CHINA ARTICLE QUESTIONS

All responses should be in your own words


BBC News - China country profile
1. Explain how the People’s Republic of China (PRC) was founded –

2. Describe the current economic system and political system in China –

3. What is the current population?

4. List the major religions –

5. Describe the leadership of Xi Jinping and explain how this is seen as unconventional –

*You need to expand to “Read full media profile” to complete the next set of questions -

6. Describe the purpose of the “Great Firewall” –

7. Explain how this undermines free speech in China –

8. Describe the media in Hong Kong –

9. Fill in the blank: State-run ____________________________ is China’s ____________________________.
   All of China’s ____________________ plus radio stations are ____________________________.


Vox News - Chinese President Xi Jinping is set to rule his country for life, 2018
1. Describe the proposal made by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) –

2. Explain how Jinping has attempted to project Chinese power in the region –

3. Explain how Jinping’s impact can be compared to that of Mao Zedong –

4. Based on Jinping’s rhetoric, should the west be scared or intimidated by a strong China? Explain why –

5. Explain how Jinping as dealt with signs of dissent –

http://time.com/73594/china-tiananmen-square-25-years-later/

TIME - Tiananmen as the Turning Point: China’s Impossible Balancing Act, 2014
1. Describe the “1989 choice” –

2. What is surprising about the government’s social stability budget?
3. Explain how China is both free and suppressed –

4. Describe the price that China has paid for economic development –

5. Explain how the CCP uses nationalism as a tool to strengthen itself and China –

6. Describe the requests of the 1989 democracy movement –

7. Explain how the CCP has reduced opportunities for dissent from the nation’s intellectuals (the usual source of dissent) –

To access this article, you have to open the PDF on my website

The ‘Great Firewall’ of China
1. Name five websites that are completely blocked in China –

2. Explain why they would be blocked –

3. Describe ‘The Great Firewall’ –

4. Explain how Jinping has attempted to consolidate power since becoming president 2012 –

5. Explain why the Chinese state is targeting VPNs –

6. Explain why Winnie the Pooh is blocked (this saddens the Disney lover inside of me) –

7. Explain how the Chinese state has censored the internet up to now –

8. Describe three significant similarities between Xi Jinping and Mao Zedong -


CBS News – China new “Two Child” policy increases births by 7.9%, government says

1. Describe the consequence of changing the one child limit per household to two –

2. Explain why China changed the policy –

3. Describe three positive benefits of the new policy –
China Corruption Report

Snapshot
1. Describe the practice of quanxi –

2. Explain why the CCP would care about eliminating corruption (they really don't have a moral compass so what would be the real reason?) –

Judicial System
3. Provide two ways in which the Chinese judiciary is corrupt –

Public Services
4. Explain how rampant bribes are in the public sector –

Land Administration
5. Explain why the land administration is the sector with the highest corruption incidents –

Natural Resources
6. Explain how the anti-corruption campaign affected Liu Han, chairman of the Hanlong Group –

Civil Society
7. Describe the freedom of the press in China –

8. Describe 3 ways civil society is limited in China –

Human Rights Watch – China
1. Describe five violations of rights and/or liberties mentioned in the introduction paragraph – use specific names and occurrences when appropriate –

2. Explain how China’s global influence has international implications using two specific examples from the text –

3. Explain how the state dealt with human rights defenders (lawyers) in the ”709 crackdown”?
So this phrase “inciting subversion” keeps being used as a means of arresting what appears to be innocent people, so I looked up the definition and here it is: "Anyone who uses rumor, slander or other means to encourage subversion of the political power of the State or to overthrow the socialist system, shall be sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of not more than five years. However, the ringleaders and anyone whose crime is monstrous shall be sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of not less than five years."

4. Explain how the Chinese state attempts to control the Great Firewall and VPN access –

China has a bureaucratic agency called the “Central Commission for Discipline Inspection” – just think about that.

5. Describe the state of democracy in Hong Kong –

6. Explain why the Xinjiang region of China is so unique to the state –

7. Describe the state of democracy, civil society, freedom of religion, etc. in Tibet –

8. Explain how some Tibetans choose to protest Chinese policies that limit their religious and expressive freedoms –

9. Explain three ways in which women and girls are discriminated or politically suppressed –


CNBC – China aims for around 6.5% economic growth in 2017

1. Fill in the blank: Gross domestic product officially grew _____ percent in _____, the _______ in 26 years, but within the government's target range of 6.5 to 7 percent.

Read the following statement – “As the government moves away from manufacturing-led growth, Beijing is tasked with quickly finding new employment for millions of workers, or risk the possibility of social unrest as unemployment looms.” – Don’t answer any questions related to it, just know this is the ESSENTIAL goal of the CCP

2. Describe the types of employment opportunities the states is petitioning to expand –

3. There’s a lot of econ lingo I don’t quite follow, hopefully you kind of do – tell me how China plans on expanding its economy –


The New York Times – Four Years After Declaring War on Pollution, China is Winning

1. Explain 3 ways that the Chinese state has attempted to reach its targets at reducing air pollution –

2. Explain how the quality of air will potentially affect life expectancy –
This is a video (~9 minutes long)

**New York Times (Times Documentaries) - Tashi Wangchuk: A Tibetan’s Journey for Justice**

1. Describe Tashi’s main goal in attempting to contact the China Central Television –

2. Describe Tashi’s ultimate fear about Tibetan culture –

3. Explain why most Tibetans don’t try to fight with the state about this –

4. Explain why there is a heightened security presence in Tibet –

5. Where is the only place someone can still learn about Tibetan culture?

6. Describe Tashi’s two goals in going to Beijing. Is he successful? Why or why not? –

7. Describe what happens to Tashi and what he says he will ultimately do if he does not accomplish his goals -

**BBC News – China elections: Independent candidates fight for the ballot**

Watch the 5 minute video – you don’t have to read the article but can

1. Describe what is happening in the video (provide context) –

2. Describe what Ms. Liu wants to do and explain why can’t she do it?