

Nordic Financial Pulse: Inflation Surges, Rate Hikes Loom, and Fintech Disruption

Nordic Finance · Practice Test · 8 Questions

1. In March 2026, Sweden's annual inflation rate rose to 0.6%, a five-month high. What was the primary driver of this increase?

- A) A surge in fuel prices.
- B) Rising costs in the restaurant and accommodation sector.
- C) Increased prices for education services.
- D) Higher costs for furnishings and household equipment.

2. The Norges Bank (Norway's central bank) kept its policy rate at 4% in March 2026 but revised its forecast upward. What is the projected policy rate by the end of 2026?

- A) 4.00-4.25%
- B) 4.25-4.50%
- C) 4.50-4.75%
- D) 4.75-5.00%

3. Barclays recently revised ratings for Nordic banks. Which Norwegian bank was upgraded to 'overweight' with a price target of NOK 339?

- A) Nordea
- B) SEB
- C) DNB
- D) Handelsbanken

4. The Icelandic Stock Market (ICEX) saw a decline on April 24, 2026. What was the point value of the index on that day?

- A) 2081
- B) 2043
- C) 1880
- D) 8238

5. A recent report highlights the growing influence of fintech on Nordic M&A activity in 2026. Which company, a digital bank and fintech disruptor, opened a new office in Stockholm in December and plans a full-service branch in Copenhagen in 2027?

- A) Klarna
- B) Lunar
- C) Revolut
- D) Danske Bank

6. In March 2026, Sweden's annual inflation rate, as measured by the CPIF (Consumer Price Index with fixed interest rate), increased to what level, up from February?

- A) 0.5%
- B) 1.6%
- C) 3.0%
- D) 3.2%

7. As of April 24, 2026, what was the approximate exchange rate of the Swedish Krona to the US Dollar, according to Barchart.com?

- A) 0.108396
- B) 0.11444
- C) 0.10146
- D) 0.10432

8. According to the European Commission's November 2025 forecast for Denmark, what is the projected inflation rate for 2026?

- A) 1.9%
- B) 1.0%
- C) 1.8%
- D) 2.0%