

South Asian Economic Shifts: Digital Growth, Remittance Surges, and Tourism

South Asia Finance · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. In Pakistan, what percentage of e-commerce transactions were conducted through digital wallets in fiscal year 2025, marking a significant shift towards cashless commerce?

- A) 87%
- B) 93%**
- C) 78%
- D) 61%

2. Nepal experienced a record surge in remittance inflows in the first quarter of fiscal year 2025-26. What was the percentage growth during this period?

- A) 11.9%
- B) 19%
- C) 35.4%**
- D) 25.8%

3. The Maldives tourism industry set an ambitious target for tourism receipts in 2025. What was this target amount?

- A) \$2 billion
- B) \$3 billion
- C) \$4 billion
- D) \$5 billion**

4. In Pakistan's fiscal year 2024-25, what was the dominant form of online payment method, accounting for 93% of e-commerce transactions?

- A) Credit/Debit Cards
- B) Bank Transfers
- C) Digital Wallets**
- D) Cash on Delivery

5. Which South Asian country saw its remittance inflows increase by 19.2% to Rs 1,723.27 billion in fiscal year 2024/25, becoming its largest source of foreign exchange?

- A) India
- B) Bangladesh
- C) Nepal**
- D) Sri Lanka

6. As of fiscal year 2025 (FY25), what proportion of all retail payments in Pakistan were made through digital channels, indicating a strong shift towards digital transactions?

- A) 88%**
- B) 75%
- C) 62%
- D) 91%

7. The Maldives tourism sector welcomed a record number of tourists in 2024, surpassing a significant milestone. How many tourists arrived that year?

- A) 1 million
- B) 1.5 million
- C) 2 million**
- D) 2.5 million

8. In Nepal, the remittance-to-GDP ratio reached a peak in 2024, significantly exceeding the global average. What was this peak ratio?

- A) 5.13%
- B) 15%
- C) 20%
- D) 33%**

9. Which South Asian nation's digital payment landscape is characterized by a significant reliance on cash, with cash in circulation accounting for approximately 34% of its GDP as of June 2025, despite a push towards a cashless economy?

- A) India
- B) Bangladesh
- C) Pakistan**
- D) Sri Lanka

10. What percentage of Bangladeshi shoppers expected tailored experiences in 2025, driving the demand for personalized e-commerce services?

- A) 52%
- B) 72%**
- C) 61%
- D) 85%