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**CSQ – NIA/Economic Indicators**

**Table 1: Economic Indicators: China**

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|  | **2006** | **2007** | **2008** | **2009** | **2010** |
| Real GDP growth | 12.7 | 14.2 | 9.6 | 9.2 | 10.4 |
| Unemployment rate (%) | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.1 |
| Inflation (%) | 1.5 | 4.8 | 5.9 | -0.7 | 3.3 |
| Government budget (% of GDP) | -0.8 | 0.6 | -0.4 | -2.3 | -1.7 |
| Exchange rate (Yuan/US$) | 7.97 | 7.60 | 6.95 | 6.83 | 6.77 |
| Mortality, infant (0-1), per thousand live births | 20 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 |
| Expected Years of Schooling | 10.9 | 11.2 | 11.4 | 11.6 | 11.6 |

**Table 2: Economic Indicators: Japan**

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|  | **2006** | **2007** | **2008** | **2009** | **2010** |
| Real GDP growth | 1.7 | 2.2 | -1.0 | -5.5 | 4.4 |
| Unemployment rate (%) | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 5.1 | 5.1 |
| Inflation (%) | 0.3 | 0.1 | 1.4 | -1.4 | -0.7 |
| Government budget (% of GDP) | -0.9 | -2.4 | -2.9 | -7.6 | -6.7 |
| Exchange rate (Yen/US$) | 116.3 | 117.8 | 103.4 | 93.6 | 87.8 |
| Mortality, infant (0-1), per thousand live births | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Expected Years of Schooling | 15.0 | 15.1 | 15.1 | 15.1 | 15.1 |

*Source: United Nations Statistics Division*

Discuss whether the data provided are sufficient to assess changes in the economic performance and standard of living in Japan and China over the period. [10]