“**The South China Sea is the Future of Conflict” Robert D. Kaplan**

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**Answer the following questions on your own paper. You DO NOT need to write in complete sentences.**

1. Where were most of the 20th century’s battles fought?
2. Why does a rise in China’s naval power make surrounding countries uncomfortable?
3. What does Robert Kaplan say is the main difference in the ways countries fight land and sea battles?
4. What has distinguished the four different types of war the world has seen since the 1930’s?
5. More precisely, East Asia is known as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
6. The most likely possibility of land warfare in East Asia is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
7. What two reasons are given for the likelihood that defense experts will handle military affairs?
8. It is in the national interest to always try to avoid\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
9. Give all seven of the 20th century’s East Asian military campaigns.
10. What were most of the wars fought over?
11. Name the one thing contemporary East Asian militaries are concentrating on.
12. Why is the comparison between Germany and China irrelevant, according to Kaplan?
13. Northeast Asia is dominated by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and Southeast Asia is dominated by\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
14. What is a likely scenario if North Korea implodes, according to Kaplan?
15. Why would those three countries react in that way? (two reasons)
16. Why is the Cold War still in effect in Northeast Asia?
17. What kind of military action will probably take place due to North Korea’s status?
18. What sparked China’s rise to become the world’s most dynamic economy?
19. Who is pressing for the “first island chain”?
20. What parallels are drawn by Kaplan between India and Indonesia? (Give two)
21. What is Southeast Asia’s population?
22. How does that population (#21) compare to the US population (about 330 million)?
23. Name four important straits of the region.
24. Strait of Malacca’s oil movement is \_\_\_\_ that of the Suez Canal and \_\_\_\_ the amount that goes through the Panama Canal.
25. Which East Asian country receives the most of its energy supplies through the South China Sea?
26. What is the ‘cow’s tongue”? **Define its territory**
27. What country is the ‘protector’ of eight of the nine states that touch the South China Sea?
28. List, in order from highest to lowest, the countries and the number of islands each have claimed in the South China Sea.
29. What analogy does Kaplan make with the US and China?
30. What two events cemented the status of the US as a world power?
31. Why does China want to flex its military muscle in the South China Sea?
32. Give two examples why China is loath to relinquish power in the South China Sea.
33. Using contextual clues, define ‘littoral’.
34. What is the main driving force in Asian politics?
35. What did Machiavelli think to be the catalyst for human progress?
36. Where have the most arms imports gone?
37. Name three specific things countries are using to increase military capacity.
38. Why is Australia happy to keep the status quo in Asia?
39. According to Australia, who is the ‘strongest power in Asia’?
40. What Asian country is least likely to want China to become the hegemonic power?
41. What should be the aim of the US regarding the South China Sea?
42. Does Kaplan recommend a substantial naval build up in the South China Sea?
43. What is a ‘blue-water navy’?
44. Why did the US not intervene in Chechnya?