

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

South Korea · Practice Test · 10 Questions

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