

BRICS Fashion Forward: Unpacking May 2026's Cultural Trends & Global Events

Fashion Trends · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. The BRICS+ Fashion Summit in Moscow, a key event in May 2026, aims to foster collaboration and discuss trends. Which of the following countries, in addition to Russia, is a staunch BRICS+ member participating in this summit?

- A) United States
- B) United Kingdom
- C) Brazil**
- D) France

2. Rio de Janeiro Fashion Week, relaunched in April 2026, aims to reposition the city as an international fashion hub. What key trend was prominently featured on the runways, moving away from traditional Brazilian stereotypes?

- A) Vibrant Tropical Prints
- B) Black Minimalism and Architectural Ensembles**
- C) Denim-on-Denim
- D) Oversized Athleisure Wear

3. The 'Guochao' movement in China, translating to 'national trend,' signifies a strong preference for local brands. In early 2026, which Adidas jacket, inspired by Chinese culture, became a viral sensation and symbol of this trend?

- A) The Adidas Superstar Track Jacket
- B) The Adidas Firebird Track Jacket
- C) The Adidas Tang Jacket (Chinese Track Top)**
- D) The Adidas Gazelle Sneaker Jacket

4. In South Africa, 2026 fashion trends highlight a blend of cultural authenticity and sustainability. Which traditional wear category shows volatile search interest, peaking in September 2025 and January 2026?

- A) South African casual wear
- B) South African traditional clothing**
- C) South African sportswear
- D) South African formal wear

5. The 'Modest Fashion Day' event, part of the Russia-Islamic World: KazanForum 2026, showcased collections from several countries. Which of these was NOT among the participating countries?

- A) Malaysia
- B) Pakistan
- C) Egypt**
- D) Russia

6. Indian fashion in 2026 emphasizes comfort and versatility. Which of the following is trending as a comfortable and stylish alternative to traditional lehengas for modern occasions?

- A) Heavy Silk Lehengas
- B) Lehengas with Jackets and Crop Tops**
- C) Net Lehengas with Heavy Embellishments
- D) Traditional Ghagra Cholis

7. The BRICS+ Fashion Summit in Moscow aims to discuss sustainability. Brazilian designer Luciana Duarte highlighted which innovative sustainable practice?

- A) Use of locally sourced Pinatex
- B) Fabrics that absorb CO2 and photosynthesize**
- C) Recycled ocean plastic in activewear
- D) Biodegradable mushroom leather

8. In China's 2026 fashion landscape, 'Neo-Chinese Style' or 'New Chinese Style' is prominent. Which of the following is a typical element of this aesthetic?

- A) Western minimalist cuts
- B) Asymmetrical closures and traditional knot buttons**
- C) Distressed denim and streetwear graphics
- D) Neon colors and loud patterns

9. South African streetwear trends for 2026 are characterized by self-expression and cultural relevance. Which color palette is noted as leading the way, creating a clean foundation for everyday wear?

- A) Fluorescent neons and electric blues
- B) Rich jewel tones and deep purples
- C) Soft whites, muted greens, and earthy neutrals**
- D) Bold primary colors like red and yellow

10. Regarding upcoming global fashion events in May 2026, which prestigious event is scheduled for May 4th in New York?

- A) Cannes Film Festival
- B) Venice Art Biennale Inauguration
- C) Met Gala**
- D) Dior Cruise 2027 Fashion Show

11. The 'KazanForum 2026' in Russia featured a 'Modest Fashion Day'. Which of these countries was explicitly mentioned as showcasing collections at this event?

- A) Nigeria
- B) Morocco**
- C) Indonesia
- D) Uzbekistan

12. In Brazil's fashion scene for Spring/Summer 2026, as highlighted by Minas Trend, what aesthetic is emphasized for handbag collections, often featuring shades of brown and olive green?

- A) Bold, synthetic materials
- B) A more natural and essential aesthetic**
- C) Heavy embellishments and metallic finishes
- D) Retro-inspired designs with vintage logos

13. Indian fashion trends for 2026 mention 'designer cotton' becoming a significant trend. What is this trend characterized by?

- A) Plain, unadorned cotton fabrics
- B) Heavy embroidery on coarse cotton
- C) Printed, detailed cotton kurta sets and dresses at accessible price points**
- D) Recycled cotton with a rough texture

14. The BRICS+ Fashion Summit aims to redefine the global fashion hierarchy. Which of the following is NOT a country explicitly mentioned as contributing a specific perspective (e.g., scale, artistry, cultural power) to this redefinition?

- A) India (scale and historical depth)
- B) Sri Lanka (ethical innovation and artistry)
- C) South Africa (cultural power and narrative leadership)
- D) China (manufacturing prowess and rapid innovation)**

15. For the early autumn in Cape Town (May 2026), what type of fabrics are recommended due to the warm highs and cooler evenings, providing breathability and a relaxed yet pulled-together look?

- A) Heavy wools and thick knits
- B) Waterproof synthetics and fleece
- C) Cotton and linen**
- D) Velvet and faux fur