Meticulous

Excoriating

Copiously

Brimming with

On the cusp from … to …

This was a world of ancient beauty; a temperate, humid region whose misty, undulating hills had …

Momentous

Percolate

Unintelligible

Epitomized beauty at the time

These names reflected the inveterate aspiration of Chinese peasants for their sons to do well

Onerous

Tempted fate

Was reputed to be enchanted

Performed obeisance

From her came his full face, sensual lips, and a calm self-possession in the eyes.

Doted on him

Idyllic time

Write by wrote

Lost flair

Claiming that the teacher was a martinet

Headstrong and disobedient

His mother indulged him

Agonizing

An unthinkably insolent argument

Was keen for his son to …

Was strikingly dismissive

Wrote a seething article

Exhaustive search

Mao evinced no particular sympathy for peasants

His tone was unmistakably neutral

Intervening in politics

Seethed with political partisanship

The child emperor abdicated after the republic crumbled.

Interim provisional

The nature of the people of the country is inertia.

Typify

Unsayable