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Ancient History


Question	Answer	
In what dynasty were Terracotta Warriors constructed?	Qin Dynasty	秦朝
The first dynasty and last dynasty of ancient China.	Xia Dynasty and Qing Dynasty	夏朝, 清朝
Who was the earliest inventor of paper technology in ancient China?	Cai Lun	蔡伦
What are the “Four Great Inventions” in ancient China?	Compass gunpowder papermaking printing	指南针、火药、造纸术、印刷术
Two great water conservation projects, one is called the Grand Canal, what is the name of the other one which remains of practical value today?	Dujiangyan	都江堰
A transport route connecting ancient China with Central Asia, West Asia, Africa, and the European continent. It appeared as early as the second century and traveled mainly by merchants.	The silk road	丝绸之路
The dynasty that Tri-colored glazed pottery flourished.	Tang Dynasty	唐朝

During which dynasty were all Chinese writings unified?	Qin dynasty	秦朝
In which dynasty did China become the most developed in the world in terms of technology?	Song	宋朝
Which dynasty is considered as the Golden age of prosperity dynasty, esp. in poetry?	Tang	唐朝
Which dynasty is known for its vases?	Ming Dynasty	
What palace/ fortress did the Ming dynasty build?	The Forbidden City	
Who did China have Opium wars with?	Great Britain	
Where did the Qing dynasty come from?	Manchuria	
First emperor of ancient China; the emperor to start building the Great Wall	Qin Shi Huang	
Dynasty when compass invented	Han Dynasty	
Earliest ancient Chinese writing on oracle bones found during which dynasty	Shang Dynasty	
In ancient China, rich people usually put two animals on both sides of the door. What is this kind of animal	Lion	
In which dynasty did China have the vastest ever territory	Qing	
Who is the last emperor in China	Pû Yí	
Title of Sun-Tzu's famous work on diplomacy and warfare--written in the Spring and Autumn period.	The Art of War	
A book written during the Spring and Autumn period through the Warring States period, which collects Confucius' teachings and discussions with disciples.	The Analects	
The four greatest philosophers, thinkers and educators in Chinese history	Laozi, Confucius, Mengzi and Wang Yang-ming	

The central Daoist/Taoist text written as a guide for rulers and established the philosophical basis of Taoism.	Daodejing or Tao-te-Ching	
The earliest known Chinese writing that is found on bones carved with written characters which were used for telling the future	Oracle bones	
The father of calligraphy in ancient China	Wang Xizhi	
What is the key point in Daoism?	To live in harmony with nature	
What was developed by the Zhou Dynasty, the idea of linking a just ruler with divine will.	Mandate of Heaven	
The period most noted for advances in philosophy, poetry, and the arts and saw the rise of Confucian, Taoist, and Mohist thought.	The Spring & Autumn Period & The Warring States	
China's earliest written record on medicine was codified during which dynasty?	Han Dynasty	
- The longest reigning emperor in China was: Kangxi		

Art

Question	Answer	
Name this type of drawing style. 	(Chinese) Ink Painting or Chinese Brush Painting	水墨画
Name this musical instrument 	Pi Pa	琵琶
This is a renowned traditional Chinese handicraft with a history of more than 3000 years. It is done on a piece of silk or cloth and creates beautiful pictures and patterns.	embroidery/needle knitting	刺绣
What are the "Four Treasures of the Study"? 什么是文房四宝？	Writing brush, ink, paper and ink slab /ink stone	笔、墨、纸、砚

<p>Name this type of China ceramics</p> 	<p>Qing Hua Ci / Qing Hua ceramics</p>	<p>青花瓷</p>
<p>What are the four skills required of ancient Chinese scholars? 什么是古代中国读书人必备的四项技艺？</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● playing musical instruments ● playing chess ● calligraphy ● painting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 琴 ● 棋 ● 书 ● 画
<p>What are the three major categories of Chinese painting? 中国画主要分为哪三种？</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● landscapes ● flowers ● birds ● figure portraits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 山水 ● 花 ● 鸟 ● 人物
<p>Why are inscriptions and seals usually included in the artwork of Chinese calligraphy and painting? 为什么中国书画作品上常有题字和印章？</p>	<p>to recognize the artist, to understand the artist's thought and to add the decorative beauty of the artwork</p>	<p>帮助读者辨识作者，了解作者的思想感情，也增加作品的美感。</p>
<p>What is a Chinese musical form which became popular in the middle of the 19th century. It combines the music of traditional instruments with spoken and sung dialogues, sweeping stylized movements, dance and acrobatics?</p>	<p>Peking Opera</p>	<p>京剧</p>
<p>What are the 4 main roles in Peking Opera?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● shēng ● dàn ● jìng ● chǒu 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 生 ● 旦 ● 净 ● 丑
<p>What role, in peking opera, is the leading male?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● shēng 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 生
<p>What role, in peking opera, is the leading female character?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● dàn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 旦
<p>What roles, in peking opera, are the characters with the most vividly painted faces?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● jìng 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 净
<p>What role, in peking opera, is the comedy actor who generally plays the role of a dim but likeable and amusing characters?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● chǒu 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 丑
<p>What does the red face painting mean in peking opera?</p>	<p>loyalty</p>	
<p>What does the black face painting mean in peking opera?</p>	<p>bravery</p>	

What does the white face painting mean in peking opera?	evil or cunning	
What does the green face painting mean in peking opera?	monster	
What is one of the most popular decorative Chinese handicrafts? It is popular for its low cost and artistry. Rural women often make it in their spare time when farming is not busy. It is mainly used in regional rituals, decorations and styling.	paper cutting	剪纸
What is tied and woven from a single length of cord or rope to be a variety of shapes and of varying complexity. Each shape has its own symbolic meaning.	Chinese knot	中国结
Why is porcelain called "China" in the West?	it has been uniquely associated with its land of origin. The name "china" comes from the fact that China was the sole producer of porcelain in the ancient world.	
Where is called "China's porcelain capital"?	Jingdezhen	景德镇
What kind of traditional Chinese clothes is the oldest of China's traditional clothes. It became the national clothing of the Han ethnic people since Han dynasty. It also had a far-reaching influence on neighboring Asian countries, such as Korea, Japan, and Vietnam.	Han fu	汉服
What kind of Chinese outfit is also known as the Mao suit overseas, is a type of male attire which was first advocated by <u>Dr Sun Yat-sen</u> after the founding of the Republic of China in 1912.	Zhongshan suit	中山装
What kind of traditional Chinese clothes were evolved from the Manchu women's <i>changpao</i> ('long gown') of the Qing Dynasty (1644–1912).	Qipao	旗袍
What is used to mark important documents, pieces of art, contracts, or any other item that requires a signature? It is typically carved into stone, but it can also be made of wood, bamboo, bone, or ceramic. When it	Chinese Seal	印章

is used, it is dipped in either red ink or cinnabar paste.		
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Geography

Question	Answer	
Which part of China is higher, west of east?	West	西部
Which side of China is the coast side?	East	东部
What is the name of 2 main river that rise up Chinese civilization?	Chang Jiang / Yang Zi Jiang / Yang Zi River, and Huang He / Huang River	长江、黄河
The longest river in China	Chang Jiang / Yang Zi Jiang / Yang Zi River	长江
This major river crosses the great wall of China	The Yellow River / Huang He	黄河
This city is famous for Longmen Grottoes and poeny.	Luo Yang	洛阳
What's the four Municipalities in China?	Beijing Tianjing Shanghai Chongqing	北京 天津 上海 重庆
The province is famous for its prairie.	Inner Mongolia / Nei Meng Gu/Mongo	内蒙古/内 蒙古自治 区
The biggest plateau in China.	Qinghai-Tibetan Plateau/Tibetan Plateau/ Himalayan	青藏高原 or 青康藏高原
Name this landscape. It also appears on the back of 20 Yuan.	Li river / Li Jiang /Guilin	漓江/桂林

The mountain is located in Jiangxi Province. A famous poem written by Li Bai just described the waterfall there.	the Lushan Mountain	庐山
The city contains many well-preserved ancient artifacts from the period of the Ming and Qing dynasties.	Beijing	北京
The city held the 2010 World Exposition.	Shanghai	上海
The ancient capital city for a number of dynasties. The kingdom of Eastern Wu was the first to locate its capital there.	Nanjing	南京
The city was described by the Italian traveler Marco Polo as “the world’s most beautiful and magnificent city”.	Hangzhou	杭州
The city incorporating the marvels of architecture, drawing, carving and the art of bonsai. The city is a museum of classical gardens, one of the famous gardens is called Canglang Pavilion.	Suzhou	苏州
China is ranked _____ in size.	4th	
The number of provinces in China.	31 provinces and 4 direct-controlled municipalities	
What is the name of the desert to the north of China that separates it from the rest of Asia?	The Gobi Desert	
World's Highest Wonder, It is on the border of Tibet and Nepal.	Mount Everest	
How many land-connected neighbors does China have?	15	
How many time zones do Chinese territory span from east to west?	5	
This city is adjacent to Hong Kong and is China's first special economic zone?	Shenzhen city	深圳毗邻香港，是中国第一个经济特区
This province has the most ethnic group?	Yunnan	云南省

What is China's land area ranking in the world?	3rd	在世界各国中，仅次于俄罗斯、加拿大，居第三位
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Festival

Question	Answer	
During which festival do people eating zongzi?	Dragon Boat Festival	端午节
What festival do people enjoy the full moon which is also called "the Reunion festival"?	Mid-autumn festival	中秋节
On this festival people enjoy lanterns.	Yuanxiao Festival	元宵节
People wear dogwoods and chrysanthemums, besides people like to climb mountains on this festival.	Double Ninth Festival	重阳节
For this festival, the folklore goes that it is the day when Herd-boy and Weaving-girl reunite with each other. This is the Chinese traditional Valentine's Day.	Double Seventh Festival	七夕节
What day is the Chinese traditional Valentine's Day?	7th day of the 7th lunar month	
Which color do Chinese use during Chinese New Year as a color symbol of happiness, success, beauty, and good luck ?	Red	红色

What is the most well-known festival in China?	Chinese New Year	农历新年
During which festival do people race dragon boats?	Dragon Boats Festival	龙舟节/端午节
What do people put in side the red envelope during Chinese New Year?	Money	钱
What is the name of the poet and minister in Chu Kingdom that people commemorate his death during Dragon Festival?	Qu Yuan	屈原
What is the name of the festival during which Chinese people wish to destroy the old and establish the new?	Chinese New Year	农历新年
During which Chinese Festival do Chinese visit the tombs of their ancestors to clean the gravesites, pray to their ancestors, and make ritual offerings? (Qing Ming Jie/ Tomb-Sweeping Day)	Qing Ming Jie/ Tomb-Sweeping Day	清明节/扫墓节
When is Mid-Autumn Festival on the lunar calendar?	15th day of the 8th month on Chinese lunar calendar	农历八月十五日
What is the other name for the Mid-Autumn Festival ?	Moon Festival	中秋节
What do Chinese people eat during the Mid-Autumn Festival?	Moon cake	月饼
To which festival is the legend of Chang'E and her husband HouYi associated?	Moon Festival	中秋节
Which festival brings an end to two week long celebration of the Chinese New Year?	Lantern Festival / Yuan Xiao Festival	元宵节
What do Chinese people eat on Yuan Xiao Festival or Lantern Festival?	Tang yuan	汤圆

Architecture

Question	Answer	
Name the city of this place.	Shanghai	上海
Name these two architectures.	Beijing National Stadium (Bird's Nest/Olympic Stadium) National Swimming Center (The water Cube)	鸟巢、水立方
The best preserved palace building today in Beijing.	The palace museum	故宫
Give the name for one of the best preserved royal garden.	The summer palace or the Beihai Park or the summer resort in Chengde	颐和园、北海公园、承德避暑山庄
Give a general name for this kind of building.	Temple	寺庙
The world's first and longest man-made canal used for transportation extends from Beijing to Suzhou.	The Grand Canal	<i>Jīng Háng</i> <i>Dà Yùnhé</i>
Situated on The Bund, this TV and radio tower is a landmark of Shanghai	Oriental Pearl Tower	

Food

Question	Answer	
The food was eaten during the spring festival, especially in the north part of China.	Dumpling	饺子
Name a dish that is prepared with a simmering pot of soup stock at the dining table, ingredients are placed into the pot including thinly sliced meat, leaf vegetables, mushrooms, tofu, egg dumplings and seafood.	Hot pot	火锅
Name this food which is made of sticky rice and is usually eaten on spring festival.	rice cake; new year cake	年糕
People from which part of China prefer noodles?	Northern	北方
the two most popular staple food in China?	Noodles and rice	面条和米饭
<i>A famous duck dish originating in Beijing</i>	<i>Peking Duck</i>	北京烤鸭
This is the traditional food eaten during the dragon boat festival	<i>Zong Zi</i>	粽子
<i>The traditional food eaten during Mid-autumn Festival</i>	<i>Moon Cake</i>	月饼
<i>Chinese fondue ; hot pot</i>	huǒ guō	火锅
A soft food made from soybean	Tofu	豆腐
A popular traditional breakfast drink	Soy Milk	豆浆/豆奶
the most important characteristic of Sichuan Cuisine	Being incredibly pungent and spicy	
Sichuan is known as the spicy food land in China. They have many chilli and spicy food there. What is Shui Zhu Yu?	Spicy boiled fish	

the name for a very popular southern Chinese cuisine with a collection of dumplings and other bite-sized snacks	Dim Sum	点心
the traditional beverage served with Chinese dessert	Tea	茶
A dish consisted of at least 108 unique dishes from the Manchu and Han Chinese culture during the Qing dynasty, and it is only reserved and intended for the Emperors.	Manhan Quanxi	满汉全席
Cinnamon clove fennel, star anise and Szechuan peppercorns make up which powder blend famous in Chinese cooking?	5 spice powder	五香料粉
this province in China is famous for their fiery hot spicy foods	Sichuan province	四川省
this Chinese delicacy is made by fermenting soy curd underground for one year	stinky tofu	臭豆腐
This famous Chinese vegetable can be regular or baby	Bok choy	白菜
This Chinese cooking vessel is usually made of carbon steel pounded into a large deep bowl	wok	炒锅
This tasty brewed accompaniment is made of wheat soy beans and salt	soy sauce	酱油
A small piece of ground pork folded into a square noodle and usually served in soup	wonton	馄饨

People

Question	Answer	
A great thinker, educator. His words and life story were recorded by his disciples and their students in The Analects(Lunyu).	Confucius	孔子
A famous scientist in the Eastern Han, who made a seismograph named Houfeng used for measuring the direction of a certain earthquake.	Zhang Heng	张衡
China's current president.	Xi Jinping	席近平
The first chairman of the People's Republic of China	Mao Zedong	毛泽东
He is a leading figure of modern Chinese literature. He wrote in Vernacular Chinese as well as Classical Chinese. Call to Arms (Na han)(1923), Wandering (Pang huang) is two of his collections.	Lu Xun or Zhou Shuren	鲁迅或周树人
She is a Chinese pharmaceutical chemist and educator who received the 2015 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine jointly with William C. Campbell and Satoshi Ōmura.	Tu Youyou	屠呦呦
The Chinese agricultural scientist and educator, known for developing the first hybrid rice varieties in the 1970s.	Yuan Longping	袁隆平
He is a Chinese business magnate, investor, politician and philanthropist. He is the co-founder and former executive chairman of Alibaba Group, a multinational technology conglomerate.	Jack Ma	马云
This is the ethnic group which Genghis Khan is from.	Mongol or Mongolian	蒙古(人)
He is a martial artist, philosopher, instructor, martial arts actor. He sparked the first major surge of interest in Chinese martial arts in the West.	Li Xiaolong/Bruce Lee	李小龙
He encouraged the creation of a market economy/Who is the greatest political leader in modern China for Chinese people	Deng Xiaoping	邓小平

She is a legendary woman warrior from the Southern and Northern Dynasties, who took her aged father's place in the army.	Hua Mulan/Mulan	花木兰/木兰
They are a pair of lovers from Chinese legend of a tragic love story. They are often called "China's Romeo and Juliet."	Butterfly Lovers /Liang Shanbo and Zhu Yingtai	梁山伯与祝英台
The person hoped to replace the ruling Qing Dynasty with a government based on the principles of nationalism, democracy and social well-being.	Sun Zhongshan/Sun Yat-sen	孙中山
He wrote the history of the Chinese track and field event by winning the 2004 Olympic Gold Medal.	Liu Xiang	刘翔
This famous Italian traveled to China and spent several years in the court of Kublai Khan	Marco Polo	马可·波罗 (not chinese) to be removed?
China's only female emperor	Wu Zetian	武则天
A famous Chinese cellist	Yo Yo Ma	馬友友
Famous Chinese Poet that associates with the Dragon Boat Festival	Qū Yuán	屈原
She was a Chinese empress dowager and regent who effectively controlled the Chinese government in the late Qing dynasty for 47 years.	Cí Xǐ	慈禧
He is a Chinese film actor, film producer, martial artist, and retired Wushu champion who was born in Beijing.	Jet Li/lǐ lián jié	李连杰
He is a Hong Konger martial artist, actor, film director, producer, stuntman, and singer.	Jackie Chan (Chéng Lóng)	成龙
He is the first emperor of China, famous for building the Great Wall of China.	Emperor Qing(Qín Shǐ Huáng)	秦始皇
He unexpectedly led a winning turnaround with the New York Knicks in the 2011-2012 season, generating a global craze known as "Linsanity"	Jeremy Lin	林书豪

He is a Chinese basketball executive and retired professional basketball player who played for the Shanghai Sharks of the Chinese Basketball Association and the Houston Rockets of the NBA.	Yao Ming	姚明
He is a Chinese concert pianist who has performed with leading orchestras in the United States, Europe, and Canada.	Láng Lǎng	郎朗
He invented the paper.	Cai Lun	蔡倫
He was the great calligrapher in ancient China.	Wang Xizhi	王羲之

Modern China

Question	Answer	
The official name of China	People's Republic of China	中华人民共和国
The number of stars on the Chinese Flag	5	
What color are the stars and the background of the Chinese flag?	Yellow stars on a red background	
The capital of China	Beijing	
The largest city of China	Shanghai	
It is a Chinese multi-purpose messaging, social media and mobile payment app developed by Tencent. It has been described as China's "app for everything" and a "super app" because of its wide range of functions.	WeChat	微信
What TV programs do Chinese people watch on Chinese New Year's Eve?	Chunwan Gala	春晚
The number of ethnic nationalities in China	56	
The Chinese leader who designed the "one country, two systems" policy.	Deng Xiaoping	
China's current president	Xi Jinping	
Founding Father of people's republic of China; the first leader of People's Republic of China	Chairman Mao / Mao Zedong	

Chinese NBA player, Houston rockets	Yao Ming	
Chinese novelist won 2012 Nobel prize in literature	Mo Yan	
Won an academy award for best director twice for Broke Back Mountain and Life of Pi	Ang Lee	
In which year did China formally overtake Japan to become the world's second-largest economy?	2011	
In which year did China take control over Hong Kong's sovereignty based on previous contractual agreements with the United Kingdom?	1997	
When was Macao handed over to Chinese administration?	1999	
In which year did Deng Xiaoping's Four Modernizations program (agriculture, industry, defense and science) start as a form of Chinese socialism?	1978	
What is the world's fastest commercial train, clocking in at 431 kph (303 mph)?	c	
What changed China-US diplomatic relationship positively after Korea war?	Nixon visited China in February, 1972	
When did China's "Open-door policy" open the country to foreign investment and encourage the development of a market economy and the private sector?	1986	
When did China launch its first moon orbiter?	2007	

Culture

Question	Answer	
Based on the Chinese zodiac cycle, 2020 is the year of which animal.	Rat	鼠
This is a particular form of earth shelter dwelling common in the Loess Plateau in Northern China. (Double Jeopardy)	Cave-Dwellings	窑洞

The number that most Chinese people associate with be smooth, go well.	Six	六
The therapeutic methods developed in China thousands of years ago. When doing this the doctor need to use needles.	Acupuncture	针灸
One of the “four great classic novels,” other than Water Margin, Romance of the Three Kingdom, Dream of the Red Chamber.	Journey to the West	《西游记》
Also known as the Monkey King, he carries a magical pole that can change size	sun wu kong	孫悟空
the main author of the Analects 論語	Confucius’s students	To be removed??
The first collection of Chinese Poetry	Shi Jing	詩經
<i>Ancient Chinese calculator</i>	<i>Chinese abacus</i>	算盤
In ancient China, rich people usually put two animals on both sides of the door. What is this kind of animal?	Lion	
It is an hourglass-shaped toy which spins on a string attached to two sticks held in both hands.	Chinese yo-yo	空竹/扯鈴
It is an ancient form of alternative medicine has been practiced in China for thousands of years. (It commonly involves therapist placing a specialized cup on the skin.)	Cupping therapy (bá guàn)	拔罐
It is an internal Chinese martial art practiced for both its defense training, its health benefits and meditation.	Taichi (tài jí quán)	太極拳
It claims to use energy forces to harmonize individuals with their surrounding environment.	FengShui	風水
It is a traditional Chinese national sport in which players aim to keep a heavily weighted item in the air, by using their bodies, apart from the hands. It usually made with feathers.	Jian zi (jiàn zi)	毽子
Chinese instrument	Gu Zheng	古箏
- (Northern Song Dynasty) The appearance of this currency is the earliest currency in the world.	Jiaozi	(北宋)出現的“交子”是世界上最早的貨幣
It is also known as the Classic of Changes or Book of Changes, is an ancient Chinese divination text and the oldest of the Chinese classics.	I-Ching (yi jing)	易經

Natural and Animals

Question	Answer	
What animal in China is the most well-known to the world?	Panda	猫熊
What animal lives in freshwater, and can only be found in China's Yangtze River?	Chinese River Dolphin	白暨豚
These fast running, horned Chinese animals belong to the goat & oxen family but look like deer.	Antelopes	羚羊
What kind of cow is found in Tibet?	Wild Yak	牦牛
What animal represents longevity in Chinese culture?	Turtle	乌龟
Which animal is the first animal in the Chinese Zodiac Sign?	Rat	老鼠
What animal is found in the north of China?	Siberian Tiger	东北虎
What animal is 孙悟空 (sun wu kong) based on?	Monkey	猴子
What animal used to carry goods along the Silk Road in the desert of China?	Camel	骆驼
How many hours do giant pandas spend eating per day?	12	
In China, what animal represents leaving the night and arriving into the morning. Also this animal tells you to do things on time.	Rooster	雄鸡 / 公鸡
What animal means wealth in Chinese?	Fish	鱼
What kind of tiger is no longer found in the wild world?	South China Tiger	华南虎
What is the largest land mammal in China?	Asian Elephant	亚洲象