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“China Debuts at Top of International Education Rankings”

By Mary Bruce, ABC News

**Directions:** Answer the following questions based on the article using complete sentences.

1. How does the US rank in math, science and reading? What do you think about this?
2. Why are “all eyes on China”?
3. Why does Tony Jackson, Vice President of Education at the Asia Society say that Asian countries are improving in education?
4. Why does Arne Duncan, Education secretary, say about these findings?
5. Why do you think US students are falling behind in math and science?
6. Explain the gender gap in education, using three specific examples.
7. Why, according to Duncan, is the biggest reason US children are falling behind?
8. Why is it important that Shanghai is number one in this study?
9. What do you think this means for your future? Give at least three specific examples.

“A U.S. Degree At any Cost”

By Justin Bergman, Time Magazine

1. Explain David Zhu’s situation. Why does the article start with his story?
2. What is an ‘education agent’ and how did one help David get into a US university?
3. Why do US universities want foreign students?
4. Why has there been such a large increase in Chinese students attending schools in the US?
5. What is *gaokao?* How does it determine which college students attend?
6. List three problems listed in the article that are caused by the use of agents in college admissions.
7. Do you think the use of agents to get help with college admissions is a fair practice? Explain.
8. Why doesn’t the law against the use of agents apply to foreign students?
9. Give that the education in China is considered to be excellent, why do you think so many Chinese students want to come to the United States?
10. What do you find to be the most interesting component of the two articles? Explain.