Write a terse, coherent, yet informative paper, five double-spaced, typed pages, on the following question. Please follow the styles of standard academic writing and include full references (it can be in the form of footnotes or endnotes, or reference in the text, e.g., Wang (2002: 208), followed by a list of references at the end). If you are unfamiliar with academic styles, please consult The Chicago Manual of Style, or Kate Turabian’s A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations. Make sure you check the spelling and grammar. Feel free to use scholarly books or journals to support your arguments. You can consult any materials appropriate for the preparation of this essay, but you must provide full references, and the work must be your own. You can consult any materials appropriate for the preparation of this essay, but you must provide full references, and the work must be your own. Please include the following honor pledge at the top of your paper, and sign your name: “I pledge that I have neither given or received unauthorized assistance during the completion of this work” (signature).

Compare Chinese politics under Mao, Deng, and Jiang. To what extent (and how) politics in a later period is a continuity (or change) of the previous period(s). For example, to what extent was Dengism a departure from Maoism? To what extent it was an extension? Support your arguments with ample evidence. You may want to consider some of the obvious candidates (This list is by no means complete): (1) ideology: its significance and how it was used, (2) economic development strategies: debates on the urban-rural, industrial-agricultural, indigenous-foreign weights, (3) political participation, (4) state-society relations, (5) relations with the outside world, etc.

[Hint: You can certainly employ the “ideal type” strategy to dramatize, or even to exaggerate a little, the differences among the three. For instance, you might want to draw a simple table (in the paper or separately) to help you organize your arguments. But you should not lose sight of their similarities. If there are marked differences between any two, it is proper to explain these differences in the context of WHY (i.e., the rationales for the Dengist policies). In answering the question about change/continuity, it is useful to point out what Dengism had accomplished that Maoism could not, and vice versa, as well as the common dilemmas or failures of BOTH systems of governance.]