

# South Korea's AI Surge, Election Fallout, and World Cup Shock Dominate This

South Korea · Answer Key · 10 Questions

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**1. What is the estimated total investment amount planned by South Korea over the next decade for its new chip-building hub and AI data centers, as part of its strategy to leverage the global AI boom?**

- A) Approximately 800 trillion won (\$520 billion)
- B) Around 1,000 trillion won (\$651.41 billion)
- C) Nearly \$1.2 trillion (over two-thirds of GDP)**
- D) 1,000 trillion won (\$648 billion)

**2. In the recent South Korean local elections held on June 3, 2026, which key mayoral race did the ruling Democratic Party narrowly lose despite winning a majority of other contests?**

- A) Busan
- B) Incheon
- C) Daegu
- D) Seoul**

**3. Which global technology CEO visited Seoul in June 2026 and signed deals with major South Korean conglomerates, including SK Hynix and Samsung, to boost the country's AI and semiconductor capabilities?**

- A) Satya Nadella (Microsoft)
- B) Jensen Huang (Nvidia)**
- C) Tim Cook (Apple)
- D) Sundar Pichai (Google)

**4. South Korea's economic growth outlook for 2026 was significantly revised upwards by the OECD to 2.6%. What primary factor is driving this optimistic projection?**

- A) A surge in automobile exports
- B) Robust chip exports fueled by the AI boom**
- C) Increased tourism revenue
- D) Government stimulus packages for domestic consumption

**5. Following South Korea's early exit from the World Cup, President Lee Jae Myung publicly criticized the national team's coach, Hong Myung-bo, deeming him 'incapable.' This led to what immediate consequence for the coach?**

- A) A suspension from all coaching activities
- B) An order to review the national team program
- C) His immediate resignation**
- D) A demotion to a youth team coach

**6. As part of its AI ambitions, South Korea plans to launch the 'Everyone's AI Project' by late 2026. What will this project provide to all citizens?**

- A) Subsidized AI hardware
- B) Free access to advanced AI training courses
- C) Free AI agents based on domestic models**
- D) Personalized AI-powered job placement services

**7. In the June 3, 2026, local elections, the ruling Democratic Party won 12 out of 16 key regional races. However, a significant number of seats were contested in by-elections. How many National Assembly constituencies had vacancies leading to these by-elections?**

- A) 5
- B) 8
- C) 14**
- D) 20

**8. What is the projected inflation rate for South Korea in June 2026, which is expected to exceed the central bank's target for the second consecutive month?**

- A) 2.8%
- B) 3.0%
- C) 3.2%**
- D) 3.5%

**9. South Korea is planning a significant investment in a new semiconductor hub in the southwest region. Which two major companies are expected to make a substantial investment in this project?**

- A) LG and Doosan
- B) Hyundai and Kia
- C) Samsung Electronics and SK Hynix**
- D) Naver and Kakao

**10. The Korean government has raised the national terror alert level to 'Caution' from May 28 to June 4, 2026. What is the primary reason cited for this heightened security measure?**

- A) An upcoming major international summit
- B) Concerns over escalating tensions with North Korea
- C) Anticipation of the June 3 local elections**
- D) A series of cyberattacks on government infrastructure