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Question 4

3 points

One point is earned for EACH correct description of a domestic factor that influenced the relaxation of China's one-child policy.

Acceptable descriptions may include:

- Male preference causes sex selective abortion or infanticide.
- Kidnappings or trafficking of females due to a shortage of females.
- Challenges of caring for an aging population.
- Concerns about filling labor shortages, including rural shortages.
- Anticipated population decline in the future.
- Too much of a decline in the birth rate.
- Concerns about uneven policy implementation
- Concerns about unregistered children who do not have access to state services.
- The redundancy of the policy given similar impacts of economic or educational modernization.

Note: Just stating that there are more males than females is not enough of a description.

One point is earned for a correct description of an international factor that influenced the relaxation of China's one-child policy.

Acceptable descriptions may include:

- Pressure from states and nongovernmental organizations, such as women's groups and human rights groups, on the Chinese government over human rights issues
- Efforts to counter brain drain, to attract back to China those who have left by allowing them to have more than one child
- China seeking to build trust with powerful countries that oppose the policy

Note: No significant pressure from multinational corporations or foreign businesses yet; no sanctions have been used or implemented against China by outside forces.

A score of zero (0) is earned for an attempted answer that earns no points or for an off-task answer.

A score of dash (—) is earned for a blank.

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the one-ented policy. All of these factors have led to a
relaxing of the one-child policy in China.

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4. Describe two domestic factors that influenced the relaxation of China's one-child policy. Describe one international factor that influenced the relaxation of the policy.

One domestic factor that influenced
the relaxation of China's One-Child
policy is the government's decision to
make birth control more accesible.
make birth control more accesible, which gove the government citizens have
more ability to control birth rates
Without government imposed laws.
Another domestic factor is that
under the one-child policy there
wasn't enough human labor to work
on farms in rural areas one
international factor is pressure
from international groups that
Chinatis selling their products that
to reax the One-Child policy.
These groups are concerned that
the citizens of China should have
civil liberties, and that government
should not be imposing laws on
personal matters.

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Question 4

Overview

The intent of this question was to assess students' knowledge of domestic factors and international considerations that have an effect on policy choices in China, specifically changes to the one-child policy. The skills tested were descriptive. The students had three specific tasks: to describe two distinct domestic factors and one international factor that influenced the Chinese government to make a change in the one-child policy.

Sample: 4A Score: 3

The response earned 1 point for correctly describing the aging population where "younger, working-age people have difficulty supporting large populations of older, non-working-age people" as a domestic factor. The response earned 1 point for describing "the unbalanced gender ratio ... leading to ... female infanticide" as a domestic factor. The response earned 1 point for describing countries and human rights groups that have "denounced the one-child policy as being an infringement on the rights of Chinese citizens, and have pressured China to end the one-child policy" as an international factor.

Sample: 4B Score: 2

The response earned 1 point for correctly describing that "China's traditional culture had placed men above females, and many female babies had been aborted" as a domestic factor. The response earned 1 point for correctly describing that some second and third children "had no legal status and were basically permanent members of a new lower class" and attributing this as a domestic factor. The response did not earn a point for correctly describing an international factor.

Sample: 4C Score: 1

The response earned 1 point for correctly describing that "under the one-child policy there wasn't enough human labor to work on farms in rural areas" and attributing this as a domestic factor. The response did not earn a point for correctly describing a second domestic factor. The response did not earn a point for correctly describing an international factor.