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NEW QUESTION 1

A technician is troubleshooting an old desktop system that randomly shows a Windows BSOD or powers off unexpectedly. All system temperatures are within normal limits. Which of the following should the technician do NEXT?

- A. Visually inspect the motherboard capacitors.
- B. Verify all case fans are operational.
- C. Check that the BIOS version supports the installed CPU.
- D. Compare the software requirements with the installed RAM.

Answer: A

Explanation:

BSODs can be caused by poorly written device drivers or malfunctioning hardware, such as faulty memory, power supply issues, overheating of components, or hardware running beyond its specification limits. In the Windows 9x era, incompatible DLLs or bugs in the operating system kernel could also cause BSODs.

NEW QUESTION 2

A user's computer is not receiving a network connection. The technician confirms that the connection seems to be down and looks for the user's port on the patch panel. The port and patch panel are not labeled. Which of the following network tools should the technician use to identify the port?

- A. Network tap
- B. Punchdown tool
- C. Toner probe
- D. Crimper

Answer: C

Explanation:

Toner Probe Many cable testers also incorporate the function of a toner probe, which is used to identify a cable from within a bundle. This may be necessary when the cables have not been labeled properly. The tone generator is connected to the cable using an RJ45 jack and applies a continuous audio signal on the cable. The probe is used to detect the signal and follow the cable over ceilings and through ducts or identify it from within the rest of the bundle.

NEW QUESTION 3

A technician powers on a PC and its monitor and sees the following error message: No input signal detected. The display lights on the computer are on. Which of the following is a possible solution?

- A. Changing the BIOS settings
- B. Changing the connector setting on the monitor
- C. Checking the power plug on the monitor
- D. Checking the power plug on the PC

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 4

A user who works with sensitive data has a computer configured with hard drive encryption. The TPM is active and hosting the encrypted key. After an upgrade to the motherboard, RAM and video card the hard drive is not booting and data cannot be accessed from the hard drive. Which of the following should the technician do to enable the system to boot again and get access to the stored data?

- A. Use data recovery software to find and recover the hard drive information
- B. Access the BIOS and select to rebuild the degraded RAID array
- C. Boot into the BIOS and enable the TPM on the new motherboard.
- D. Return the replaced motherboard back to the computer

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 5

A technician needs to add storage to a workstation. The workstation does not have room to add any internal storage, so the technician plans to add an external storage device. Which of the following connection types should the technician MOST likely use?

- A. SCSI
- B. eSATA
- C. PCIe
- D. NVMe

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 6

A user reboots a machine. On rebooting, the user hears one beep, and then an error message is displayed. Which of the following are MOST likely causing this issue? (Select TWO).

- A. RAM module
- B. Graphics card
- C. CPU
- D. Boot order
- E. USB flash drive
- F. Power supply

Answer: DE

NEW QUESTION 7

A technician is tasked with installing additional RAM in a desktop computer. Which of the following types of RAM is MOST likely to be used?

- A. SODIMM
- B. DDR3
- C. ECC
- D. VRAM

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 8

A user takes a tablet to a technician because the cursor on it keeps drifting. The technician notices the screen does not appear to be damaged. Which of the following is the MOST likely cause of the cursor issue?

- A. The screen is physically damaged.
- B. The screen rotation is incorrect.
- C. The touch-pen battery is depleted.
- D. The screen needs to be recalibrated.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 9

Vertical streaks are appearing on the output of a laser printer. Which of the following items is the MOST likely cause?

- A. Roller
- B. Drum
- C. Transfer belt
- D. Ribbon

Answer: B

Explanation:

Vertical or horizontal lines—Marks that appear in the same place (referred to as repetitive defects) are often due to dirty feed rollers (note that there are rollers in the toner cartridge and fuser unit too) or a damaged or dirty photosensitive drum.

NEW QUESTION 10

Which of the following would MOST likely be used to obtain electronic images of a large number of printed documents?

- A. NFC device
- B. ADF/flatbed scanner
- C. Camera/webcam
- D. QR scanner

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 10

A technician unboxed a new computer, plugged it in to a UPS, and connected the requested peripherals. The computer lights and fans turn on, but the technician hears three loud, consecutive beeps during boot. Which of the following actions will remediate the issue?

- A. Replacing the power supply
- B. Replacing the UPS
- C. Changing the CMOS battery
- D. Reseating the RAM

Answer: D

Explanation:

Three beeps indicate a "base memory read/write test error". Check out "beep codes" for more information. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Power-on_self-test#POST_beep_codes_on_CompTIA_A.2B_certification_exam

NEW QUESTION 13

Which of the following connectors can be plugged into a Thunderbolt 3 port on a laptop?

- A. miniUSB
- B. microUS3
- C. USB-A
- D. USB-C

Answer: C

Explanation:

Thunderbolt 3 is a USB-C port, so any device with a USB-C connector can be plugged into it. MiniUSB, microUSB and USB-A are not compatible with Thunderbolt 3.

NEW QUESTION 14

Which of the following is the PRIMARY security concern with virtual machine escape?

- A. Cross-site scripting
- B. Compromising the hypervisor
- C. Overutilization of resources
- D. Rogue virtual machines installed on the hypervisor

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 17

A remote user called the help desk to report a notification indicating there is limited or no connectivity. The user can access local file folders and other local machines but none of the organization's servers or network items. Web pages do not appear to function either. Which of the following is the MOST likely cause of the issue?

- A. The user's internet connection is down.
- B. The user's domain account is locked out.
- C. The user's switch has stopped working.
- D. The user's IP address needs to be renewed.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 18

A company wants to give third-party developers access to the corporate network through desktop environments that the company can control. Which of the following can BEST achieve these requirements?

- A. Sandbox
- B. VDI
- C. Private cloud
- D. SaaS

Answer: B

Explanation:

VDI is a technology that allows a company to provide desktop environments to third-party developers while still maintaining control over the corporate network. VDI creates virtual desktops on a remote server, and each user gets their own desktop environment that is isolated from the other users. This allows the company to maintain control over the corporate network, as the virtual desktops are not directly connected to the corporate network.

NEW QUESTION 22

Which of the following commonly uses NFC?

- A. Contactless payments
- B. IoT devices
- C. Inventory tracking
- D. Tethering

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 24

A technician is working on a critical warehouse machine that will not turn on. The technician has determined the power supply for the machine failed. The warehouse manager is looking for a solution that will prevent downtime in the future. Which of the following devices should the technician install to meet this requirement?

- A. Grounded power supply
- B. Modular power supply
- C. 220V power supply
- D. Redundant power supply

Answer: D

Explanation:

A redundant power supply is a device that provides two or more power supplies connected in parallel so that when one fails, the other one will take over to ensure continuous power. This is ideal for critical warehouse machines that require a reliable power source and are at risk of downtime in the event of a power failure. Installing a redundant power supply will help to reduce the chances of an unexpected power outage and keep the machine running.

NEW QUESTION 29

A technician installed a new router at a small office. After the installation, the technician notices that all devices have a 169.254.x.x IP address. Printers and fileshares are still working, but PCs cannot access the Internet. Which of the following should the technician configure on the router to enable devices to connect to the internet?

- A. APIPA
- B. DNS
- C. DHCP
- D. SMB

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 34

Which of the following would an administrator use to migrate virtual machines from on premises to the cloud?

- A. IaaS
- B. SaaS
- C. DBaaS
- D. DRaaS

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 37

A systems administrator is attempting to resolve a ticket regarding an issue with an email server. The administrator is covering for a coworker who was previously working on the ticket. The coworker already gathered facts about the issue and spoke with users concerning their missing emails. The coworker also discovered the email server's retention policy was updated shortly before users first noticed the issue. Which of the following should the systems administrator do NEXT to resolve the email issue?

- A. Escalate the ticket to a higher level to resolve the email server issue.
- B. Test a theory to determine the cause of the email server issue.
- C. Establish a theory of probable cause for the email server issue.
- D. Create a plan of action to resolve the email server issue.

Answer: C

Explanation:

Before attempting to resolve the issue, it is important to first determine the cause or probable cause of the issue, so that a plan of action can be developed. In this case, the fact that the retention policy was updated shortly before users first noticed the issue suggests that this could be the cause of the issue. The systems administrator should investigate this further to determine if this is indeed the cause of the email server issue.

NEW QUESTION 38

Which of the following utilizes TCP ports 20/21 and transfers data in cleartext?

- A. SNMP
- B. SSH
- C. FTP
- D. Telnet

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 40

A user submitted a ticket to report an issue with a new printer that is no longer accepting new print jobs. The technician verifies the printer is on and notices the printer LCD screen has the following error message:

Paper Jam, Jam in fuser.

Which of the following is the MOST efficient next step the technician should complete?

- A. Apply a maintenance kit to the printer
- B. Check the printer paper path to locate any obstructions.
- C. Turn the printer on and off to see if the error clears.
- D. Replace the fuser.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 41

A technician receives a ticket that states a mobile payment device is having issues with its contactless payment feature. The device is not detecting payment options. Which of the following is the MOST likely cause of the issue?

- A. NFC
- B. Bluetooth
- C. Wi-Fi
- D. Lightning adapter

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 45

Which of the following is the SAFEST way to replace RAM on a server that has a redundant power supply?

- A. Unplug one power cable.
- B. Verify the RAM temperature.
- C. Utilize a grounding strap.
- D. Replace the RAM while the server is running.

Answer: C

Explanation:

Utilizing a grounding strap is the safest way to replace RAM on a server that has a redundant power supply. This ensures that no static electricity is transferred to any of the server components, which could cause permanent damage. The other options are not the correct methods for replacing RAM. Unplugging one power cable is not recommended, as it could cause the server to go offline and disrupt any services that are running. Verifying the RAM temperature is not necessary and does not provide any additional safety measures, and replacing the RAM while the server is running is not recommended, as it could cause system instability.

NEW QUESTION 50

A technician is adding one more line at the demarcation point. Which of the following tools would be MOST useful to accomplish this task?

- A. Toner
- B. Punchdown
- C. Network tap
- D. Crimper

Answer: B

Explanation:

Punchdown tools are used to make connections between wires in a 66/110 block at the demarcation point. The tool is used to insert the wire into the appropriate holes in the block, and it can be used to add additional lines to the demarcation point. The other options are not the correct tools for adding lines to the demarcation point. A toner is used to identify cable pairs, a network tap is used to monitor network traffic, and a crimper is used to terminate cables.

NEW QUESTION 55

A technician is preparing to set up a gaming computer with the following components:

- > Discrete, high-end graphics card
- > Video capture card
- > High-end processor
- > Multiple hard drives
- > USB 3.0 hub
- > Sound card

Which of the following options is the MOST important for the technician to consider before building the gaming computer?

- A. Redundant power supply
- B. Modular power supply
- C. 20-pin v
- D. 24-pin power adapter
- E. Power supply wattage rating

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 58

Which of the following components enables the input on a mobile device's touch screen?

- A. OLED
- B. Digitizer
- C. Inverter
- D. CMOS sensor

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 62

A laptop PC user is reporting issues with the hard drive. A filesystem check shows that all files are accessible and the filesystem is clean. After the check, the PC still issues a hard drive error message. Which of the following is the MOST likely cause of the error?

- A. S.M.A.R.T failure
- B. IOPS failure
- C. DIMM failure
- D. RAID failure

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 63

A company just bought a printer capable of automatically printing on both sides of the paper. After installation, however, the technician can only print on both sides of the paper manually. Which of the following should the technician do to fix the issue?

- A. Install the most recent firmware upgrade available for the printer.
- B. Contact the vendor for a hardware replacement.
- C. Reinstall the printer software and drivers, and then restart the printer.
- D. Read the installation manual and configure duplex settings.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 66

A technician installed new firmware on the company's laser printers and has since been receiving multiple calls that information is garbled and looks like code. Only printers with the new firmware are having this issue. Which of the following steps should the technician complete NEXT?

- A. Change the language settings on the printers
- B. Reboot all the machines having the issues
- C. Reboot all the printers.
- D. Install an updated printer driver on the print server

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 71

A user visits the desk to report that a smartphone takes more than a day to fully charge. The user has already tested multiple wall outlets and swapped the charging cable, but the results are the same. Which of the following should the technician do FIRST?

- A. Verify the power rating of the charger.
- B. Ensure all unnecessary connectivity features are disabled.
- C. Check that all missing smartphone OS updates are applied.
- D. Complete a factory reset of the phone

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 72

A technician replaced a motherboard on a server, and now the 64-bit hypervisor is not loading correctly. Which of the following needs to be enabled for the hypervisor to run?

- A. Hardware prefetcher
- B. Hyperthreading
- C. vPro
- D. VT-d

Answer: D

Explanation:

https://techlibrary.hpe.com/docs/iss/proliant-gen10-uefi/s_enabling_VT-d.html

NEW QUESTION 73

A technician has set up a new conference room with a TV and a video soundbar. The technician wants to test the system with a conference call. During the test, the TV speaker produces sound, but the soundbar does not. Which of the following is the MOST likely cause of the issue?

- A. The volume on the TV needs to be turned up.
- B. The conference call needs to be unmuted for audio.
- C. An incorrect HDMI cable is being used.
- D. The TV's HDMI-ARC port is not being use

Answer: D

Explanation:

HDMI-ARC (Audio Return Channel) is an HDMI connection that allows audio to be sent from the TV to an external sound system, such as a soundbar. If the TV's HDMI-ARC port is not being used, then the soundbar will not receive any audio from the TV and thus will not produce any sound. To resolve the issue, the technician should ensure that the TV's HDMI-ARC port is being used to connect the TV to the soundbar.

NEW QUESTION 74

A user creates a support ticket to report a conference room projector that does not work. The user says that even though the provided cables are being used, the projector screen shows the following error message:

No signal input

Which of the following describes the FIRST action that should be taken?

- A. Verify that the projector is turned on.
- B. Verify that the user is using an approved OS.
- C. Replace the projector bulb.
- D. Check the video cable and replace it if necessary.

Answer: D

Explanation:

The most common reasons you may be seeing the "No Signal" message: The projector and the source device are not connected correctly.

NEW QUESTION 79

A technician responds to a help desk ticket that indicates a user's workstation is not booting. The technician initially suspects a failed hard drive. The technician performs diagnostics and confirms the hard drive is fully operational.

Which of the following steps should the technician complete NEXT?

- A. Reinstall the operating system.
- B. Configure a new RAID array.
- C. Report the status of the drive and close the ticket.
- D. Consider another possible cause of the issue.
- E. Restore the latest backup of the system.

Answer: D

Explanation:

Since the hard drive appears to be functioning normally, the technician should investigate other potential causes of the issue. This could include checking the BIOS settings, verifying the connections to the hard drive, and testing the RAM. Once these steps have been completed, the technician can then take the necessary steps to resolve the issue.

NEW QUESTION 83

The IT department issued a corporate smartphone to a user, but the user returned the device stating it had connectivity issues. The user claimed the device functioned on Wi-Fi but all connectivity to cloud services was lost as soon as the device was taken off site. Which of the following issues was MOST likely affecting the device?

- A. MDM was never properly set up on the device.
- B. S/MIME certificates were corrupted and needed to be reloaded.
- C. Bluetooth on the device was disabled by mistake.
- D. The device never had a proper SIM card installed.

Answer: D

Explanation:

A SIM card is needed for the device to use cellular network services, so without it, the device will be unable to connect to the cloud services when taken off site. MDM (Mobile Device Management) can be used to manage settings and access on a device, but it is not necessary for the device to be able to use cloud services. S/MIME (Secure/Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions) certificates are used to encrypt and digitally sign emails, and are not related to device connectivity. Bluetooth can be used to connect devices together, but it is not necessary for the device to be able to use cloud services.

NEW QUESTION 85

A technician is troubleshooting intermittent fuzzy video on a computer using a VGA to DisplayPort adapter to connect to a monitor. The monitor with a VGA connector was previously working fine for another user. The technician replaces the adapter; however, the issue persists. Which of the following should the technician do NEXT?

- A. Use another brand of VGA to DisplayPort adapter.
- B. Research the issue further and formulate a new hypothesis to test.
- C. Ask the user additional clarifying questions regarding the issue.
- D. Document the action taken and the outcome.

Answer: C

Explanation:

<https://spryzensecurity.medium.com/what-is-troubleshooting-methodology-40cec6b6494>

NEW QUESTION 86

Client-side virtualization guest machines have security requirements similar to physical machines, but they also need to ensure separation from other guest machines. Which of the following BEST describes this client-side guest security requirement?

- A. Isolation
- B. Authentication
- C. Hardening
- D. Authorization

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 89

A startup is looking to immediately expand its data center but does not have the personnel or space to manage everything internally. The organization has multiple small offices and remote users with large computational and storage-solution requirements. Funding is not an issue for the company. Which of the following can BEST accomplish the company's goals?

- A. SaaS
- B. IaaS
- C. ISP
- D. SON

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 93

A home user has purchased a subscription for a service that blocks malicious sites by preventing them from resolving correctly. Which of the following settings MOST likely needs to be changed on the user's router to enable this functionality?

- A. DNS server
- B. Port forwarding
- C. Perimeter network
- D. Universal PnP
- E. DHCP server

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 94

A technician is replacing the RAM on an entry-level server with hot-swappable components. Which of the following should the technician do NEXT?

- A. Replace the RAM while the server is at a cool temperature
- B. Replace the RAM while the server is running
- C. Power down the server completely and then replace the RAM
- D. Verify that the OS supports hot swapping the RAM

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 99

Which of the following describes the operational difference between hubs and switches when transmitting data to a specific computer inside the network?

- A. Switches only send data to the specific computer, while hubs send data to all computers inside the network.
- B. Switches compress data while hubs send uncompressed data
- C. Switches receive data and route it to all computers inside the network while hubs receive data and do not route
- D. Switches scramble data, while hubs send data in the original form.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 100

A user is trying to play a DVD on a projector. The user can hear the audio; however, the projector is showing an error message that states:

HDMI Blocked due to Copy Protection

Which of the following is the MOST likely cause of the error?

- A. The HDMI cannot carry the signal from the DVD to the projector.
- B. The user needs to switch from HDMI to a cable standard such as DisplayPort.
- C. The projector does not support the necessary HDCP protocol.
- D. The user needs to enable copy-protected sources in the projector's settings.

Answer: C

Explanation:

The Official CompTIA® A+® Core 1 and Core 2 Student Guide (Exams 220-1001 and 220-1002) | 193 Protected content. If you encounter an error that indicates unauthorized content or an HDCP error: • DVI, HDMI, DisplayPort, and Thunderbolt all provide support for the Digital Rights Management (DRM) mechanism High-bandwidth Digital Content Protection (HDCP). HDCP allows a content source (such as a Blu-ray disc) to disable itself if the display adapter and monitor and/or speaker system do not support HDCP and fail to authenticate themselves with the playback source. There have been various iterations of HDCP (at time of writing the current version is 2.2) and backward-compatibility can be problematic as authentication may fail between devices that support different versions of the standard.

NEW QUESTION 105

In which of the following places is a laptop's wireless antenna MOST likely located?

- A. Near the network interface card
- B. Underneath the battery
- C. Integrated into the motherboard
- D. In the bezel of the lid

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 109

A Microsoft Windows user is preparing to work in another country and needs to comply with corporate policy for data protection when copying files to portable media. Which of the following solutions would MOST likely satisfy this requirement?

- A. A USB 3.1 flash drive with BitLocker to Go installed
- B. An SD memory card with NTFS
- C. An xD memory card with ext3
- D. A portable hard drive with FAT32

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 110

A technician is upgrading a legacy wireless router for a home user. After installing the new router and configuring the SSID to be the same, none of the devices will connect to the network. Which of the following should the technician check NEXT?

- A. DHCP pool configuration
- B. MAC filtering list
- C. Wireless protocol settings
- D. DNS servers

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 112

A technician is replacing a ribbon on a printer that produces faded text and images when priming. Which of the following types of primers is the technician working on?

- A. Impact
- B. Inkjet
- C. Laser
- D. Thermal

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 116

Several users who share a multifunction printer in an office have reported unintended, thin, vertical lines that cover the entire height of every page printed from the

printer. Which of the following steps should a technician complete in order to MOST likely resolve this issue?

- A. Replace the printer paper with a new ream.
- B. Clear the print spooler on each computer.
- C. Reinstall the printer driver on each computer
- D. Perform the drum-cleaning procedure.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 120

While using a popular videoconferencing program, the user selects a webcam, but the software is unable to open the webcam. The webcam was working the previous day. Which of the following should be done to address this issue?

- A. Close other video software and retry.
- B. Adjust the conference software to a compatible resolution.
- C. Switch the video from the webcam to "conference" mode.
- D. Reseat or replace the webcam.

Answer: A

Explanation:

Web cameras can input to one software at a time. Closing other video software is the first step in troubleshooting the issue as it doesn't require customer or on-site support. After restarting the computer and adjusting the drivers, it would be time to ask the customer to reseat the webcam or replace the device.

NEW QUESTION 122

Which of the following is the SAFEST way to replace RAM on a server that has a redundant power supply?

- A. Unplug one power cable.
- B. Verify the RAM temperature.
- C. Utilize a grounding strap.
- D. Replace the RAM while the server is running.

Answer: C

Explanation:

Utilizing a grounding strap is the safest way to replace RAM on a server that has a redundant power supply. This is because the grounding strap prevents electrostatic discharge (ESD) when handling the RAM, which can cause damage to the RAM and the server. Therefore, it is important to always use a grounding strap when handling RAM or other sensitive components.

NEW QUESTION 127

Which of the following are default ports for HTTP and HTTPS traffic? (Select TWO).

- A. 23
- B. 25
- C. 80
- D. 143
- E. 389
- F. 443

Answer: CF

NEW QUESTION 132

While implementing a non-carrier-grade wireless backhaul, a technician notices the current channel selection is extremely polluted with various RF signals. Upon performing a spectral analysis, the technician discovers a channel containing almost no RF pollution. Unfortunately, the technician is unable to select that channel. Which of the following is the MOST likely reason for this issue?

- A. The channel is reserved for licensed band use.
- B. The channel selection is defective; contact the manufacturer.
- C. The channel must be unlocked by the vendor.
- D. The device requires a firmware update to unlock the channel.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 133

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