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CHINA ARTICLE QUESTIONS

All responses should be in your own words

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-pacific-13017877>

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 _____.

<https://www.vox.com/world/2018/2/26/17053220/china-xi-jinping-constitution-thought-term>

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?

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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 -

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/china-new-two-child-policy-increases-births-7-percent-government-says/>

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 –

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<https://www.business-anti-corruption.com/country-profiles/china>

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 –

<https://www.hrw.org/world-report/2018/country-chapters/china-and-tibet>

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"?

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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 beauracratic 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 –

<https://www.cnbc.com/2017/03/04/china-sets-2017-economic-growth-target.html>

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 –

https://www.nytimes.com/2018/03/12/upshot/china-pollution-environment-longer-lives.html?rref=collection%2Ftimestopic%2FChina%20and%20the%20Environment%20&action=click&contentCollection=timestopi cs®ion=stream&module=stream_unit&version=latest&contentPlacement=1&pgtype=collection

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 –

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<https://www.nytimes.com/video/world/asia/10000004031427/a-tibetans-journey-for-justice.html>

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 -

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-china-37997706>

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?