**Trade and Commerce**

**Group 1: Peasant Selling Homemade Silk**

What other crops do you raise in addition to producing silk?

Why are people demanding more tea these days than ever before?

What other products do you make at home that you can sell in the city?

What discoveries made raising rice easier so that you have time to make other products to sell

in the city?

**Group 2: Peasant Selling Surplus Crops**

What is the main crop that you peasants raise in the south?

What conditions are necessary for rice to grow?

Why does raising rice require the work of so many people?

How are you able to raise rice on hillsides?

**Group 3: Rich Landowner**

Why did you move from northern to southern China?

Why do you have so much more money now than landowners did years ago?

Why are the farmers on your land able to raise so much more rice than they could 100 years ago?

Why do you like living in the city more than on your farm?

**Group 4: Shopkeeper**

Why do you have more customers now than you used to have?

How did you know where to build your shop?

Why do you take your copper coins to a deposit shop?

What can happen to people who print fake money?

**Group 5: Barge Owner**

How does your barge get from central to northern China?

What is the most important cargo you carry to the north?

What does a barge use for power?

How do you convince people to use your barge rather than oxcarts to transport their goods?

**Group 6: Owner of an Oceangoing Junk**

With what regions outside China do your ships trade?

What goods do your ships bring back?

How large are your ships?

How do you keep from getting lost when you travel on the ocean?

**Group 7: Moneylender**

Before paper currency, what did you use for money?

Why did the government have to produce more copper coins in the 11th century?

Why did you switch to paper money?

What happens if the government prints too much paper money?

**Group 8: Woman Living in the City**

What happened to the status of women during the Song dynasty?

Why do women who live on farms have a higher status than women who live in the city?

What is foot binding?

Why is foot binding harmful to women?