Smith College
Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures

**Chinese Placement Test** for First Year Students (Fall 2017)

The Placement Test is in an online multiple-choice format, which allows you to take it at your convenience before you come to Smith College for orientation. It will probably take 45 minutes to one hour to complete. The test consists of questions on vocabulary, grammar, and reading comprehension. There is no oral, listening, or writing component - these skills will be tested at the in-person part of the placement test during Orientation Week.

The test has questions ranging from very easy to very advanced; don’t worry if there are some (or many) questions you don’t understand at all. **Please answer the questions for which you know the correct answer, and those for which you can make an educated guess. If you do not understand the question at all, please leave it blank and continue to the next question (if the website gives you any “incomplete question” warnings, just ignore them).**

Your score will be available to you immediately upon completion of the test, and the Chinese Program of the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures will also be able to view your score. When you come to Smith College during the Orientation Week, an oral interview and a short written essay will be required and scheduled (see information here: [http://www.smith.edu/registrar/entering_placement.php](http://www.smith.edu/registrar/entering_placement.php)). Your course placement will be determined based on a combination of this online test, an oral interview, and a written essay.

It is important to emphasize that the online placement test and survey are for diagnostic purposes only. These diagnostic tools may be supplemented by your instructor's evaluation during the first week of classes, at which time he or she may recommend a change in registration.

The test must represent your own work. When taking it, you will be bound by Smith College’s Academic Honor Code. You may **take this test only once**. Please also note that **no dictionary or textbook can be used during your test.** Should you have any questions about your placement test, please email chineseprogram@smith.edu

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. The test is accessible after **August 1** by the link below. Please take the test **no later than 5pm on September 3rd**.

2. To take the test, go to [http://quizstar.4teachers.org/indexs.jsp](http://quizstar.4teachers.org/indexs.jsp) and click the yellow “Sign Up” arrow.

3. **Sign up with your real first and last name.** Your username and password can be anything
you want.

4. On the next screen, click the link “Click here to search a new class” and then, under the “Class Search” heading, type in “Smith College Chinese Placement Test” for Class #1. Then click on “Exact Match.”

5. Select the checkbox next to Smith College Chinese Placement Test (it should be the only search result) and click “Register.”

6. Now, go to the “Classes” tab. You will see that you have “2 Untaken Quizzes.” Click on that link, and you will see two quizzes - the simplified character version and the traditional character version. Choose whichever one you are most comfortable with, and click “Take Quiz” and then “Start Quiz.”