

**Off-Flavor Identification:** The first beer you receive will be a “control” or unspiked sample. Compare samples A through D to the control. Three of these four samples contain an off flavor. Identify the samples that have an off flavor and identify the off flavor from this list:

Acetaldehyde	Acetic	Diacetyl	DMS (dimethyl sulfide)	Lightstruck (3MBT)	Trans-2- Nonenal (papery)
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Write “none” or “same as control” for the unspiked sample.

Sample A: Name the off flavor you detect or write “none”: \_\_\_\_\_

Sample B: Name the off flavor you detect or write “none”: \_\_\_\_\_

Sample C: Name the off flavor you detect or write “none”: \_\_\_\_\_

Sample D: Name the off flavor you detect or write “none”: \_\_\_\_\_

**Style Discrimination:** Assess the flavor profile of each beer sample. Determine which of the two listed beer styles the sample is a better example of. Circle your answer.

**(Note that the comparisons listed below are examples of possible style pairs, and do not comprehensively represent the questions possible on a given Certified Cicerone tasting exam.)**

Sample E: Is this an example of German Pils or Munich Helles

Sample F: Is this an example of American Pale Ale or Strong Bitter

Sample G: Is this an example of Belgian Dubbel or British Brown Ale

Sample H: Is this an example of Doppelbock or Wee Heavy

**Quality Assessment:** Taste samples I – L and decide whether they exhibit signs of mishandling since leaving the brewery. Assume each sample could have come from a bottle, a can, or from a draft system. If a sample has a flaw associated with improper handling, name the flavor and briefly explain what may have caused it to appear. Note: Sample temperature and/or carbonation level may not be optimal in an exam setting

**(Note that the specific beers listed below are examples of possible beers presented, and do not comprehensively represent the questions possible on a given Certified Cicerone tasting exam.)**

**Sample I: Munich Helles**

Does this sample show signs of mishandling?                      **Yes**                      **No**

If you answered “Yes,” please identify the off flavor you taste, and its likely cause.

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**Sample J: Saison**

Does this sample show signs of mishandling?                      **Yes**                      **No**

If you answered “Yes,” please identify the off flavor you taste, and its likely cause.

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**Sample K: American Stout**

Does this sample show signs of mishandling?                      **Yes**                      **No**

If you answered “Yes,” please identify the off flavor you taste, and its likely cause.

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**Sample L: Scottish Export**

Does this sample show signs of mishandling?                      **Yes**                      **No**

If you answered “Yes,” please identify the off flavor you taste, and its likely cause.

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