Cicerone Level 2 Certification Practice Exam (Sample)

Study Guide

Everything you need from our exam experts!

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Introduction

Preparing for a certification exam can feel overwhelming, but with the right tools, it becomes an opportunity to build confidence, sharpen your skills, and move one step closer to your goals. At Examzify, we believe that effective exam preparation isn't just about memorization, it's about understanding the material, identifying knowledge gaps, and building the test-taking strategies that lead to success.

This guide was designed to help you do exactly that.

Whether you're preparing for a licensing exam, professional certification, or entry-level qualification, this book offers structured practice to reinforce key concepts. You'll find a wide range of multiple-choice questions, each followed by clear explanations to help you understand not just the right answer, but why it's correct.

The content in this guide is based on real-world exam objectives and aligned with the types of questions and topics commonly found on official tests. It's ideal for learners who want to:

- **Practice answering questions under realistic conditions,**
- **Improve accuracy and speed,**
- **Review explanations to strengthen weak areas, and**
- **Approach the exam with greater confidence.**

We recommend using this book not as a stand-alone study tool, but alongside other resources like flashcards, textbooks, or hands-on training. For best results, we recommend working through each question, reflecting on the explanation provided, and revisiting the topics that challenge you most.

Remember: successful test preparation isn't about getting every question right the first time, it's about learning from your mistakes and improving over time. Stay focused, trust the process, and know that every page you turn brings you closer to success.

Let's begin.

How to Use This Guide

This guide is designed to help you study more effectively and approach your exam with confidence. Whether you're reviewing for the first time or doing a final refresh, here’s how to get the most out of your Examzify study guide:

1. Start with a Diagnostic Review

Skim through the questions to get a sense of what you know and what you need to focus on. Your goal is to identify knowledge gaps early.

2. Study in Short, Focused Sessions

Break your study time into manageable blocks (e.g. 30 – 45 minutes). Review a handful of questions, reflect on the explanations.

3. Learn from the Explanations

After answering a question, always read the explanation, even if you got it right. It reinforces key points, corrects misunderstandings, and teaches subtle distinctions between similar answers.

4. Track Your Progress

Use bookmarks or notes (if reading digitally) to mark difficult questions. Revisit these regularly and track improvements over time.

5. Simulate the Real Exam

Once you're comfortable, try taking a full set of questions without pausing. Set a timer and simulate test-day conditions to build confidence and time management skills.

6. Repeat and Review

Don’t just study once, repetition builds retention. Re-attempt questions after a few days and revisit explanations to reinforce learning. Pair this guide with other Examzify tools like flashcards, and digital practice tests to strengthen your preparation across formats.

There’s no single right way to study, but consistent, thoughtful effort always wins. Use this guide flexibly, adapt the tips above to fit your pace and learning style. You've got this!

Questions

1. If the regulator shutoff or main CO2 tank valve is closed, what should be done?

A. Replace the CO2 tank

B. Check for leaks in the system

C. Turn on the regulator shutoff

D. Increase the keg pressure

2. Which of the following is NOT a type of faucet used in draft systems?

A. Regular faucet

B. Perlick faucet

C. Nitro faucet

D. Carbon faucet

3. What distinguishes the mouthfeel of a Belgian Dubbel?

A. Medium to medium-light body, smooth

B. Medium-light with effervescent quality

C. Very dry with high carbonation

D. Light and watery with low bitterness

4. What are choker lines in a draft system?

A. Flexible tubes that transport beer

B. Jumper lines that add resistance to balance a system

C. Lines that regulate CO2 levels

D. Cooling lines that manage beer temperature

5. What component helps to create cascading bubbles in nitro draft beer?

A. Thermostat

B. Diaphragm and restrictor plate

C. Safety valve

D. Primary regulator

6. What practice can a retailer implement to ensure beer freshness?

A. Serve the oldest beer first

B. Rotate inventory regularly

C. Keep beer in sunlight

D. Store beer in non-refrigerated conditions

7. What is a common consequence of exposing cask ale to air during service?

A. Improved carbonation

B. Rapid oxidation

C. Increased flavor intensity

D. Enhanced freshness

8. What is a likely cause of excessively foamy beer from the tap if the pressure is too high?

A. Beer temperature is too low

B. CO2 is out of solution

C. Keg is too warm

D. Temperature is too cold

9. What color range does a Trappist/Abbey Tripel fall under?

A. Deep yellow to deep golden

B. Pale to straw yellow

C. Light amber to copper

D. Bright gold to clear

10. What is the typical ABV range of a Kriek or Framboise lambic?

A. 3-5%

B. 4-6%

C. 5-7%

D. 7-9%

Answers

1. C
2. D
3. A
4. B
5. B
6. B
7. B
8. B
9. A
10. C

Explanations

1. If the regulator shutoff or main CO2 tank valve is closed, what should be done?

A. Replace the CO2 tank

B. Check for leaks in the system

C. Turn on the regulator shutoff

D. Increase the keg pressure

When the regulator shutoff or main CO2 tank valve is closed, the appropriate response is to turn the regulator shutoff back on. This action allows CO2 to flow from the tank to the system again, enabling the proper carbonation and dispensing of the beer. It's an essential step to restore functionality and ensure that the beverage is served at the desired pressure and carbonation level. While there may be other considerations regarding leak checks or tank replacement under different circumstances, the immediate action to regain control over the system flow is to ensure that the regulator shutoff is opened. This restores the flow of CO2 and addresses the issue of the system being unable to dispense beer correctly due to a lack of pressure.

2. Which of the following is NOT a type of faucet used in draft systems?

A. Regular faucet

B. Perlick faucet

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D. Carbon faucet

The chosen answer identifies "Carbon faucet" as the option that is not a recognized type of faucet used in draft beer systems. In the realm of draft systems, faucets play a crucial role in dispensing beer, and they vary in design and function. Regular faucets are the standard choice found in most systems, known for their simplicity and reliability. Perlick faucets, on the other hand, are innovative designs that prevent beer from being trapped in the faucet, reducing waste and ensuring better quality pours. Nitro faucets are used specifically for serving nitro beers, which require a different gas mixture for dispensing, often yielding a creamy texture. The term "Carbon faucet" does not correspond to any standard or commonly accepted classification within draft systems. While carbon dioxide is indeed used in the carbonation and serving processes of many beers, the faucets themselves are designated by their operational mechanics rather than the gas they utilize. Therefore, it is correct to conclude that "Carbon faucet" does not represent a type of faucet utilized in draft beer dispensing systems.

3. What distinguishes the mouthfeel of a Belgian Dubbel?

A. Medium to medium-light body, smooth

B. Medium-light with effervescent quality

C. Very dry with high carbonation

D. Light and watery with low bitterness

The mouthfeel of a Belgian Dubbel is characterized primarily by its medium to medium-light body, coupled with a smooth texture. This style of beer often has a rich malt backbone, which contributes to a fuller mouthfeel while maintaining a level of smoothness that is pleasant to drink. The smoothness allows the flavors, typically rich malty sweetness combined with subtle dark fruit notes, to unfold harmoniously on the palate. While some Belgian styles may exhibit effervescence or a dry character, a traditional Dubbel does not prioritize those qualities. Instead, it emphasizes a well-rounded and balanced mouthfeel that invites the drinker to savor its complexity. This attention to mouthfeel is part of what makes Dubbels distinct from other Belgian styles, which can vary significantly in body and carbonation levels.

4. What are choker lines in a draft system?

A. Flexible tubes that transport beer

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Choker lines in a draft system are specifically designed to add resistance within the beer transport system, thereby helping to balance the flow of beer from the keg to the tap. These lines introduce additional friction and pressure drop, which can be crucial in systems where the natural pressure provided by the CO2 and the design of the beer line does not adequately regulate the flow. Balancing a draft system is essential to ensure that the beer pours correctly—neither too fast nor too slow—while avoiding off-flavors or unwanted gas issues. By using choker lines, a brewer can make adjustments that account for variations in beer viscosity, line length, and temperature, which could otherwise lead to pouring problems. While other options refer to components of the draft system, they do not accurately describe the role of choker lines. For instance, flexible tubes transport beer but don't inherently balance flow; CO2 regulation is handled by other mechanisms in the system; and cooling lines, although important, serve a different purpose by managing temperature rather than affecting flow dynamics directly.

5. What component helps to create cascading bubbles in nitro draft beer?

A. Thermostat

B. Diaphragm and restrictor plate

C. Safety valve

D. Primary regulator

Cascading bubbles in nitro draft beer are primarily created by the diaphragm and restrictor plate. When nitrogen-infused beer is poured, the diaphragm and restrictor plate work together to control the flow of the beer. The restrictor plate, which has precise openings, creates turbulence as the beer flows through it, leading to the formation of tiny bubbles. As the beer is agitated, nitrogen gas is forced out of the liquid, leading to the cascading effect that many find visually appealing. The combination of low pressure and the restrictor also assists in stabilizing the foam, allowing for a smooth and creamy texture that is characteristic of nitro beers. This mechanism is essential in achieving the unique mouthfeel and presentation that nitro drafts are known for. Other components like the thermostat, safety valve, and primary regulator play important roles in the overall system but do not directly contribute to the formation of cascading bubbles. The thermostat governs temperature, the safety valve ensures system integrity and prevents overpressure, and the primary regulator controls gas pressure, none of which specifically creates the bubble dynamics seen in nitro beer.

6. What practice can a retailer implement to ensure beer freshness?

A. Serve the oldest beer first

B. Rotate inventory regularly

C. Keep beer in sunlight

D. Store beer in non-refrigerated conditions

Rotating inventory regularly is a crucial practice for retailers to ensure beer freshness. This involves arranging products so that the older stock is sold first, which minimizes the risk of beers reaching their expiration date or losing their optimal flavor profile. Beer, especially hoppy styles, can degrade in quality over time due to factors like light exposure and temperature fluctuations. By regularly checking and rearranging the inventory, retailers can maintain the integrity of their products and provide customers with fresher options, thus enhancing the overall experience. This practice not only supports quality control but also builds customer trust, as they are more likely to purchase beer that is guaranteed to be fresh. Keeping inventory rotated effectively is recognized as a best practice in retail operations, particularly for products that have a limited shelf life.

7. What is a common consequence of exposing cask ale to air during service?

A. Improved carbonation

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Exposing cask ale to air during service typically results in rapid oxidation, which can significantly alter the beer's flavor profile. When cask ale is exposed to air, oxygen interacts with the beer and causes it to oxidize more quickly than bottled or kegged beer, which usually has more protection from oxygen during packaging and storage. As the beer oxidizes, it can develop off-flavors such as cardboard, paper, or even sherry-like notes that detract from the intended taste. While oxidation affects the freshness and overall quality of the beer negatively, it does not improve carbonation, increase flavor intensity, or enhance freshness, making the choice of rapid oxidation the most accurate consequence of exposing cask ale to air during service.

8. What is a likely cause of excessively foamy beer from the tap if the pressure is too high?

A. Beer temperature is too low

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When the pressure is too high in a draft beer system, it can lead to excessive foaming due to the carbon dioxide (CO2) being driven out of solution. In draft beer, proper carbonation is maintained when the CO2 is dissolved in the liquid at the correct balance of pressure and temperature. However, if the pressure applied to the keg is too high, it increases the rate at which CO2 escapes from the beer as it is poured. This results in excessive foam because the beer is unable to maintain its carbonation in the glass, leading to a large amount of bubbles. In this context, beer temperature is also a significant factor; if beer is too cold, it can hold CO2 better, while if it is too warm, CO2 is more likely to escape. However, when the main issue is identified as excessively high pressure, the direct cause of CO2 being out of solution leading to foam is the primary focus. Thus, identifying CO2 out of solution as a cause for this issue accurately captures the complex interaction of pressure and carbonation in draft systems.

9. What color range does a Trappist/Abbey Tripel fall under?

A. Deep yellow to deep golden

B. Pale to straw yellow

C. Light amber to copper

D. Bright gold to clear

A Trappist/Abbey Tripel typically embodies a color range that can be described as deep yellow to deep golden. This style of beer is known for its strong, fruity, and spicy flavors, often enhanced by the yeast used during fermentation, which contributes to a rich and complex profile. The use of pale malts in brewing Tripels results in a beer that presents with vibrant hues, reflecting the depth of its fermentation and the careful brewing techniques employed in the production process. The other color ranges mentioned do not accurately capture the essence of a Tripel; for instance, pale to straw yellow would be more characteristic of lighter styles such as a pilsner, while light amber to copper typically describes darker ales. Bright gold to clear may apply to some golden ales, but the visual depth and richness associated with a Tripel leans more heavily into the deeper golden spectrum.

10. What is the typical ABV range of a Kriek or Framboise lambic?

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The typical alcohol by volume (ABV) range for Kriek and Framboise lambics is generally between 5-7%. These styles of beer are brewed with the addition of real fruit, such as cherries for Kriek and raspberries for Framboise, which contributes to their distinct flavors and aromas. The fermentation process utilized in lambics, which involves wild yeast and bacteria, allows for a diverse range of styles and complexities. While some lighter lambics may fall on the lower end of the scale, the majority of commercially produced Krieks and Framboises are crafted with an ABV that typically falls within this 5-7% range, providing a balanced body and enhancing the fruity characteristics without overwhelming the palate. This makes them appealing options for those looking to enjoy flavorful, fruit-forward beers while still maintaining a moderate level of alcohol.

Next Steps

Congratulations on reaching the final section of this guide. You've taken a meaningful step toward passing your certification exam and advancing your career.

As you continue preparing, remember that consistent practice, review, and self-reflection are key to success. Make time to revisit difficult topics, simulate exam conditions, and track your progress along the way.

If you need help, have suggestions, or want to share feedback, we'd love to hear from you. Reach out to our team at hello@examzify.com.

Or visit your dedicated course page for more study tools and resources:

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We wish you the very best on your exam journey. You've got this!