

ASEAN Economic Pulse Check: Inflation Surges, Rates Hold Steady, and FDI I

ASEAN Finance · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. In March 2026, the annual inflation rate in the Philippines significantly increased to what percentage?

- A) 2.4%
- B) 3.6%
- C) 4.1%**
- D) 5.98%

2. Which ASEAN country's central bank unexpectedly cut its policy interest rate in February 2026 to 1.00%?

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

3. As of April 2026, what has been Bank Indonesia's stance on its benchmark interest rate for several consecutive months?

- A) Increased by 50 basis points
- B) Decreased by 25 basis points
- C) Kept unchanged**
- D) Removed entirely

4. In the first quarter of 2026, Vietnam saw a year-on-year increase in disbursed Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) by what percentage?

- A) 8.8%
- B) 9.1%**
- C) 42.9%
- D) 5.41%

5. What was the year-on-year GDP growth for Singapore in the first quarter of 2026?

- A) 5.7%
- B) 4.6%**
- C) 2.0%
- D) 0.3%

6. According to advance estimates, Malaysia's GDP grew by what percentage on a year-on-year basis in the first quarter of 2026?

- A) 6.3%
- B) 5.3%**
- C) 0.80%
- D) 3.56%

7. In March 2026, the Jakarta Stock Exchange Composite (JCI) index saw a significant daily drop of approximately what percentage on April 24, 2026?

- A) 1.93%
- B) 3.38%**
- C) 6.75%
- D) 2.36%

8. What was the reported annual inflation rate in the Philippines for February 2026?

- A) 4.1%
- B) 3.6%
- C) 2.4%**
- D) 3.2%

9. As of March 2026, Brunei Darussalam's economy recorded modest growth in Q3 of the previous year (2025) by what percentage?

- A) 2.0%
- B) 1.1%
- C) 0.03%**
- D) 4.2%

10. Bank Indonesia (BI) aims to keep inflation within its target range for 2026-2027 at approximately what percentage?

- A) 1.5% ± 3.5%
- B) 2.5% ± 1%**
- C) 3.0% ± 1%
- D) 4.75%