITICS**

Colombia's 2026 presidential runoff recorded its highest voter turnout since the two-round runoff system was established in which year?

A 1991

B 1994 ✓

C 2002

D 2010

🔍 **EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: B**

The runoff saw 63% turnout - the highest since Colombia's presidential runoff system was established in 1994.

Q56**DIPLOMACY**

Colombia's president-elect Abelardo de la Espriella has pledged to restore diplomatic ties and move the embassy to Jerusalem in relation to which country?

A Israel ✓

B Iran

C Saudi Arabia

D Turkey

🔍 **EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: A**

De la Espriella has vowed to restore ties with Israel - severed under outgoing President Petro - and relocate Colombia's embassy to Jerusalem.

Q57

POLITICS

Which controversial appointment by Keir Starmer added to the political pressure that led to his resignation?

A Peter Mandelson as UK ambassador to Washington ✓

B A new Chancellor of the Exchequer

C A new Governor of the Bank of England

D A new Cabinet Secretary

✎ EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: A

Starmer's controversial appointment of Peter Mandelson as the UK's ambassador to Washington added to the pressures that eventually led to his resignation.

Q58

POLITICS

How long did Keir Starmer serve as UK Prime Minister before resigning in 2026?

A About one year

B About two years ✓

C About four years

D A full five-year term

✎ EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: B

Starmer resigned after a roughly two-year premiership marked by policy reversals and declining party confidence.

Q59

POLITICS

Nepal's deadly September 2025 protests, which toppled the Oli government, were known by what name?

- A The Rice Revolution
- B The Gen Z protests ✓
- C The Himalayan Spring
- D The Kathmandu Uprising

🔍 EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: B

The youth-led demonstrations against corruption and a social media ban became known globally as Nepal's 'Gen Z' protests.

Q60

POLITICS

Approximately how many people were killed during Nepal's September 2025 protest crackdown, according to reports?

- A About 20
- B About 45
- C About 76 ✓
- D About 120

🔍 EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: C

Reports indicate around 76 people, including roughly two dozen youths, were killed during the crackdown on the September 2025 protests.

Q61

SPORTS

Which two nations are competing at the Commonwealth Games for the very first time at Glasgow 2026?

A Togo and Gabon ✓

B Rwanda and Senegal

C South Sudan and Somalia

D Nepal and Bhutan

EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: A

Togo and Gabon are taking part in the Commonwealth Games for the first time at Glasgow 2026.

Q62

SPORTS

How many sports are being contested at the pared-down Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games, down from 17 in 2014?

A 6

B 8

C 10 ✓

D 14

EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: C

Glasgow 2026 features just 10 sports across four venues - a leaner edition compared to the 17 sports held in Glasgow 2014.

Q63

SPORTS

Up to 74 Commonwealth nations and territories at Glasgow 2026 represent roughly what share of the world's population?

A One-tenth

B One-third ✓

C Half

D Two-thirds

EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: B

The Commonwealth's 74 nations and territories represent about 2.5 billion people - roughly one-third of the world's population.

Q64

ECONOMY

The World Bank's FY2026 upper-middle-income bracket begins at what per-capita gross national income figure?

A US\$1,145

B US\$4,496 ✓

C US\$8,000

D US\$13,935

EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: B

The FY2026 upper-middle-income bracket runs from US\$4,496 to US\$13,935 in per-capita gross national income - the threshold the Philippines exceeded.

Q65

SPORTS

The FIFA World Cup 2026 was jointly hosted by which three countries?

A United States, Canada and Mexico ✓

B Spain, Portugal and Morocco

C Qatar, UAE and Saudi Arabia

D Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay

EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: A

The 2026 FIFA World Cup was the first tournament ever jointly hosted by three nations - the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

Q66

POLITICS

What nickname is Colombia's president-elect Abelardo de la Espriella known by?

A 'El Tigre' (The Tiger) ✓

B 'El Jefe'

C 'El Toro'

D 'El Condor'

EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: A

De la Espriella, known as 'El Tigre' (The Tiger), declared 'the tiger has pounced' after his narrow election victory.

Q67

POLITICS

What nickname has been given to UK PM Andy Burnham, reflecting his political base in northern England?

A 'Lord of Manchester'

B 'King of the North' ✓

C 'The Northern Star'

D 'Duke of Lancashire'

🔍 EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: B

Burnham, long associated with Greater Manchester, is nicknamed 'King of the North' within the Labour Party.

Q68

POLITICS

Colombia's first-round presidential election, which decided the two runoff candidates, was held on what date in 2026?

A April 15

B May 31 ✓

C June 21

D July 4

🔍 EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: B

The first round of Colombia's presidential election was held on May 31, 2026, with de la Espriella and Cepeda advancing to a runoff.

Q69

POLITICS

Abelardo de la Espriella defeated Ivan Cepeda in Colombia's runoff by approximately what margin?

- A About 25,000 votes
- B About 250,000 votes (0.94%)** ✓
- C About 2.5 million votes
- D About 25% of the vote

🔍 EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: B

De la Espriella's win was extremely narrow - under 250,000 votes, or about a 0.94 percentage-point margin - triggering contested-results claims.

Q70

POLITICS

Outgoing Colombian President Gustavo Petro was constitutionally barred from doing what in the 2026 election?

- A Voting in the election
- B Seeking a consecutive second term** ✓
- C Campaigning for any candidate
- D Addressing the nation on election day

🔍 EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: B

As Colombia's first left-wing president, Petro was constitutionally barred from seeking a consecutive second term, opening the field for the 2026 race.

Q71

SPORTS

Which skier ended Spain's 54-year Winter Olympic gold-medal drought at Milano Cortina 2026, in the sport's Olympic debut?

A Oriol Cardona Coll (ski mountaineering)



B Mikaela Shiffrin

C Franjo von Allmen

D Alex Fiva

EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: A

Spain's Oriol Cardona Coll became the first-ever Olympic ski mountaineering champion, ending a 54-year gold-medal drought for Spain at the Winter Games.

Q72

SPORTS

Which country topped the gold-medal table at the 2026 Winter Paralympics in Milan/Cortina?

A Germany

B China



C Norway

D Ukraine

EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: B

China topped the 2026 Winter Paralympics medal table with 15 gold medals and 44 total medals.

Q73**SPORTS**

US figure skater Ilia Malinin drew attention at Milano Cortina 2026 for landing how many quadruple jumps in one free skate?

A Three

B Four

C Five



D Six

EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: C

Ilia Malinin landed five quadruple jumps in his free skate, scoring 200.03 points at the 2026 Winter Olympics.

Q74**POLITICS**

In which month of 2026 did painful local election defeats increase pressure on Keir Starmer, shortly before his resignation?

A January

B May



C September

D November

EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: B

Local election defeats in May 2026 added to the mounting pressure that led to Keir Starmer's resignation the following month.

Q75

SPORTS

Indian badminton star PV Sindhu created history in July 2026 by winning which title?

A All England Open

B Japan Open 2026 ✓

C BWF World Championship

D Malaysia Masters

✎ EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: B

PV Sindhu made history by winning the Japan Open 2026 title, adding another milestone to her career.

Q76

SPORTS

Rohit Sharma made history at Lord's in July 2026 by becoming the first Indian batter to achieve what feat in ODIs?

A A double century at Lord's

B An ODI century at Lord's ✓

C 500 sixes in a career

D Captaining India in 200 ODIs

✎ EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: B

Rohit Sharma scored the first-ever ODI century by an Indian batter at Lord's, a historic milestone at a venue steeped in cricket history.

Q77

SCIENCE

How many Indian students competed on the International Physics Olympiad (IPhO) 2026 team, all of whom won gold?

A 3

B 5



C 6

D 8

EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: B

All 5 Indian students at IPhO 2026 won gold medals, helping India secure a joint first-place ranking.

Q78

DIPLOMACY

An envoy from which body called for applying a 'Black Sea grain model' approach to help unblock the Strait of Hormuz?

A The United Nations

B The European Union



C The African Union

D ASEAN

EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: B

An EU envoy called for applying lessons from the Black Sea grain corridor model to help unblock and secure the Strait of Hormuz.

Q79

ECONOMY

The 2026 G20 summit under the US presidency narrowed its agenda to focus on which themes, dropping topics like climate change?

A Deregulation, energy supply chains, and technology innovation ✓

B Debt relief and climate finance

C Cultural exchange and tourism

D Migration and refugee policy

🔍 **EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: A**

The Trump administration's 'new G20' agenda focuses on removing regulatory burdens, unlocking energy supply chains, and technology innovation - sidelining climate and development topics.

Q80

ECONOMY

Which country's economy, now the world's 20th largest, was invited as a special guest to the 2026 US-hosted G20 summit?

A Poland ✓

B Vietnam

C Nigeria

D Thailand

🔍 **EXPLANATION — Correct Answer: A**

Poland, now the world's 20th-largest economy, was invited by the Trump administration as a special guest to the 2026 G20 summit.