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## **China Reading Questions**

### **Tiananmen Square**

**Read and answer all articles in this section**

**The Tiananmen Square Protests: April 15-June 4, 1989. *Global Events, 2014.***

1. What did Deng Xiaoping mean when he mocked the saying, “Better to be poor under socialism than rich under capitalism?”
2. How many people were classified to be in extreme poverty in the early 1990’s?
3. Why did Deng push for education during his tenure?
4. What caused the assembly of students to Tiananmen Square in the first place? Why was this considered significant?
5. When was marshal law declared and when was the square finally cleared?
6. What happened to party officials that opposed the use of Marshal law at Tiananmen Square?
7. How did the world react to the violence of Tiananmen Square?

**25 Years After Tiananmen, China's Underground....dissidents to freedom. *Newsweek*, June 13, 2014.**

1. When did the extractions start in China? What is Yellowbird?
2. What types of groups would aid in the extraction of dissidents within China?
3. By 1997 how many people were rescued by Yellowbird. How many from Tiananmen Square incident?
4. What precautions has the Chinese government instituted for the anniversary of the Tiananmen Square massacre?
5. What does the saying mean, "The mantis stalks the cicada, unaware of the yellow bird behind."

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**Domestic Affairs**

**Read and answer 3 of 5 articles**

**A Great Leap Forward. *The Economist*, May 9, 2002.**

1. In 2002, when 47 cities had air quality 9 times beyond what is considered safe, why did Taiyuan believe they are not civilized?
2. What 2 cities are the Chinese modeling to improve their air quality?
3. What are command and control measures?

4. Explain the deal between China and the Asian Development Bank (ADB). How will this help reduce pollution in China?
5. In the 1990's how much profit did China lose due to pollution?

**China's One Child Left Behind. *Newsweek International*, January 28, 2008.**

1. How long has the ban on 1 child been in effect in China?
2. What were the penalties leveled to people that violated this policy?
3. How many people violated the policy between 2000 and 2005?
4. How did some government officials move around the one child law? How did celebrities and wealthy avoid punishment of the law?
5. What percentage of government officials have mistresses?
6. Why can't the Chinese people stand up to the government in terms of corruption and unfair natural rights like the one child policy?

**How Deng Helped Create a Corrupt China. *The New York Times*, June 4, 2015.**

1. What does the saying, “Slay tigers and swat flies” mean towards corruption in China?
2. Why is Deng Xiaoping responsible for the widespread corruption in China today? Is it justified? Explain.
3. Deng stated to open the economy “let some people get rich fast” is significant. How would this idea of growth help China based on their communist ideals.
4. Deng also said, “It doesn’t matter if a cat is black or white; as long as it catches mice, it is a good cat.” How does that connect to the transition of economy from Mao’s China to modern China? Explain.
5. Why do Chinese people tolerate corruption in China? Explain with details.

**The Man Who Nailed Jello to the Wall. *Foreign Policy*, June 29, 2016.**

1. What global event pushed China to advance their censorship policy and why?
2. During the 1990’s and 2000’s what was the first step towards censorship in China?

3. What are the 3 aspects of power does the internet hold and how did China attack each one of these?

4. What other countries are looking into implementing the Chinese model towards the internet?

**225m Reasons for China's Leaders to Worry. *The Economist*, July 9, 2016.**

1. How many middle class citizens did China have in 2000? 2016? Est. in 2020?
2. When it comes to money and politics, what is the Chinese government's attitude towards it?
3. What fears do regular Chinese citizens fear in terms of economics and security?
4. Why is corruption such a hot button topic to the middle class Chinese?

5. The best solution to help ease the middle class is more transparency. Why can't this happen in China? Can the middle class ever depend on the party members to help them? Explain.

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## **The Party**

**Read and answer 3 of the 5 articles in this section**

**Paramount Leaders Deng Xiaoping (1981-1992); Jiang Zemin (1992-2002); Hu Jintao (2002-2012); Xi Jinping (2012-Present)**

**China's Changing of the Guard. *Newsweek International*, October 21, 2002.**

1. When it comes to leadership, it is a tradition for the leader to select the next leader. When is this expected to be done and how is it revered in Chinese govt.
2. If the people are not actively involved in the selection of leaders, how exactly is power transferred within the Chinese govt.?
3. Based on the article what are the most important attributes and tools needed to ascend to the highest ranks of the Chinese Communist party?
4. What does, "meeting Marx" mean? Why is it important within the Chinese govt.?

**Beware of the cult of Xi. *The Economist*, April 2, 2016.**

1. What titles has Xi Jinping acquired since taking power in China?
2. How would you describe the power that Xi has acquired in China and how people view him within government and outside of government?

**Is China Returning to the Madness of Mao's Cultural Revolution? *Foreign Policy*, May 16, 2016.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NKb6XmsgJOE>

1. Compare and contrast the actions of Mao and Xi from within the article

Mao	Xi

2. Based on the actions of Mao and the song mentioned in the article, The East is Red is there a connection between Mao and Xi? Explain.

**Who draws the party line? *The Economist*, June 25, 2016.**

1. What is the name of the propaganda department in China?

2. How many stations, newspapers, and periodicals does this organization oversee?
3. How much is spent on propaganda and censorship in China yearly?

**How Chinese learned to stop worrying and love their military again. *Foreign Policy*, August 5, 2016.**

1. Why does the PLA have such a negative position within Chinese society?
2. What was done with the biographies of officers within the PLA?
3. What events have changed the views of the PLA to the Chinese people?

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**Foreign Policy**

**Read and answer 3 of the 5 articles**

**The game changer: coping with China's foreign policy revolution. *Foreign Affairs*, November-December 2010.**

1. How many Chinese depend on fossil fuels?
2. As of 2010, how did China view their global strategy before and after this date?
3. What are some of the effects of China's unfettered growth from the past 30 years?
4. In 20 years how will China be viewed within society?



5. Where is China investing hundreds of billions of dollars at the time of the article?
6. What countries have resisted China's foreign economic model?

**North Korea is losing China....North Korea's Kim Jon Un. *Newsweek*, May 23, 2014.**

1. What situation is China upset with North Korea about?
2. What has China demanded North Korea to do with their nuclear program?

**How China sees Russia: Beijing and Moscow are close, but not allies. *Foreign Affairs*, January-February 2016.**

1. How is the relationship between Russia and China identified within the article?
2. What philosophy does Russia hold towards foreign affairs and what philosophy does China hold in foreign affairs? Provide a comparative example from the article.

**China: Iran's new best friend....keep the peace. *Newsweek*, February 12, 2016.**

1. What types of deals were made after the signing of the Iranian nuclear deal?
2. Before the signing of the nuclear deal, what types of investments did China make to help keep Iran profitable?
3. Why is China trying to stay neutral between Iran and Saudi Arabia?

**The South China Sea Courting Trouble. *The Economist*, July 16, 2016.**

1. What type of claim is China using in international court to justify its annexation of territory in the South China Sea?
2. When was the case brought to the Hague and what country is the plaintiff in this court case?
3. Why is this area such a serious area of contention in the South China Sea? Explain with details.
4. What is the nine-dash line? Why is it important to this case?
5. What are the global consequences of the China's posturing within the South China Sea? Explain with details.