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PREFACE

AP Chinese Language and Culture: Practice Tests has been written primarily as a resource for the high school Advanced Placement Chinese Language and Culture (hereafter AP Chinese) course and exam preparation. The tests in this book will provide you with extensive language skills practice and broad culture exposure to help you prepare for the AP Chinese Exam and reinforce your Chinese language skills. The practice tests in this book use the format and themes specified by the College Board for the AP Chinese Examination in 2009–2011.

This book is organized in eight units by cultural theme: customs, daily life, economics, education, entertainment, family, geography, and mixed theme. Each unit is an independent full-length practice test that comes with answer keys for the multiple-choice section. Depending on your preferences and needs, the units can be completed in order, or rearranged to focus on areas that may need more review. This book provides practice questions for all four language skills tested on the exam: listening, reading, writing, and speaking.

How to Use This Book

- This book is designed to be used within the timeline of a typical AP class. Normally, an AP class runs for eight months from September to April, given that the AP Chinese Exam takes place in early May every year. We suggest covering one practice exam per month during the school year.
- If you are seeking a self-paced resource for extra exam preparation, we hope you will also find this book to be a useful supplement.
- The first seven units of the book are organized around cultural themes that are widely used in AP courses, covered in AP-level textbooks, and tested on the AP exam. Each unit provides a full practice exam covering listening, reading, writing, and speaking sections.
- Teachers and students may choose to use the units in this book in any order to fit the needs of their curriculum. The eighth unit has a mixed theme, which can be used at the end of the course or for intensive review before the AP Exam.

Unique Features

- This book adheres closely to the testing format specified in the latest *AP Chinese Language and Culture Course Description, 2009–2011*. The book simulates all aspects of the actual AP exam, such as the length of the test, number of questions, response time restrictions, types of materials, and level of difficulty.

- This book provides eight full-length practice tests, enough to use in a year-long AP Chinese course.
- This book presents Chinese in both simplified and traditional characters, as in the actual AP Chinese examination. In this book, we present simplified characters on the left and traditional characters on the right wherever the two character sets appear side by side; we present simplified characters followed by traditional characters wherever the two character sets appear one after another.
- This book offers valuable suggestions for effective test preparation and test-taking skills, based on the authors' extensive experience as teachers and parents, and their research on College Board's AP exam scoring guidelines.

Supplementary Materials

- Free MP3 sound recordings for the listening and speaking exercises may be downloaded from www.cheng-tsui.com.
- Text scripts for all audio materials used in the tests, in both simplified and traditional Chinese characters, are included in this book's appendix.
- This book provides a vocabulary index as a convenient reference and study tool.

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