1. To what degree if any did President Obama’s “pivot to Asia” successfully limit China’s expansion and influence in the Asia-Pacific region?

2. How should the United States respond both diplomatically and strategically to China’s provocations in the South China Sea?

3. To what degree does current responsibility to maintain the security of the Asia-Pacific region rest almost solely on the shoulders of the United States?

4. What can be done to strengthen our alliances (e.g., with Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, and the Philippines) in the region and to deter Chinese aggression?

5. Beyond trade and currency matters, are there other areas in which the United States and China can peacefully reduce tensions?