Identify and critically evaluate the successes and failures of the Chinese communist revolution from the 1920s to the 1950s, and briefly discuss the main reasons for these successes and failures. On balance, did the accomplishments outweigh the shortcomings? What were the most serious crises faced by China during this period? Was a totalistic socialist revolution the inevitable, or best, solution to China’s challenges? If history were “open,” was there any “alternative path” that China could have taken?