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## Today's Stock Market: Asian Shares Show Mixed Results Following Calm Day on Wall Street

### Description

Asian markets experienced mixed results on Wednesday following a steady performance by U.S. stocks on Wall Street. The Nikkei 225 in Tokyo dropped 1.5%, with Nintendo Co. shares falling 5.2% due to disappointing forecasts and news of a successor product to the popular Switch device. Concerns were raised about the yen's weakening value against the U.S. dollar, prompting intervention by the Ministry of Finance. The Hang Seng index in Hong Kong and the Shanghai Composite index both declined by 0.4%. Meanwhile, the S&P/ASX 200 in Australia remained stable, and the Kospi in South Korea saw a slight increase. The S&P 500 in the U.S. rose by 0.1%, while the Dow Jones Industrial Average increased by the same margin. Companies like Kenvue and The Walt Disney Co. reported mixed results. Analysts observed that companies exceeding profit forecasts were not experiencing significant stock price increases. The potential for interest rate cuts and economic stability were discussed by Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell. Oil prices also experienced a slight decline in trading. The euro weakened against the dollar.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Successor** // (noun): A person or thing that follows or comes next.
2. **Intervention** // (noun): The action or process of intervening in a situation.
3. **Weakening** // (adjective): Becoming less strong or intense.
4. **Stability** // (noun): The state of being stable or steady.
5. **Exceeding** // (verb): Going beyond what is expected or allowed.
6. **Forecasts** // (noun): Estimates or predictions about future events or conditions.

## Vocabulary quizzes

### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. What natural disaster is characterized by a sudden release of snow down a mountainside?  
Option: Earthquake  
Option: Hurricane  
Option: Avalanche  
Option: Tornado
2. Which term is used to describe the total value of a company's outstanding shares of stock?  
Option: Gross Revenue  
Option: Profit Margin  
Option: Market Capitalization  
Option: Net Assets
3. What action is taken to interfere with a process or situation to produce a specific effect?  
Option: Delegation  
Option: Intervention  
Option: Ignition  
Option: Abstention
4. Which term refers to the state of being resistant to change or deterioration?  
Option: Instability  
Option: Fluctuation  
Option: Insecurity  
Option: Stability
5. What term describes a repayment of funds for a product or service that did not meet expectations?  
Option: Discount



- Option: Refund
- Option: Bonus
- Option: Incentive

6. What term refers to the conditions relating to public health especially the provision of clean drinking water and adequate sewage disposal?

- Option: Sanitation
- Option: Pollution
- Option: Hygiene
- Option: Contamination

7. Which term indicates a revival or renewal after a period of inactivity or decline?

- Option: Precipice
- Option: Resurgence
- Option: Decline
- Option: Stagnation

8. Which word means to rise swiftly and powerfully?

- Option: Descend
- Option: Soar
- Option: Hover
- Option: Plunge

9. What process involves systematic research or examination into a particular matter?

- Option: Interpretation
- Option: Research
- Option: Investigation
- Option: Innovation

10. Which term means provided with a particular resource especially a liquid fuel?

- Option: Deprived
- Option: Fueled
- Option: Quenched
- Option: Abstained

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. \_\_\_\_\_ are digital assets designed to work as a medium of exchange that uses cryptography to secure transactions and control the creation of additional units.

12. The storm resulted in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the structures along the coastline due to the



strong winds and torrential rains.

13. The company's profits in the last quarter were exceptional \_\_\_\_\_ the analysts' expectations.

14. Meteorologists use various tools and techniques to \_\_\_\_\_ the weather conditions accurately.

15. The automaker issued a product \_\_\_\_\_ due to a faulty component that posed a safety risk to consumers.

16. The scientists made a groundbreaking \_\_\_\_\_ in the field of biotechnology which could revolutionize medicine.

17. After the mishap the CEO issued a public \_\_\_\_\_ to all affected customers for the inconvenience caused.

18. The rising pollution levels in the city have become a major \_\_\_\_\_ for the residents and authorities.

19. \_\_\_\_\_ are companies that produce goods on a large scale using machinery and labor.

20. Countries often impose \_\_\_\_\_ on imported goods to protect domestic industries and regulate international trade.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. Investors with a pessimistic outlook on the market are often referred to as .
22. Market participants who expect prices to rise are known as .
23. A sudden and significant increase in something such as prices or activity is called a .



24. The person who follows or is next in line for a position title or role is known as a .
25. Mechanisms put in place by exchanges to halt trading in downward trending markets to prevent panic selling are called .
26. Individual investors who buy and sell securities for their personal account are known as .
27. An incredibly rapid rise or growth similar to that of a shooting star is described as .
28. Something that is reasonably priced and within one's budget is considered .
29. A person or entity that is striving to outdo others in the same market or industry is a .
30. Being open to receiving or agreeing to something without resistance or objection is described as .

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Avalanche 2. Market Capitalization 3. Intervention 4. Stability 5. Refund 6. Sanitation 7. Resurgence 8. Soar 9. Investigation 10. Fueled

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Cryptocurrencies 12. Weakening 13. exceeding 14. forecast 15. recall 16. discovery 17. apology 18. concern 19. Manufacturers 20. tariffs

**Matching sentence:** 1. Bearish 2. Bulls 3. Surge 4. Successor 5. Circuit breakers 6. Retail investors 7. Meteoric 8. Affordable 9. Competitor 10. Accepting

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