

## Exam Questions CS0-002

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#### NEW QUESTION 1

The inability to do remote updates of certificates, keys software and firmware is a security issue commonly associated with:

- A. web servers on private networks.
- B. HVAC control systems
- C. smartphones
- D. firewalls and UTM devices

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 2

An organization developed a comprehensive modern response policy Executive management approved the policy and its associated procedures. Which of the following activities would be MOST beneficial to evaluate personnel's familiarity with incident response procedures?

- A. A simulated breach scenario evolving the incident response team
- B. Completion of annual information security awareness training by all employees
- C. Tabletop activities involving business continuity team members
- D. Completion of lessons-learned documentation by the computer security incident response team
- E. External and internal penetration testing by a third party

**Answer: A**

#### NEW QUESTION 3

A security analyst received an email with the following key: Xj3XJ3LLc

A second security analyst received an email with following key: 3XJ3xjcLLC

The security manager has informed the two analysts that the email they received is a key that allows access to the company's financial segment for maintenance. This is an example of:

- A. dual control
- B. private key encryption
- C. separation of duties
- D. public key encryption
- E. two-factor authentication

**Answer: A**

#### NEW QUESTION 4

A security analyst has a sample of malicious software and needs to know what the sample does? The analyst runs the sample in a carefully controlled and monitored virtual machine to observe the software behavior. Which of the following malware analysis approaches is this?

- A. White box testing
- B. Fuzzing
- C. Sandboxing
- D. Static code analysis

**Answer: C**

#### NEW QUESTION 5

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**Answer: A**

#### NEW QUESTION 6

It is important to parameterize queries to prevent:

- A. the execution of unauthorized actions against a database.
- B. a memory overflow that executes code with elevated privileges.
- C. the establishment of a web shell that would allow unauthorized access.
- D. the queries from using an outdated library with security vulnerabilities.

**Answer: A**

#### NEW QUESTION 7

A security analyst suspects a malware infection was caused by a user who downloaded malware after clicking <http://<malwaresource>/a.php> in a phishing email. To prevent other computers from being infected by the same malware variation, the analyst should create a rule on the.

- A. email server that automatically deletes attached executables.
- B. IDS to match the malware sample.

- C. proxy to block all connections to <malwaresource>.
- D. firewall to block connection attempts to dynamic DNS hosts.

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 8

An organization was alerted to a possible compromise after its proprietary data was found for sale on the Internet. An analyst is reviewing the logs from the next-generation UTM in an attempt to find evidence of this breach. Given the following output:

Which of the following should be the focus of the investigation?

- A. webserver.org-dmz.org
- B. sftp.org-dmz.org
- C. 83hht23.org-int.org
- D. ftps.bluedmed.net

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 9

A Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) wants to upgrade an organization's security posture by improving proactive activities associated with attacks from internal and external threats.

Which of the following is the MOST proactive tool or technique that feeds incident response capabilities?

- A. Development of a hypothesis as part of threat hunting
- B. Log correlation, monitoring, and automated reporting through a SIEM platform
- C. Continuous compliance monitoring using SCAP dashboards
- D. Quarterly vulnerability scanning using credentialed scans

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 10

Which of the following technologies can be used to house the entropy keys for disk encryption on desktops and laptops?

- A. Self-encrypting drive
- B. Bus encryption
- C. TPM
- D. HSM

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 10

A hybrid control is one that:

- A. is implemented differently on individual systems
- B. is implemented at the enterprise and system levels
- C. has operational and technical components
- D. authenticates using passwords and hardware tokens

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 14

A security analyst is reviewing the following log entries to identify anomalous activity:

Which of the following attack types is occurring?

- A. Directory traversal
- B. SQL injection
- C. Buffer overflow
- D. Cross-site scripting

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 16

A security analyst reviews the following aggregated output from an Nmap scan and the border firewall ACL:

Which of the following should the analyst reconfigure to BEST reduce organizational risk while maintaining current functionality?

- A. PC1
- B. PC2
- C. Server1
- D. Server2
- E. Firewall

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 20

As a proactive threat-hunting technique, hunters must develop situational cases based on likely attack scenarios derived from the available threat intelligence information. After forming the basis of the scenario, which of the following may the threat hunter construct to establish a framework for threat assessment?

- A. Critical asset list
- B. Threat vector
- C. Attack profile
- D. Hypothesis

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 24

A security analyst on the threat-hunting team has developed a list of unneeded, benign services that are currently running as part of the standard OS deployment for workstations. The analyst will provide this list to the operations team to create a policy that will automatically disable the services for all workstations in the organization.

Which of the following BEST describes the security analyst's goal?

- A. To create a system baseline
- B. To reduce the attack surface
- C. To optimize system performance
- D. To improve malware detection

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 26

Ann, a user, reports to the security team that her browser began redirecting her to random sites while using her Windows laptop. Ann further reports that the OS shows the C: drive is out of space despite having plenty of space recently. Ann claims she not downloaded anything. The security team obtains the laptop and begins to investigate, noting the following:

File access auditing is turned off.  
When clearing up disk space to make the laptop functional, files that appear to be cached web pages are immediately created in a temporary directory, filling up the available drive space.  
All processes running appear to be legitimate processes for this user and machine.  
Network traffic spikes when the space is cleared on the laptop.  
No browser is open.  
Which of the following initial actions and tools would provide the BEST approach to determining what is happening?

- A. Delete the temporary files, run an Nmap scan, and utilize Burp Suite.
- B. Disable the network connection, check Sysinternals Process Explorer, and review netstat output.
- C. Perform a hard power down of the laptop, take a dd image, and analyze with FTK.
- D. Review logins to the laptop, search Windows Event Viewer, and review Wireshark captures.

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 28

An organization needs to limit its exposure to accidental disclosure when employees send emails that contain personal information to recipients outside the company Which of the following technical controls would BEST accomplish this goal?

- A. DLP
- B. Encryption
- C. Data masking
- D. SPF

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 30

An organization has not had an incident for several months. The Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) wants to move to a more proactive stance for security investigations. Which of the following would BEST meet that goal?

- A. Root-cause analysis
- B. Active response
- C. Advanced antivirus
- D. Information-sharing community
- E. Threat hunting

**Answer:** E

#### NEW QUESTION 32

Which of the following will allow different cloud instances to share various types of data with a minimal amount of complexity?

- A. Reverse engineering
- B. Application log collectors
- C. Workflow orchestration
- D. API integration
- E. Scripting

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 36

A development team is testing a new application release. The team needs to import existing client PHI data records from the production environment to the test environment to test accuracy and functionality.

Which of the following would BEST protect the sensitivity of this data while still allowing the team to perform the testing?

- A. Deidentification
- B. Encoding
- C. Encryption
- D. Watermarking

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 40

A security analyst is trying to determine if a host is active on a network. The analyst first attempts the following:

The analyst runs the following command next:

Which of the following would explain the difference in results?

- A. ICMP is being blocked by a firewall.
- B. The routing tables for ping and hping3 were different.
- C. The original ping command needed root permission to execute.
- D. hping3 is returning a false positive.

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 43

A security analyst for a large financial institution is creating a threat model for a specific threat actor that is likely targeting an organization's financial assets.

Which of the following is the BEST example of the level of sophistication this threat actor is using?

- A. Social media accounts attributed to the threat actor
- B. Custom malware attributed to the threat actor from prior attacks
- C. Email addresses and phone numbers tied to the threat actor
- D. Network assets used in previous attacks attributed to the threat actor
- E. IP addresses used by the threat actor for command and control

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 48

A security analyst is investigating a system compromise. The analyst verifies the system was up to date on OS patches at the time of the compromise. Which of the following describes the type of vulnerability that was MOST likely exploited?

- A. Insider threat
- B. Buffer overflow
- C. Advanced persistent threat
- D. Zero day

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 53

A security analyst is reviewing the logs from an internal chat server. The chat.log file is too large to review manually, so the analyst wants to create a shorter log file that only includes lines associated with a user demonstrating anomalous activity. Below is a snippet of the log:

Which of the following commands would work BEST to achieve the desired result?

- A. grep -v chatter14 chat.log
- B. grep -i pythonfun chat.log
- C. grep -i javashark chat.log
- D. grep -v javashark chat.log
- E. grep -v pythonfun chat.log
- F. grep -i chatter14 chat.log

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 55

Data spillage occurred when an employee accidentally emailed a sensitive file to an external recipient. Which of the following controls would have MOST likely prevented this incident?

- A. SSO
- B. DLP
- C. WAF
- D. VDI

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 58

Which of the following technologies can be used to store digital certificates and is typically used in high-security implementations where integrity is paramount?

- A. HSM
- B. eFuse
- C. UEFI
- D. Self-encrypting drive

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 63

A security analyst receives an alert that highly sensitive information has left the company's network. Upon investigation, the analyst discovers an outside IP range has had connections from three servers more than 100 times in the past month. The affected servers are virtual machines. Which of the following is the BEST course of action?

- A. Shut down the servers as soon as possible, move them to a clean environment, restart, run a vulnerability scanner to find weaknesses, determine the root cause, remediate, and report.
- B. Report the data exfiltration to management, take the affected servers offline, conduct an antivirus scan, remediate all threats found, and return the servers to service.
- C. Disconnect the affected servers from the network, use the virtual machine console to access the systems, determine which information has left the network, find the security weakness, and remediate.
- D. Determine if any other servers have been affected, snapshot any servers found, determine the vector that was used to allow the data exfiltration, and report.
- E. Fix any vulnerabilities, remediate, and report.

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 67

A security analyst gathered forensics from a recent intrusion in preparation for legal proceedings. The analyst used EnCase to gather the digital forensics, cloned the hard drive, and took the hard drive home for further analysis. Which of the following of the security analyst violate?

- A. Cloning procedures
- B. Chain of custody
- C. Hashing procedures
- D. Virtualization

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 69

A small organization has proprietary software that is used internally. The system has not been well maintained and cannot be updated with the rest of the environment. Which of the following is the BEST solution?

- A. Virtualize the system and decommission the physical machine.
- B. Remove it from the network and require air gapping.
- C. Only allow access to the system via a jumpbox.
- D. Implement MFA on the specific system.

**Answer:** A

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- C. Advanced antivirus



- D. Information-sharing community
- E. Threat hunting

**Answer:** E

#### NEW QUESTION 76

A security analyst was alerted to a file integrity monitoring event based on a change to the vhost-payments.conf file. The output of the diff command against the known-good backup reads as follows:

Which of the following MOST likely occurred?

- A. The file was altered to accept payments without charging the cards
- B. The file was altered to avoid logging credit card information
- C. The file was altered to verify the card numbers are valid.
- D. The file was altered to harvest credit card numbers

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 77

A user receives a potentially malicious email that contains spelling errors and a PDF document. A security analyst reviews the email and decides to download the attachment to a Linux sandbox for review.

Which of the following commands would MOST likely indicate if the email is malicious?

- A. sha256sum ~/Desktop/file.pdf
- B. file ~/Desktop/file.pdf
- C. strings ~/Desktop/file.pdf | grep "<script"
- D. cat < ~/Desktop/file.pdf | grep -i .exe

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 78

A company's incident response team is handling a threat that was identified on the network. Security analysts have assets at remote sites. Which of the following is the MOST appropriate next step in the incident response plan?

- A. Quarantine the web server
- B. Deploy virtual firewalls
- C. Capture a forensic image of the memory and disk
- D. Enable web server containerization

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 82

A developer wrote a script to make names and other PII data unidentifiable before loading a database export into the testing system. Which of the following describes the type of control that is being used?

- A. Data encoding
- B. Data masking



- C. Data loss prevention
- D. Data classification

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 87

While analyzing logs from a WAF, a cybersecurity analyst finds the following:

Which of the following BEST describes what the analyst has found?

- A. This is an encrypted GET HTTP request
- B. A packet is being used to bypass the WAF
- C. This is an encrypted packet
- D. This is an encoded WAF bypass

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 89

A security analyst is reviewing vulnerability scan results and notices new workstations are being flagged as having outdated antivirus signatures. The analyst observes the following plugin output:

Antivirus is installed on the remote host:

Installation path: C:\Program Files\AVProduct\Win32\ Product Engine: 14.12.101

Engine Version: 3.5.71

Scanner does not currently have information about AVProduct version 3.5.71. It may no longer be supported.

The engine version is out of date. The oldest supported version from the vendor is 4.2.11. The analyst uses the vendor's website to confirm the oldest supported version is correct. Which of the following BEST describes the situation?

- A. This is a false positive, and the scanning plugin needs to be updated by the vendor.
- B. This is a true negative, and the new computers have the correct version of the software.
- C. This is a true positive, and the new computers were imaged with an old version of the software.
- D. This is a false negative, and the new computers need to be updated by the desktop team.

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 94

The help desk provided a security analyst with a screenshot of a user's desktop:

For which of the following is aircrack-ng being used?

- A. Wireless access point discovery
- B. Rainbow attack
- C. Brute-force attack
- D. PCAP data collection

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 95

Risk management wants IT to implement a solution that will permit an analyst to intercept, execute, and analyze potentially malicious files that are downloaded from the Internet.

Which of the following would BEST provide this solution?

- A. File fingerprinting
- B. Decomposition of malware
- C. Risk evaluation
- D. Sandboxing

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 99

A new on-premises application server was recently installed on the network. Remote access to the server was enabled for vendor support on required ports, but recent security reports show large amounts of data are being sent to various unauthorized networks through those ports. Which of the following configuration changes must be implemented to resolve this security issue while still allowing remote vendor access?

- A. Apply a firewall application server rule.
- B. Whitelist the application server.
- C. Sandbox the application server.
- D. Enable port security.
- E. Block the unauthorized networks.

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 103

A security analyst is providing a risk assessment for a medical device that will be installed on the corporate network. During the assessment, the analyst discovers the device has an embedded operating system that will be at the end of its life in two years. Due to the criticality of the device, the security committee makes a risk-based policy decision to review and enforce the vendor upgrade before the end of life is reached.

Which of the following risk actions has the security committee taken?

- A. Risk exception
- B. Risk avoidance
- C. Risk tolerance
- D. Risk acceptance

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 107

The help desk noticed a security analyst that emails from a new email server are not being sent out. The new email server was recently to the existing ones. The analyst runs the following command on the new server.

Given the output, which of the following should the security analyst check NEXT?

- A. The DNS name of the new email server
- B. The version of SPF that is being used
- C. The IP address of the new email server
- D. The DMARC policy

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 112

A cybersecurity analyst is contributing to a team hunt on an organization's endpoints. Which of the following should the analyst do FIRST?

- A. Write detection logic.
- B. Establish a hypothesis.
- C. Profile the threat actors and activities.
- D. Perform a process analysis.

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 117

A security analyst is investigating a compromised Linux server. The analyst issues the ps command and receives the following output.

Which of the following commands should the administrator run NEXT to further analyze the compromised system?

- A. strace /proc/1301
- B. rpm -V openash-server
- C. /bin/la -1 /proc/1301/exe
- D. kill -9 1301

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 121

When attempting to do a stealth scan against a system that does not respond to ping, which of the following Nmap commands BEST accomplishes that goal?

- A. nmap -sA -O <system> -noping

- B. nmap -sT -O <system> -P0
- C. nmap -sS -O <system> -P0
- D. nmap -sQ -O <system> -P0

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 126

As part of a merger with another organization, a Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) is working with an assessor to perform a risk assessment focused on data privacy compliance. The CISO is primarily concerned with the potential legal liability and fines associated with data privacy. Based on the CISO's concerns, the assessor will MOST likely focus on:

- A. qualitative probabilities.
- B. quantitative probabilities.
- C. qualitative magnitude.
- D. quantitative magnitude.

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 128

Joe, a penetration tester, used a professional directory to identify a network administrator and ID administrator for a client's company. Joe then emailed the network administrator, identifying himself as the ID administrator, and asked for a current password as part of a security exercise. Which of the following techniques were used in this scenario?

- A. Enumeration and OS fingerprinting
- B. Email harvesting and host scanning
- C. Social media profiling and phishing
- D. Network and host scanning

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 131

A system's authority to operate (ATO) is set to expire in four days. Because of other activities and limited staffing, the organization has neglected to start reauthentication activities until now. The cybersecurity group just performed a vulnerability scan with the partial set of results shown below:

Based on the scenario and the output from the vulnerability scan, which of the following should the security team do with this finding?

- A. Remediate by going to the web config file, searching for the enforce HTTP validation setting, and manually updating to the correct setting.
- B. Accept this risk for now because this is a "high" severity, but testing will require more than the four days available, and the system ATO needs to be completed.
- C. Ignore it
- D. This is false positive, and the organization needs to focus its efforts on other findings.
- E. Ensure HTTP validation is enabled by rebooting the server.

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 134

A security analyst recently discovered two unauthorized hosts on the campus's wireless network segment from a man-in-the-middle attack. The security analyst also verified that privileges were not escalated, and the two devices did not gain access to other network devices. Which of the following would BEST mitigate and improve the security posture of the wireless network for this type of attack?

- A. Enable MAC filtering on the wireless router and suggest a stronger encryption for the wireless network.
- B. Change the SSID, strengthen the passcode, and implement MAC filtering on the wireless router.
- C. Enable MAC filtering on the wireless router and create a whitelist that allows devices on the network.
- D. Conduct a wireless survey to determine if the wireless strength needs to be reduced.

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 135

A large amount of confidential data was leaked during a recent security breach. As part of a forensic investigation, the security team needs to identify the various types of traffic that were captured between two compromised devices.

Which of the following should be used to identify the traffic?

- A. Carving
- B. Disk imaging
- C. Packet analysis
- D. Memory dump
- E. Hashing

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 138

A security analyst implemented a solution that would analyze the attacks that the organization's firewalls failed to prevent. The analyst used the existing systems

to enact the solution and executed the following command.  
S sudo nc -l -v -c maildemon . py 25 caplog, txt  
Which of the following solutions did the analyst implement?

- A. Log collector
- B. Crontab mail script
- C. Snikhole
- D. Honeygot

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 142

An organization has several system that require specific logons Over the past few months, the security analyst has noticed numerous failed logon attempts followed by password resets. Which of the following should the analyst do to reduce the occurrence of legitimate failed logons and password resets?

- A. Use SSO across all applications
- B. Perform a manual privilege review
- C. Adjust the current monitoring and logging rules
- D. Implement multifactor authentication

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 143

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