Beer Written Proficiency Exam Instructions

Answer the questions completely, but don't be verbose. The challenge is to organize your thoughts and express them well in the 90 minute time period. For a passing score, beer style descriptions must include the aroma, appearance, flavor, and mouthfeel descriptions as in the BJCP Style Guidelines. If time permits, for maximum credit, a more complete answer should consider the history of the style, geography, commercial examples, style parameters, unique ingredients, and fermentation techniques and conditions. When a question asks for a classic commercial example of a style the correct answer is one of the styles listed in the BJCP Style Guidelines.

- Add you exam participant number on each answer page - do not include your name.
- Only write on one side of the paper, back sides are not copied.
- Number all pages (1 of n, 2 of n. etc.).
- Start each question on a new sheet of paper.
- Write firmly (with dark pencil/ink) to facilitate photocopying of your exam.
- Do not write to the very edge of the page since that will make it difficult to photocopy and portions of your answer may not get to the graders.
- Please write neatly; handwriting is meant to be read, and not to be solved.
- Manage your time carefully!

Do not return this form with your examination paperwork.