

# Global Economic Pulse: 2026 Inflation, Interest Rates, and Market Performance

Global Finance · Answer Key · 7 Questions

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**1. What was the European Central Bank's (ECB) decision regarding its three key interest rates in April 2026?**

- A) Increased all three key interest rates by 25 basis points.
- B) Decreased all three key interest rates by 25 basis points.
- C) Kept all three key interest rates unchanged.**
- D) Increased the deposit facility rate while decreasing the main refinancing operations rate.

**2. According to the IMF's January 2026 update, what is the projected global growth rate for 2026?**

- A) 2.8 percent
- B) 3.3 percent**
- C) 3.0 percent
- D) 3.5 percent

**3. Due to ongoing geopolitical tensions, what is the updated consensus among several analysts for Brent crude oil prices to average in 2026?**

- A) Around \$60/bbl
- B) Around \$75/bbl
- C) Between \$90 and \$100/bbl**
- D) Below \$50/bbl

**4. Which major US stock index recorded the strongest year-to-date performance as of early June 2026, driven by AI enthusiasm and robust earnings?**

- A) Dow Jones Industrial Average
- B) S&P 500
- C) Nasdaq Composite**
- D) Russell 2000

**5. What is China's targeted GDP growth rate for the full year 2026, as per its economic blueprint?**

- A) 3.5-4.0%
- B) 4.0-4.5%
- C) 4.5-5.0%**
- D) 5.0-5.5%

**6. According to the IMF's April 2026 update, which two G20 economies are projected to have the highest average annual inflation rates in 2026?**

- A) United States and United Kingdom
- B) Germany and France
- C) Argentina and Türkiye**
- D) China and Japan

**7. What was the Bank of Japan's (BOJ) decision regarding its policy rate in its March 2026 monetary policy meeting?**

- A) Increased the policy rate to 1.0%.
- B) Decreased the policy rate to 0.50%.
- C) Maintained the policy rate at 0.75%.**
- D) Announced an immediate plan for further rate hikes.