Starter - Taste Appropriate Score

Hot foods/Hot plate- Cold food/Cold plate as appropriate 9-10

All items cooked properly

Sauces of very good consistency and viscosity  
Very good, fully developed flavors  
Balanced, layered flavors

Generally hot food-cold food as appropriate 7-8

Items mostly properly cooked, slightly over/under cooked  
Sauces slightly thick or thin  
Good flavors, not fully developed  
Mostly balanced, layered flavors

Generally hot food-cold food as appropriate 5-6

Some items properly cooked, slightly over/under cooked  
Some sauces slightly thick or thin  
Some good flavors, not fully developed  
Some balanced flavors, lacking layered flavors

Hot food served cool/Cold food served cool 3-4

Few items properly cooked, over/under cooked

Many sauces thick or thin  
Average flavors, little development  
Few balanced flavors, little layered flavors

Hot food served cold/Cold food served room temperature 1-2

Items not properly cooked, very under or over cooked  
Sauces very thick, pasty or thin  
Poor flavors, off flavors, very underdeveloped  
No or inappropriate garnish  
Very unbalanced flavors  
Missing items

* Each meal component should be appropriate to the complete menu. Flavors across the menu should have harmony for the palate. The five characteristics considered for a plated meal will be
  + Oral: Flavor, Texture, Temperature
  + Visual: Color, Shape
* A starter has been specified in the rules to consist of:
  + A first course: soup, salad or appetizer
  + 4-6 oz of total edible weight

Starter - Finished Product Appropriate Score

Very good product color, evidence of proper cooking techniques 5

Sauces of very good color

All portion sizes appropriate

Clean plate, clean appetizing appearance and presentation

Balanced presentation

Multiple textures and shapes displayed

No inedible garnish

Good colors 3-4

Sauces’ color somewhat light or dark

Most portion sizes appropriate

Mostly clean plate with clean appetizing appearance and presentation

Mostly balanced presentation

Some textures/shapes displayed

Little inedible garnish

Very little, or confusing colors 1-2

Sauces’ color very light or dark

Inappropriate portion sizes

Messy/dirty plate, appearance and/or presentation

Poorly balanced presentation

Few textures and/or shapes displayed

Inedible garnish

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