

Item 10.C: Questions pertaining to Documents 10.8 and 10.9

Document 10.8: Excerpts from Ida Pruitt's *Daughter of Han*

Part A

- 1) Describe the behaviors Ning Lao characterizes as good and bad.
- 2) Why do you think Ning Lao is so angry with her daughter?
- 3) Why do you think the daughter behaves the way she does, even though it clearly angers and upsets her mother?

Part B

- 4) Why doesn't Ning Lao remarry?

Part C

- 5) Why do you think Ning Lao and her daughter do not find a way to meet?

Part D

- 6) Why is Ning Lao so upset about her granddaughter's decision to not marry?
- 7) Why do you think Su Teh does not marry?

Document 10.9: Excerpts from Li Xiuwen's memoir

Part A

- 1) Describe the reaction to the birth of a girl.

Part B

- 2) How did Li Xiuwen and her family prepare for her wedding?
- 3) What qualities were important for a bride to have?
- 4) How did a bride take leave of her family?
- 5) What do the wedding rituals tell you about the Chinese view of women and their place in a family?

Part C

6) Describe the relationship between Li Xiuwen and her parents-in-law.

Part D

7) Describe the relationship between Li Xiuwen and her husband.

8) How well does Li Xiuwen adjust to living in the city?

9) Describe the relationship between each parent and their son.

Part E

10) Describe the encounter between Li Xiuwen and her husband's second wife.

11) Was this new arrangement helpful or harmful overall to Li Xiuwen?

12) Compare Li Xiuwen's relationship with the second wife to the other relationships between first and second wives that she describes.