

Item 18.C: Questions for Activity 6, Documents 18.11–18.14

Document 18.11: “Should a Lack of Filial Piety Be Penalized?”

- Approximately what percentage of this community within Shanghai is below 60 years of age? What factors account for this trend?
- What does the traditional Chinese value of filial piety call upon Chinese to do?
- According to this source, under what conditions may citizens in this community now be blacklisted?
- Consider how elderly people live in your community and what you know about their relationship with their adult sons and daughters.
- Write your own response to “Forum.”

Document 18.12: “Wedding Bells”

- How might Lin and He’s marriage concerns contrast with those of people in your community contemplating marriage?
- What legal changes in China account for the increases in college students and young people getting married?
- What changes has the institution of marriage undergone in China from pre-1949 to the years following the founding of the People’s Republic of China, to the years following 1978—the start of the reform era?
- What factors do women consider in finding a husband today?
- How might the “new rules of finding a marriage partner” be anxiety-provoking compared to the old rules?
- Write a short essay comparing and contrasting women’s approach to marriage in China today with the norm in your community.

Document 18.13: “Governing Gender”

- What are some of the shortcomings the All-China Women’s Federation’s Green Paper Report cites in regards to the presence of women in China’s leadership positions?

- What efforts has the Chinese government made to bring about more leadership opportunities for women?
- Does the rapid change China is experiencing make leadership opportunities for women in the future more or less likely? Explain.
- Write a short essay comparing the role women have in your local, regional, or national government to that of women in government in China.

Document 18.14: "Earning Their Keep"

- What are the various reasons that companies favor male students in hiring for jobs?
- How have stated or unstated hiring policies affected women as a group and as individuals? Cite examples from the article.
- How do the tensions discussed in this article reflect the challenges of modernization? How do women's prospects in 2011 compare to their employment prospects in earlier decades of CCP rule?
- Write a short essay evaluating the roles of both culture and policy in gender discrimination.