

LESSON NOTES

# All About #6

## Test Your Knowledge of China

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## The Focus of this Lesson is Testing Your Knowledge about China, and especially Hong Kong

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This lesson will build your basic knowledge of China by quizzing you on five areas of knowledge: Geography, Pop Culture, Travel, Economics, and Myth Busting

### 1. What percentage of China's 1.3 billion people live in urban areas?

A. 10 percent B. 40 percent C. 50 percent D. 90 percent

**Answer:** B) 40 percent.

It is estimated that by the end of 2010 this percentage will exceed fifty percent. The population of Shanghai alone is roughly equivalent to the entire population of Portugal and Switzerland combined. China's population accounts for around one fifth of the world's population, but has less than one tenth of the world's arable land. Furthermore, almost the entire population lives in the well-watered eastern half of the country where virtually every square centimeter of farmland has been developed.

### 2. China has the following number of provinces:

A. 22 B. 23 C. 34

**Answer:** Actually, depending on who you ask, all three are correct.

Twenty-two if your politics say not to include Taiwan, twenty-three if you include Taiwan, and thirty-four if you include Taiwan, the five autonomous regions, two special districts, and four municipalities.

### 3. Following are three famous Chinese people. One is a famous singer, one a politician, and one a sports star. Match the person with their profession.

王菲 (*Wong4 Fei1*), 劉翔 (*Lau4 Coeng4*), and 曾蔭權 (*Donald Tsang; zang1 jam3 kyun4*)

**Answer:** 王菲 (*Wong4 Fei1*) - (singer), 劉翔 (*Lau4 Coeng4*) - (athlete), 曾蔭權 (*Donald Tsang; zang1 jam3 kyun4*) - (politician)

### 4. Rank in correct order the most popular travel destinations in China.

A. Xi'an B. Beijing C. Shanghai

**Answer:** 1. Beijing 2. Xi'an 3. Shanghai

**5. In what year did the economic reforms that transformed China's economy into a market-oriented economy take place?**

**Answer:** 1978

**6. Debunking a myth about China:**

Fortune cookies originated in China. True or False?

**Answer:** False!

Fortune cookies were actually an American invention. Makoto Hagiwara of the Japanese Tea Garden in San Francisco is reported to have been the first person in America to have served the American version of the cookie when he did so at the tea garden in the 1890s or early 1900s. The cookie was in fact modeled after a Japanese cracker that contained a slip of paper.

In fact, one Brooklyn-based fortune cookie manufacturer tried to introduce fortune cookies to the Chinese market, even building the first fortune cookie factory in China; however, fortune cookies didn't really take off there. The owner stated that it seemed like a good idea at the time, but that fortune cookies turned out to be too American. To this day, you will never find a fortune cookie at the end of your meal in China.