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Cook

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To obtain a position to apply my managerial background, expand my knowledge, and offer opportunities for personal and professional growth.

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To obtain an entry level position as a Prep Cook, Line Cook, or Garde Manger. Bringing knowledge of Culinary Arts and it's implementation in a real-time environment. Well-versed in food preparation and presentation activities.

Authorized to work in the US for any employer

Work Experience

Freelance Caterer

Caprii Gold Catering LLC

May 2017 to Present

- Off-Premise catering from small to large events
- In-house private brunches and dinners
- Individual meal prep and delivery

Cook Aide

Integrity House - Secaucus, NJ

January 2019 to May 2019

- Supervision of kitchen crew
- Preparation of breakfast, lunch, and dinner
- Responsible of creating "Soup of the Day"
- Preparing meals in large volumes to meet deadlines

Line Cook

Hamilton Farm Golf Club - Gladstone, NJ

October 2017 to December 2017

- Assembly line plating
- Banquet Cook
- Food Prep for breakfast, lunch, and dinner

Group Home Manager

Community Options Inc. - Elmwood Park, NJ

September 2008 to July 2017

- Supervised eleven staff members and two group homes
- Daily & Monthly paperwork completed in a timely manner to meet standards
- Assisted in the process of interviewing potential candidates for employment

Education

Associate (pending graduation) in Culinary Arts

Passaic County Community College - Wanaque, NJ

August 2017 to May 2019

Skills

Food Service, Knife skills & cooking methods (2 years), Fresh Pasta & Mozzarella (2 years), Catering & Plating 101 (2 years), Baking Fundamentals & Bread Baking (2 years), Fusion Cuisine & Dining Room Service (1 year)

Certifications/Licenses

ServSafe Alcohol

April 2017 to April 2020

ServSafe Manager

November 2017 to November 2022

Groups

American Culinary Federation

October 2017 to Present

Grill Cooks Test

Score ²⁴ / 40

Multiple Choice Test (1 point each)

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

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

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

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

3) Food handlers must always wash their hands

- D
- 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

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

- C
- 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

5) Which of these conditions requires immediate corrective action?

- C
- 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

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

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

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

- D
- 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

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

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

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

- A
- ☒ 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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Grill Cooks Test

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

B

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

C

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

Grill Cooks Test

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)

Roux is equal parts Fat + Flour. It is used to thicken things like soup and stews.

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

melt down the butter and remove the foamy part which is the milk solids. Clarified butter is used to cook without burning the item.

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

1. Velouté
2. Hollandaise
3. Demi-brown (Espagnole)
4. Tomato
5. Bechamel

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

lightly oil the grill to make sure it doesn't rust.

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

egg yolks
Lemon juice
clarified butter
Cayenne
water

Multiple Choice (1 point each)

- D 1) A gallon is equal to _____ ounces
- a. 56
 - b. 145
 - c. 32
 - ☒ d. 128
- C 2) Mesclun are what type of vegetable?
- a. Roots
 - b. Beans
 - ☒ c. Salad Greens
 - d. Spices
- B A 3) What does the term braise mean?
- ☒ a. Sear quickly on both sides
 - b. Slowly cook in covered pan with little liquid
 - c. Cook on high heat and quickly
 - d. Slowly cook in simmering water
- B 4) At what internal temperature must chicken be cooked so that it is safe to eat?
- a. 155 degrees F
 - ☒ b. 165 degrees F
 - c. 175 degrees F
 - d. 185 degrees F
- A 5) How do you blanch vegetables?
- ☒ a. Immerse for a short time in boiling water
 - b. Cook lightly in butter over med heat
 - c. Soak in cold water overnight
 - d. Rub with salt before cooking
- C 6) Which of the following ingredients would you pack before measuring?
- a. Olive Oil
 - b. Salt
 - ☒ c. Brown Sugar
 - d. White Sugar
- A 7) What is Al Dente?
- ☒ a. Firm but not hard
 - b. Soft to the touch
 - c. Very hard
 - d. Very soft
- C 8) Food should be left out no more than
- a. 2 hours
 - b. 3 hours
 - ☒ c. 4 hours
 - d. 5 hours

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Prep Cooks Test

- C A ~~9~~ 9) Which is the improper way to thaw frozen food?
- a. In the fridge
 - b. In a sink with cold water
 - c. On the counter
 - d. In the microwave
- A 10) Which of the following can you use to put out a grease fire?
- a. Baking Soda
 - b. Baking Powder
 - c. Flour
 - d. Water
- B 11) What is the temperature range of the danger zone?
- a. 25-135
 - b. 40-140
 - c. 50-160
 - d. 30-130
- D 12) Which of the following is listed from smallest to largest?
- a. Dice, chop, mince
 - b. Mince, chop, dice
 - c. Chop, dice, Mince
 - d. Mince, dice, chop
- C B ~~13~~ 13) Which direction should pan handles be turned while cooking on the stove?
- a. Over the fire at all times
 - b. Turned towards you for better control
 - c. Turned towards the right or left at all times
 - d. Over the countertop at all times
- C 14) When you poach something, you cook it with what?
- a. Noodles
 - b. Vegetables
 - c. Liquid
 - d. Oil
- B A ~~15~~ 15) Which spoon is used to remove fat from soups and stews?
- a. Basting Spoon
 - b. Ladle
 - c. Slotted Spoon
 - d. Portion Spoon
- B 16) Which of the following means to cook in a small amount of fat?
- a. Season
 - b. Sauté
 - c. Broil
 - d. Boil
 - e. Fry

Prep Cooks Test

- A 17) What is a Julien cut?
- a. Food cut into long thin strips, matchstick
 - b. Food cut into long thin strips then turned and cut into a 1/8" dice
 - c. Food diced into finely chopped and uniform pieces
 - d. Cutting and peeling into oblong seven sided football like shapes
- A 18) To cook a food in a pan without browning over low heat until the item softens and releases moisture.
- a. Sweat
 - b. Boil
 - c. Roast
 - d. Grill

Fill-in the Blank (1 point each)

- 19) Salt & Pepper are the basic seasoning ingredients for all savory recipes.
- 20) Mince: to cut into very small pieces when uniformity of size and shape is not important.