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OBJECTIVE:

To utilize my skills gained from previous positions in the hospitality industry to grow within a career in the culinary field.

SKILLS:

- ServSafe Food Handler Certification
- Trained and experienced Chef
- Excellent communication and problem-solving skills
- Patient, calm and pleasant under pressure

EXPERIENCE:

Dixon Creative Catering - Los Angeles, CA

Owner/ Executive Chef

September 2006 - Present

- Consistently keep a clean and safe environment by adhering to all federal, state and local sanitation and safety requirements.
- Regularly develop new recipes in accordance with consumer tastes, nutritional needs and budgetary considerations.

Culinary Staffing- Los Angeles, CA

Sous Chef

December 2016 – March 2018

- Prepared food menu and organized events.
- Ordered ingredients and prepared various food items and desserts.

Extra Express- Brea, CA

Courier & Delivery driver

October 2015 – August 2016

- Delivered packages to various companies while provide excellent customer service.

Avenue Restaurant- Manhattan Beach, CA

Sous Chef

April 2005 – April 2007

- Prepared food in a very accelerated environment with a new monthly menu.

Chloe Restaurant- Playa Del Rey, CA

Assistant Sous Chef

May 2004 – April 2005

- Prepared salads and desserts while adhering to sanitation and proper food handling.
- Visually inspected and sampled all food for proper taste and presentation.

EDUCATION/CERTIFICATIONS:

Hospitality Training Academy

Los Angeles, CA

May 2018

California ServSafe Food Handlers Certification

June 2021

Le Cordon Bleu Culinary Arts – Associates in Science degree

Pasadena, CA

November 2003

Grill Cooks Test

Score 33 / 40

Multiple Choice Test (1 point each)

B

1) How much time should you take to wash your hands with soap?

- a) 1 minute
- b) 20 seconds
- c) Time does not matter, water temperature does
- d) 5 minutes

-1

82.5%

C

2) The recommended temperature for your refrigerator is...

- a) 45°F
- b) 50°F
- c) 40°F
- d) 20°F

D

3) Food handlers must always wash their hands

- a) Before starting work
- b) Switching between handling raw and ready-to-eat food
- c) After going to the restrooms
- d) All of the above

C

4) The most important reason for having food handlers wear hair restraints is to

- a) Prevent food from getting into food handlers' hair
- b) Prevent food handlers from contaminating their hands by touching their hair
- c) Keep the food handlers' hair in place
- d) None of the above

C

5) Which of these conditions requires immediate corrective action?

- a) Packaged food items are stored at least 6 inches above the floor
- b) Ice is being used to cool beef stew in a shallow pan
- c) Raw meats are stored on a shelf above ready-to-eat egg salad in the walk-in cooler
- d) Raw fish is stored above raw chicken in the walk-in freezer

C

6) Bacteria grow best in the temperature "danger zone" which includes temperatures between?

- a) 0°F and 100°F
- b) 32°F and 220°F
- c) 41°F and 135°F
- d) 39°F and 178°F

D

7) After cutting raw chicken, what should be done before the cutting board is used for slicing onions for salad?

- a) Clean the cutting board with a wet wiping cloth
- b) Turn the board over and use the other side
- c) Rinse the board with running water
- d) Wash, rinse, and sanitize the board prior to slicing the onions

A

8) Which of the following is NOT an approved method to thaw potentially hazardous foods?

- a) In a microwave oven
- b) During the cooking process
- c) Under cool running water
- d) On a clean counter, at room temperature

A

9) Wiping cloths stored submerged in a bucket of sanitizing solution are for:

- a) Wiping spills only
- b) Washing hands if the hand sinks are too far away
- c) Sanitizing the blade of utensils such as knives
- d) Maintaining moisture on the wiping cloth

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E 10) Food-handling gloves must be changed frequently and also:

- a) After handling garbage
- b) After every break
- c) After picking things up off the floor
- d) Between handling raw and cooked foods
- e) All of the above

C 11) A Julienne is:

- a) to cut food into 1 inch X 1 inch cubes
- b) A cooking method using high heat
- c) To cut food into 1/8 X 1/8 slices
- d) A rough cutting method producing oblong shapes

D 12) A gallon is equal to _____ ounces

- a) 56
- b) 145
- c) 32
- d) 128

B 13) How many cups are in a quart?

- a) 2
- b) 4
- c) 6
- d) 8

A 14) A Chiffonade is:

- a) To slice an herb or leafy vegetable into thin ribbons
- b) To de bone a fish
- c) Another name for parchment paper
- d) To cook food in liquid, or at just below the boiling point

C 15) Potentially hazardous hot foods must be maintained at an internal temperature of _____ or higher to be safe

- a) 145° F
- b) 135° F
- c) 160° F
- d) 180° F

C 16) Which of the following explains the process of poaching?

- a) Poke poultry on the thickest part in order to make sure it's tender
- b) To cook food in an oven that has reached 350° F
- c) Cook gently in water that is hot but not boiling (160°-180°)
- d) Submerge protein in boiling liquid to speed cooking time

A 17) If a recipe calls for 16oz of mirepoix, how many ounces of onion, celery, and carrots do you need?

- a) 8 oz of celery, 4 oz of onion, 4 oz of carrot
- b) 4 oz of celery, 8 oz of carrot, 4 oz of onion
- c) 4 oz of celery, 8 oz of onion, 4 oz of carrot
- d) 2 oz of celery, 10 oz of carrot, 2 oz of onion

C 18) Which of the following best describes braising?

- a) To cook quickly in a pan on top of the stove until food is browned
- b) Process through which natural sugars in food become browned and flavorful while cooking
- c) Cooking method by which food is browned in fat, then cooked, tightly covered, in liquid at low heat
- d) To plunge food into boiling water briefly, then into cold water to stop the cooking process

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B

19) Which of the following best describes the process of Caramelization?

- a) To cook quickly in a pan on top of the stove until food is browned
- b) Process through which natural sugars in food become browned and flavorful while cooking
- c) Cooking method by which food is browned in fat, then cooked, tightly covered, in liquid at low heat
- d) To plunge food into boiling water briefly, then into cold water to stop the cooking process

C

20) What temperature should chicken be cooked to?

- a) 145°F
- b) 155°F
- c) 165°F
- d) 175°F

B

21) What temperature should ALL ground meat be cooked to?

- a) 145°F
- b) 155°F
- c) 165°F
- d) 175°F

A

22) What temperature should fish be cooked to?

- a) 145°F
- b) 155°F
- c) 165°F
- d) 175°F

23) What is a roux and what is it used for? (2 points)

A combination of Fat and Flour used to
thicken Soups, Sauces. ~~and~~ ~~Stock~~

24) What is the process of making clarified butter, and why is clarified butter used? (3 points)

Heat Slowly until Fat rises to top, skim off Fat until
Clear of all Fat, for Hollandaise mainly, and Seafood

25) What are the 5 mother sauces? (5 points)

1. Bechamel
2. Mornay
3. Alfredo
4. Hollandaise
5. Bolognese

26) What does it mean to season a grill and why is this process important? (3 points)

Keep it Cleaned and to keep Protein from
Contamination and Sticking, to heat evenly.

27) What are the ingredients in Hollandaise sauce? (5 points)

Egg Yolks, Clarified Butter, Cayenne and
Lemon Juice. -1

