**Chinese Writing, Foot-binding, and Religion**

A quick guide to Asian languages:

1. It’s Korean if…
2. It’s Japanese if…
3. It’s Chinese if…
4. Fill in the blank: Chinese is one of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. Fill in the blank: Chinese characters \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ constitute an alphabet. Chinese characters generally represent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of spoken Chinese and may be a word on its own or a part of a polysyllabic word.
6. How many characters would an educated Chinese person know?
7. Fill in the blank: Chinese characters hugely influenced written \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and to a lesser extent, written \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
8. In the video, educated elite were not just judged on their imperial test scores. What else were they judged by?
9. How many times did the artist write 1,000 characters a day until he perfected his calligraphy?
10. Fill in the blank: Foot binding began in the 10th century and was made \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the early 20th century. Foot binding was an attempt to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
11. What made foot binding a status symbol?
12. How old were girls when they began the foot binding practice?
13. What effect did this have on marriage? On women in general?
14. What year was foot binding made illegal by the Chinese government?
15. What other cultural practices could foot binding be compared to?
16. Answer one of the following questions in one paragraph. ***Please use complete sentences.***
17. In your opinion, was foot binding a form of cultural beauty, cruelty to women, or male dominance?
18. Compare and contrast foot binding to one or more other forms of body modification in America.
19. Foot binding was continued until 1957, although it was illegal. Imagine you are a government official and argue your case to either keep it legal or to make it illegal.
20. According to official statistics, there is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but there is open practicing, especially Buddhism. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are also openly practiced.
21. Find, write down, and explain a quote from Confucianism that speaks to you.
22. Find, write down, and explain a quote from Taoism that speaks to you.
23. What do you think are the main points of each philosophy? What are some similarities and differences between Taoism and Confucianism? ***Please write these in complete sentences.***