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NEW QUESTION 1

A security analyst needs to make a recommendation for restricting access to certain segments of the network using only data-link layer security. Which of the following controls will the analyst MOST likely recommend?

- A. MAC
- B. ACL
- C. BPDU
- D. ARP

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 2

Which of the following control sets should a well-written BCP include? (Select THREE)

- A. Preventive
- B. Detective
- C. Deterrent
- D. Corrective
- E. Compensating
- F. Physical
- G. Recovery

Answer: ADG

NEW QUESTION 3

A user recent an SMS on a mobile phone that asked for bank delays. Which of the following social-engineering techniques was used in this case?

- A. SPIM
- B. Vishing
- C. Spear phishing
- D. Smishing

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 4

An organization needs to implement more stringent controls over administrator/root credentials and service accounts. Requirements for the project include:

- Check-in/checkout of credentials
- The ability to use but not know the password
- Automated password changes
- Logging of access to credentials

Which of the following solutions would meet the requirements?

- A. OAuth 2.0
- B. Secure Enclave
- C. A privileged access management system
- D. An OpenID Connect authentication system

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 5

Which of the following describes the BEST approach for deploying application patches?

- A. Apply the patches to systems in a testing environment then to systems in a staging environment, and finally to production systems.
- B. Test the patches in a staging environment, develop against them in the development environment, and then apply them to the production systems
- C. Test the patches in a test environment apply them to the production systems and then apply them to a staging environment
- D. Apply the patches to the production systems apply them in a staging environment, and then test all of them in a testing environment

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 6

A critical file server is being upgraded and the systems administrator must determine which RAID level the new server will need to achieve parity and handle two simultaneous disk failures. Which of the following RAID levels meets this requirements?

- A. RAID 0+1
- B. RAID 2
- C. RAID 5
- D. RAID 6

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 7

An organization that is located in a flood zone is MOST likely to document the concerns associated with the restoration of IT operation in a:

- A. business continuity plan
- B. communications plan.
- C. disaster recovery plan.
- D. continuity of operations plan

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 8

A security assessment determines DES and 3DES are still being used on recently deployed production servers. Which of the following did the assessment identify?

- A. Unsecure protocols
- B. Default settings
- C. Open permissions
- D. Weak encryption

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 9

A security engineer needs to enhance MFA access to sensitive areas in a building. A key card and fingerprint scan are already in use. Which of the following would add another factor of authentication?

- A. Hard token
- B. Retina scan
- C. SMS text
- D. Keypad PIN

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 10

A user recently entered a username and password into a recruiting application website that had been forged to look like the legitimate site. Upon investigation, a security analyst identifies the following:

- The legitimate website's IP address is 10.1.1.20 and eRecruit local resolves to the IP
 - The forged website's IP address appears to be 10.2.12.99, based on NetFlow records
 - A record at the organization's DNS servers shows the website correctly resolves to the legitimate IP
 - DNS query logs show one of the three DNS servers returned a result of 10.2.12.99 (cached) at the approximate time of the suspected compromise.
- Which of the following MOST likely occurred?

- A. A reverse proxy was used to redirect network traffic
- B. An SSL strip MITM attack was performed
- C. An attacker temporarily pawned a name server
- D. An ARP poisoning attack was successfully executed

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 10

A commercial cyber-threat intelligence organization observes IoCs across a variety of unrelated customers. Prior to releasing specific threat intelligence to other paid subscribers, the organization is MOST likely obligated by contracts to:

- A. perform attribution to specific APTs and nation-state actors.
- B. anonymize any PII that is observed within the IoC data.
- C. add metadata to track the utilization of threat intelligence reports.
- D. assist companies with impact assessments based on the observed data.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 12

An enterprise has hired an outside security firm to conduct penetration testing on its network and applications. The firm has only been given the documentation available to the customers of the applications. Which of the following BEST represents the type of testing that will occur?

- A. Bug bounty
- B. Black-box
- C. Gray-box
- D. White-box

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 13

Which of the following are the MOST likely vectors for the unauthorized inclusion of vulnerable code in a software company's final software releases? (Select TWO.)

- A. Unsecure protocols
- B. Use of penetration-testing utilities
- C. Weak passwords
- D. Included third-party libraries
- E. Vendors/supply chain
- F. Outdated anti-malware software

Answer: AD

NEW QUESTION 17

A company recently experienced a data breach and the source was determined to be an executive who was charging a phone in a public area. Which of the following would MOST likely have prevented this breach?

- A. A firewall
- B. A device pin
- C. A USB data blocker
- D. Biometrics

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 20

A large industrial system's smart generator monitors the system status and sends alerts to third-party maintenance personnel when critical failures occur. While reviewing the network logs the company's security manager notices the generator's IP is sending packets to an internal file server's IP. Which of the following mitigations would be BEST for the security manager to implement while maintaining alerting capabilities?

- A. Segmentation
- B. Firewall whitelisting
- C. Containment
- D. isolation

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 25

A security analyst is reviewing the following attack log output:

```
user comptia\john.smith attempted login with the password password123
user comptia\jane.doe attempted login with the password password123
user comptia\user.one attempted login with the password password123
user comptia\user.two attempted login with the password password123
user comptia\user.three attempted login with the password password123

user comptia\john.smith attempted login with the password password234
user comptia\jane.doe attempted login with the password password234
user comptia\user.one attempted login with the password password234
user comptia\user.two attempted login with the password password234
user comptia\user.three attempted login with the password password234
```

Which of the following types of attacks does this MOST likely represent?

- A. Rainbow table
- B. Brute-force
- C. Password-spraying
- D. Dictionary

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 30

Which of the following job roles would sponsor data quality and data entry initiatives that ensure business and regulatory requirements are met?

- A. The data owner
- B. The data processor
- C. The data steward
- D. The data privacy officer.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 31

After a ransomware attack a forensics company needs to review a cryptocurrency transaction between the victim and the attacker. Which of the following will the company MOST likely review to trace this transaction?

- A. The public ledger
- B. The NetFlow data
- C. A checksum
- D. The event log

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 35

A malicious actor recently penetration a company's network and moved laterally to the datacenter. Upon investigation, a forensics firm wants to know what was in the memory on the compromised server. Which of the following files should be given to the forensics firm?

- A. Security
- B. Application

- C. Dump
- D. Syslog

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 39

A network engineer is troubleshooting wireless network connectivity issues that were reported by users. The issues are occurring only in the section of the building that is closest to the parking lot. Users are intermittently experiencing slow speeds when accessing websites and are unable to connect to network drives. The issues appear to increase when laptop users return desks after using their devices in other areas of the building. There have also been reports of users being required to enter their credentials on web pages in order to gain access to them. Which of the following is the MOST likely cause of this issue?

- A. An external access point is engaging in an evil-twin attack.
- B. The signal on the WAP needs to be increased in that section of the building.
- C. The certificates have expired on the devices and need to be reinstalled.
- D. The users in that section of the building are on a VLAN that is being blocked by the firewall.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 44

A remote user recently took a two-week vacation abroad and brought along a corporate-owned laptop. Upon returning to work, the user has been unable to connect the laptop to the VPN. Which of the following is the MOST likely reason for the user's inability to connect the laptop to the VPN?

- A. Due to foreign travel, the user's laptop was isolated from the network.
- B. The user's laptop was quarantined because it missed the latest path update.
- C. The VPN client was blacklisted.
- D. The user's account was put on a legal hold.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 47

A recent audit uncovered a key finding regarding the use of a specific encryption standard in a web application that is used to communicate with business customers. Due to the technical limitations of its customers the company is unable to upgrade the encryption standard. Which of the following types of controls should be used to reduce the risk created by this scenario?

- A. Physical
- B. Detective
- C. Preventive
- D. Compensating

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 52

A security analyst has received an alert about being sent via email. The analyst's Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) has made it clear that PII must be handle with extreme care From which of the following did the alert MOST likely originate?

- A. S/MIME
- B. DLP
- C. IMAP
- D. HIDS

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 53

A security analyst receives the configuration of a current VPN profile and notices the authentication is only applied to the IP datagram portion of the packet. Which of the following should the analyst implement to authenticate the entire packet?

- A. AH
- B. ESP
- C. SRTP
- D. LDAP

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 56

Which of the following would BEST identify and remediate a data-loss event in an enterprise using third-party, web-based services and file-sharing platforms?

- A. SIEM
- B. CASB
- C. UTM
- D. DLP

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 58

A symmetric encryption algorithm is BEST suited for:

- A. key-exchange scalability.
- B. protecting large amounts of data.
- C. providing hashing capabilities,
- D. implementing non-repudiation.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 59

A network technician is installing a guest wireless network at a coffee shop. When a customer purchases an item, the password for the wireless network is printed on the receipt so the customer can log in. Which of the following will the technician MOST likely configure to provide the highest level of security with the least amount of overhead?

- A. WPA-EAP
- B. WEP-TKIP
- C. WPA-PSK
- D. WPS-PIN

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 63

A document that appears to be malicious has been discovered in an email that was sent to a company's Chief Financial Officer (CFO). Which of the following would be BEST to allow a security analyst to gather information and confirm it is a malicious document without executing any code it may contain?

- A. Open the document on an air-gapped network
- B. View the document's metadata for origin clues
- C. Search for matching file hashes on malware websites
- D. Detonate the document in an analysis sandbox

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 67

A system administrator needs to implement an access control scheme that will allow an object's access policy be determined by its owner. Which of the following access control schemes BEST fits the requirements?

- A. Role-based access control
- B. Discretionary access control
- C. Mandatory access control
- D. Attribute-based access control

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 69

A network engineer has been asked to investigate why several wireless barcode scanners and wireless computers in a warehouse have intermittent connectivity to the shipping server. The barcode scanners and computers are all on forklift trucks and move around the warehouse during their regular use. Which of the following should the engineer do to determine the issue? (Choose two.)

- A. Perform a site survey
- B. Deploy an FTK Imager
- C. Create a heat map
- D. Scan for rogue access points
- E. Upgrade the security protocols
- F. Install a captive portal

Answer: AC

NEW QUESTION 73

A Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) is concerned about the organization's ability to continue business operation in the event of a prolonged DDoS attack on its local datacenter that consumes database resources. Which of the following will the CISO MOST likely recommend to mitigate this risk?

- A. Upgrade the bandwidth available into the datacenter
- B. Implement a hot-site failover location
- C. Switch to a complete SaaS offering to customers
- D. Implement a challenge response test on all end-user queries

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 75

To reduce costs and overhead, an organization wants to move from an on-premises email solution to a cloud-based email solution. At this time, no other services will be moving. Which of the following cloud models would BEST meet the needs of the organization?

- A. MaaS
- B. IaaS
- C. SaaS
- D. PaaS

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 76

A security analyst needs to generate a server certificate to be used for 802.1X and secure RDP connections. The analyst is unsure what is required to perform the task and solicits help from a senior colleague. Which of the following is the FIRST step the senior colleague will most likely tell the analyst to perform to accomplish this task?

- A. Create an OCSP
- B. Generate a CSR
- C. Create a CRL
- D. Generate a .pfx file

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 79

A smart retail business has a local store and a newly established and growing online storefront. A recent storm caused a power outage to the business and the local ISP, resulting in several hours of lost sales and delayed order processing. The business owner now needs to ensure two things:

* Protection from power outages

* Always-available connectivity In case of an outage

The owner has decided to implement battery backups for the computer equipment Which of the following would BEST fulfill the owner's second need?

- A. Lease a point-to-point circuit to provide dedicated access.
- B. Connect the business router to its own dedicated UPS.
- C. Purchase services from a cloud provider for high availability
- D. Replace the business's wired network with a wireless network.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 80

An analyst needs to set up a method for securely transferring files between systems. One of the requirements is to authenticate the IP header and the payload. Which of the following services would BEST meet the criteria?

- A. TLS
- B. PFS
- C. ESP
- D. AH

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 83

A security analyst is looking for a solution to help communicate to the leadership team the severity levels of the organization's vulnerabilities. Which of the following would BEST meet this need?

- A. CVE
- B. SIEM
- C. SOAR
- D. CVSS

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 88

Phishing and spear-phishing attacks have been occurring more frequently against a company's staff. Which of the following would MOST likely help mitigate this issue?

- A. DNSSEC and DMARC
- B. DNS query logging
- C. Exact mail exchanger records in the DNS
- D. The addition of DNS conditional forwarders

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 92

An organization has hired a security analyst to perform a penetration test. The analyst captures 1Gb worth of inbound network traffic to the server and transfer the pcap back to the machine for analysis. Which of the following tools should the analyst use to further review the pcap?

- A. Nmap
- B. cURL
- C. Netcat
- D. Wireshark

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 93

A user is concerned that a web application will not be able to handle unexpected or random input without crashing. Which of the following BEST describes the type of testing the user should perform?

- A. Code signing
- B. Fuzzing
- C. Manual code review

D. Dynamic code analysis

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 94

A technician needs to prevent data loss in a laboratory. The laboratory is not connected to any external networks. Which of the following methods would BEST prevent data? (Select TWO)

- A. VPN
- B. Drive encryption
- C. Network firewall
- D. File-level encryption
- E. USB blocker
- F. MFA

Answer: BE

NEW QUESTION 96

The following is an administrative control that would be MOST effective to reduce the occurrence of malware execution?

- A. Security awareness training
- B. Frequency of NIDS updates
- C. Change control procedures
- D. EDR reporting cycle

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 97

A company provides mobile devices to its users to permit access to email and enterprise applications. The company recently started allowing users to select from several different vendors and device models. When configuring the MDM, which of the following is a key security implication of this heterogeneous device approach?

- A. The most common set of MDM configurations will become the effective set of enterprise mobile security controls.
- B. All devices will need to support SCEP-based enrollment; therefore, the heterogeneity of the chosen architecture may unnecessarily expose private keys to adversaries.
- C. Certain devices are inherently less secure than others, so compensatory controls will be needed to address the delta between device vendors.
- D. MDMs typically will not support heterogeneous deployment environments, so multiple MDMs will need to be installed and configured.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 102

A security engineer needs to implement the following requirements:

- All Layer 2 switches should leverage Active Directory for authentication.
- All Layer 2 switches should use local fallback authentication if Active Directory is offline.
- All Layer 2 switches are not the same and are manufactured by several vendors.

Which of the following actions should the engineer take to meet these requirements? (Select TWO).

- A. Implement RADIUS.
- B. Configure AAA on the switch with local login as secondary.
- C. Configure port security on the switch with the secondary login method.
- D. Implement TACACS+
- E. Enable the local firewall on the Active Directory server.
- F. Implement a DHCP server.

Answer: AB

NEW QUESTION 105

Which of the following scenarios BEST describes a risk reduction technique?

- A. A security control objective cannot be met through a technical change, so the company purchases insurance and is no longer concerned about losses from data breaches.
- B. A security control objective cannot be met through a technical change, so the company implements a policy to train users on a more secure method of operation.
- C. A security control objective cannot be met through a technical change, so the company changes its method of operation.
- D. A security control objective cannot be met through a technical change, so the Chief Information Officer (CIO) decides to sign off on the risk.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 110

An employee has been charged with fraud and is suspected of using corporate assets. As authorities collect evidence, and to preserve the admissibility of the evidence, which of the following forensic techniques should be used?

- A. Order of volatility
- B. Data recovery
- C. Chain of custody
- D. Non-repudiation

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 115

An organization with a low tolerance for user inconvenience wants to protect laptop hard drives against loss or data theft. Which of the following would be the MOST acceptable?

- A. SED
- B. HSM
- C. DLP
- D. TPM

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 118

A vulnerability assessment report will include the CVSS score of the discovered vulnerabilities because the score allows the organization to better.

- A. validate the vulnerability exists in the organization's network through penetration testing
- B. research the appropriate mitigation techniques in a vulnerability database
- C. find the software patches that are required to mitigate a vulnerability
- D. prioritize remediation of vulnerabilities based on the possible impact.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 122

An organization is developing an authentication service for use at the entry and exit ports of country borders. The service will use data feeds obtained from passport systems, passenger manifests, and high-definition video feeds from CCTV systems that are located at the ports. The service will incorporate machine-learning techniques to eliminate biometric enrollment processes while still allowing authorities to identify passengers with increasing accuracy over time. The more frequently passengers travel, the more accurately the service will identify them. Which of the following biometrics will MOST likely be used, without the need for enrollment? (Choose two.)

- A. Voice
- B. Gait
- C. Vein
- D. Facial
- E. Retina
- F. Fingerprint

Answer: BD

NEW QUESTION 125

A security analyst is reviewing logs on a server and observes the following output:

```
01/01/2020 03:33:23 admin attempted login with password sneak
01/01/2020 03:33:32 admin attempted login with password sneaked
01/01/2020 03:33:41 admin attempted login with password sneaker
01/01/2020 03:33:50 admin attempted login with password sneer
01/01/2020 03:33:59 admin attempted login with password sneeze
01/01/2020 03:34:08 admin attempted login with password sneezy
```

Which of the following is the security analyst observing?

- A. A rainbow table attack
- B. A password-spraying attack
- C. A dictionary attack
- D. A keylogger attack

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 129

An organization's help desk is flooded with phone calls from users stating they can no longer access certain websites. The help desk escalates the issue to the security team, as these websites were accessible the previous day. The security analysts run the following command: `ipconfig /flushdns`, but the issue persists. Finally, an analyst changes the DNS server for an impacted machine, and the issue goes away. Which of the following attacks MOST likely occurred on the original DNS server?

- A. DNS cache poisoning
- B. Domain hijacking
- C. Distributed denial-of-service
- D. DNS tunneling

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 131

A Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) needs to create a policy set that meets international standards for data privacy and sharing. Which of the following should the CISO read and understand before writing the policies?

- A. PCI DSS

- B. GDPR
- C. NIST
- D. ISO 31000

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 134

A network administrator has been asked to design a solution to improve a company's security posture. The administrator is given the following requirements:

- The solution must be inline in the network
- The solution must be able to block known malicious traffic
- The solution must be able to stop network-based attacks

Which of the following should the network administrator implement to BEST meet these requirements?

- A. HIDS
- B. NIDS
- C. HIPS
- D. NIPS

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 139

An organization has a growing workforce that is mostly driven by additions to the sales department. Each newly hired salesperson relies on a mobile device to conduct business. The Chief Information Officer (CIO) is wondering if the organization may need to scale down just as quickly as it scaled up. The CIO is also concerned about the organization's security and customer privacy. Which of the following would be BEST to address the CIO's concerns?

- A. Disallow new hires from using mobile devices for six months
- B. Select four devices for the sales department to use in a CYOD model
- C. Implement BYOD for the sales department while leveraging the MDM
- D. Deploy mobile devices using the COPE methodology

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 140

A host was infected with malware. During the incident response, Joe, a user, reported that he did not receive any emails with links, but he had been browsing the Internet all day. Which of the following would MOST likely show where the malware originated?

- A. The DNS logs
- B. The web server logs
- C. The SIP traffic logs
- D. The SNMP logs

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 143

A security administrator suspects there may be unnecessary services running on a server. Which of the following tools will the administrator MOST likely use to confirm the suspicions?

- A. Nmap
- B. Wireshark
- C. Autopsy
- D. DNSEnum

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 147

Which of the following would MOST likely support the integrity of a voting machine?

- A. Asymmetric encryption
- B. Blockchain
- C. Transport Layer Security
- D. Perfect forward secrecy

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 149

A cybersecurity administrator has a reduced team and needs to operate an on-premises network and security infrastructure efficiently. To help with the situation, the administrator decides to hire a service provider. Which of the following should the administrator use?

- A. SDP
- B. AAA
- C. IaaS
- D. MSSP
- E. Microservices

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 154

Which of the following is the purpose of a risk register?

- A. To define the level of risk using probability and likelihood
- B. To register the risk with the required regulatory agencies
- C. To identify the risk, the risk owner, and the risk measures
- D. To formally log the type of risk mitigation strategy the organization is using

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 155

A cybersecurity manager has scheduled biannual meetings with the IT team and department leaders to discuss how they would respond to hypothetical cyberattacks. During these meetings, the manager presents a scenario and injects additional information throughout the session to replicate what might occur in a dynamic cybersecurity event involving the company, its facilities, its data, and its staff. Which of the following describes what the manager is doing?

- A. Developing an incident response plan
- B. Building a disaster recovery plan
- C. Conducting a tabletop exercise
- D. Running a simulation exercise

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 158

A security administrator suspects an employee has been emailing proprietary information to a competitor. Company policy requires the administrator to capture an exact copy of the employee's hard disk. Which of the following should the administrator use?

- A. dd
- B. chmod
- C. dnsenum
- D. logger

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 162

A cybersecurity analyst needs to implement secure authentication to third-party websites without users' passwords. Which of the following would be the BEST way to achieve this objective?

- A. OAuth
- B. SSO
- C. SAML
- D. PAP

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 163

A network administrator has been alerted that web pages are experiencing long load times. After determining it is not a routing or DNS issue, the administrator logs in to the router, runs a command, and receives the following output:

```
CPU 0 percent busy, from 300 sec ago
1 sec ave: 99 percent busy
5 sec ave: 97 percent busy
1 min ave: 83 percent busy
```

Which of the following is the router experiencing?

- A. DDoS attack
- B. Memory leak
- C. Buffer overflow
- D. Resource exhaustion

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 165

A nuclear plant was the victim of a recent attack, and all the networks were air gapped. A subsequent investigation revealed a worm as the source of the issue. Which of the following BEST explains what happened?

- A. A malicious USB was introduced by an unsuspecting employee.
- B. The ICS firmware was outdated
- C. A local machine has a RAT installed.
- D. The HVAC was connected to the maintenance vendor.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 167

A Chief Executive Officer's (CEO) personal information was stolen in a social engineering attack. Which of the following sources would reveal if the CEO's personal information is for sale?

- A. Automated information sharing
- B. Open-source intelligence
- C. The dark web
- D. Vulnerability databases

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 172

A cybersecurity analyst reviews the log files from a web server and sees a series of files that indicates a directory-traversal attack has occurred. Which of the following is the analyst MOST likely seeing?

A)

```
http://sample.url.com/<script>Please-Visit-Our-Phishing-Site</script>
```

B)

```
http://sample.url.com/someotherpageonsite/../../../../etc/shadow
```

C)

```
http://sample.url.com/select-from-database-where-password-null
```

D)

```
http://redirect.sameple.url.sampleurl.com/malicious-dns-redirect
```

- A. Option A
- B. Option B
- C. Option C
- D. Option D

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 176

A network engineer notices the VPN concentrator overloaded and crashes on days when there are a lot of remote workers. Senior management has placed greater importance on the availability of VPN resources for the remote workers than the security of the end users' traffic. Which of the following would be BEST to solve this issue?

- A. iPSec
- B. Always On
- C. Split tunneling
- D. L2TP

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 177

Which of the following would be the BEST method for creating a detailed diagram of wireless access points and hot-spots?

- A. Footprinting
- B. White-box testing
- C. A drone/UAV
- D. Pivoting

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 182

Which of the following technical controls is BEST suited for the detection and prevention of buffer overflows on hosts?

- A. DLP
- B. HIDS
- C. EDR
- D. NIPS

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 187

Which of the following incident response steps involves actions to protect critical systems while maintaining business operations?

- A. Investigation
- B. Containment
- C. Recovery
- D. Lessons learned

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 188

A security analyst is reviewing a new website that will soon be made publicly available. The analyst sees the following in the URL:

<http://dev-site.comptia.org/home/show.php?sessionID=77276554&loc=us>

The analyst then sends an internal user a link to the new website for testing purposes, and when the user clicks the link, the analyst is able to browse the website with the following URL:

<http://dev-site.comptia.org/home/show.php?sessionID=98988475&loc=us> Which of the following application attacks is being tested?

- A. Pass-the-hash
- B. Session replay
- C. Object deference
- D. Cross-site request forgery

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 192

A company is launching a new internet platform for its clients. The company does not want to implement its own authorization solution but instead wants to rely on the authorization provided by another platform. Which of the following is the BEST approach to implement the desired solution?

- A. OAuth
- B. TACACS+
- C. SAML
- D. RADIUS

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 195

In which of the following common use cases would steganography be employed?

- A. Obfuscation
- B. Integrity
- C. Non-repudiation
- D. Blockchain

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 198

Which of the following are requirements that must be configured for PCI DSS compliance? (Select TWO).

- A. Testing security systems and processes regularly
- B. Installing and maintaining a web proxy to protect cardholder data
- C. Assigning a unique ID to each person with computer access
- D. Encrypting transmission of cardholder data across private networks
- E. Benchmarking security awareness training for contractors
- F. Using vendor-supplied default passwords for system passwords

Answer: BD

NEW QUESTION 200

A security analyst is reviewing information regarding recent vulnerabilities. Which of the following will the analyst MOST likely consult to validate which platforms have been affected?

- A. OSINT
- B. SIEM
- C. CVSS
- D. CVE

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 201

Which of the following will MOST likely adversely impact the operations of unpatched traditional programmable-logic controllers, running a back-end LAMP server and OT systems with human-management interfaces that are accessible over the Internet via a web interface? (Choose two.)

- A. Cross-site scripting
- B. Data exfiltration
- C. Poor system logging
- D. Weak encryption
- E. SQL injection
- F. Server-side request forgery

Answer: DF

NEW QUESTION 206

Which of the following cloud models provides clients with servers, storage, and networks but nothing else?

- A. SaaS
- B. PaaS
- C. IaaS
- D. DaaS

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 207

The IT department's on-site developer has been with the team for many years. Each time an application is released, the security team is able to identify multiple vulnerabilities. Which of the following would BEST help the team ensure the application is ready to be released to production?

- A. Limit the use of third-party libraries.
- B. Prevent data exposure queries.
- C. Obfuscate the source code.
- D. Submit the application to QA before releasing it.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 209

A security analyst needs to produce a document that details how a security incident occurred, the steps that were taken for recovery, and how future incidents can be avoided. During which of the following stages of the response process will this activity take place?

- A. Recovery
- B. Identification
- C. Lessons learned
- D. Preparation

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 213

A manufacturer creates designs for very high security products that are required to be protected and controlled by the government regulations. These designs are not accessible by corporate networks or the Internet. Which of the following is the BEST solution to protect these designs?

- A. An air gap
- B. A Faraday cage
- C. A shielded cable
- D. A demilitarized zone

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 215

An analyst visits an internet forum looking for information about a tool. The analyst finds a threat that appears to contain relevant information. One of the posts says the following:

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Hello everyone,  
I am having the same problem with my server. Can you help me?  
  
<script type="text/javascript" src=http://website.com/user.js>  
onload=sqlexec();  
</script>  
  
Thank you,  
  
Joe
```

Which of the following BEST describes the attack that was attempted against the forum readers?

- A. SOU attack
- B. DLL attack
- C. XSS attack
- D. API attack

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 219

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of an organization would like staff members to have the flexibility to work from home anytime during business hours, incident during a pandemic or crisis. However, the CEO is concerned that some staff members may take advantage of the of the flexibility and work from high-risk countries while on holidays work to a third-party organization in another country. The Chief information Officer (CIO) believes the company can implement some basic to mitigate the majority of the risk. Which of the following would be BEST to mitigate CEO's concern? (Select TWO).

- A. Geolocation
- B. Time-of-day restrictions
- C. Certificates
- D. Tokens
- E. Geotagging
- F. Role-based access controls

Answer: AE

NEW QUESTION 222

Which of the following provides the BEST protection for sensitive information and data stored in cloud-based services but still allows for full functionality and searchability of data within the cloud-based services?

- A. Data encryption
- B. Data masking
- C. Anonymization
- D. Tokenization

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 227

An organization has implemented a policy requiring the use of conductive metal lockboxes for personal electronic devices outside of a secure research lab. Which of the following did the organization determine to be the GREATEST risk to intellectual property when creating this policy?

- A. The theft of portable electronic devices
- B. Geotagging in the metadata of images
- C. Bluesnarfing of mobile devices
- D. Data exfiltration over a mobile hotspot

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 232

After reading a security bulletin, a network security manager is concerned that a malicious actor may have breached the network using the same software flaw. The exploit code is publicly available and has been reported as being used against other industries in the same vertical. Which of the following should the network security manager consult FIRST to determine a priority list for forensic review?

- A. The vulnerability scan output
- B. The IDS logs
- C. The full packet capture data
- D. The SIEM alerts

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 236

A retail executive recently accepted a job with a major competitor. The following week, a security analyst reviews the security logs and identifies successful logon attempts to access the departed executive's accounts. Which of the following security practices would have addressed the issue?

- A. A non-disclosure agreement
- B. Least privilege
- C. An acceptable use policy
- D. Offboarding

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 239

An incident response technician collected a mobile device during an investigation. Which of the following should the technician do to maintain chain of custody?

- A. Document the collection and require a sign-off when possession changes.
- B. Lock the device in a safe or other secure location to prevent theft or alteration.
- C. Place the device in a Faraday cage to prevent corruption of the data.
- D. Record the collection in a blockchain-protected public ledger.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 240

A startup company is using multiple SaaS and IaaS platforms to stand up a corporate infrastructure and build out a customer-facing web application. Which of the following solutions would be BEST to provide security, manageability, and visibility into the platforms?

- A. SIEM
- B. DLP
- C. CASB
- D. SWG

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 245

A security engineer is setting up passwordless authentication for the first time. INSTRUCTIONS
Use the minimum set of commands to set this up and verify that it works. Commands cannot be reused.
If at any time you would like to bring back the initial state of the simulation, please click the Reset All button.

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Commands
chmod 644 ~/.ssh/id_rsa
chmod 777 ~/.ssh/authorized_keys
scp ~/.ssh/id_rsa user@server:~/.ssh/authorized_keys
ssh root@server
ssh-keygen -t rsa
ssh-copy-id -i ~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub user@server
ssh -i ~/.ssh/id_rsa user@server
    
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SSH Client
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- A. Mastered
- B. Not Mastered

Answer: A

Explanation:

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chmod 777 ~/.ssh/authorized_keys
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ssh-keygen -t rsa
ssh-copy-id -i ~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub user@server
chmod 777 ~/.ssh/authorized_keys
chmod 644 ~/.ssh/id_rsa
    
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NEW QUESTION 248

Users at organization have been installing programs from the internet on their workstations without first proper authorization. The organization maintains a portal from which users can install standardized programs. However, some users have administrative access on their workstations to enable legacy programs to function properly. Which of the following should the security administrator consider implementing to address this issue?

- A. Application code signing
- B. Application whitelisting
- C. Data loss prevention
- D. Web application firewalls

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 252

The Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of an insurance company received an email from Ann, the company's Chief Executive Officer (CEO), requesting a transfer of \$10,000 to an account. The email states Ann is on vacation and has lost her purse, containing cash and credit cards. Which of the following social-engineering techniques is the attacker using?

- A. Phishing
- B. Whaling
- C. Typo squatting
- D. Pharming

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 256

A website developer is working on a new e-commerce website and has asked an information security expert for the most appropriate way to store credit card numbers to create an easy reordering process. Which of the following methods would BEST accomplish this goal?

- A. Salting the magnetic strip information
- B. Encrypting the credit card information in transit.
- C. Hashing the credit card numbers upon entry.
- D. Tokenizing the credit cards in the database

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 260

A company is implementing MFA for all applications that store sensitive data. The IT manager wants MFA to be non-disruptive and user friendly. Which of the following technologies should the IT manager use when implementing MFA?

- A. One-time passwords
- B. Email tokens
- C. Push notifications
- D. Hardware authentication

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 264

A company recently transitioned to a strictly BYOD culture due to the cost of replacing lost or damaged corporate-owned mobile devices. Which of the following technologies would be BEST to balance the BYOD culture while also protecting the company's data?

- A. Containerization
- B. Geofencing
- C. Full-disk encryption
- D. Remote wipe

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 267

A forensics investigator is examining a number of unauthorized payments that were reported on the company's website. Some unusual log entries show users received an email for an unwanted mailing list and clicked on a link to attempt to unsubscribe. One of the users reported the email to the phishing team, and the forwarded email revealed the link to be:



Which of the following will the forensics investigator MOST likely determine has occurred?

- A. SQL injection
- B. CSRF
- C. XSS
- D. XSRF

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 271

Which of the following would be the BEST resource for a software developer who is looking to improve secure coding practices for web applications?

- A. OWASP
- B. Vulnerability scan results
- C. NIST CSF
- D. Third-party libraries

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 272

A network engineer needs to create a plan for upgrading the wireless infrastructure in a large office. Priority must be given to areas that are currently experiencing latency and connection issues. Which of the following would be the BEST resource for determining the order of priority?

- A. Nmapn
- B. Heat maps
- C. Network diagrams

D. Wireshark

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 275

The CSIRT is reviewing the lessons learned from a recent incident. A worm was able to spread unhindered throughout the network and infect a large number of computers and servers. Which of the following recommendations would be BEST to mitigate the impacts of a similar incident in the future?

- A. Install a NIDS device at the boundary.
- B. Segment the network with firewalls.
- C. Update all antivirus signatures daily.
- D. Implement application blacklisting.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 278

A consultant is configuring a vulnerability scanner for a large, global organization in multiple countries. The consultant will be using a service account to scan systems with administrative privileges on a weekly basis, but there is a concern that hackers could gain access to account to the account and pivot through the global network. Which of the following would be BEST to help mitigate this concern?

- A. Create consultant accounts for each region, each configured with push MFA notifications.
- B. Create one global administrator account and enforce Kerberos authentication
- C. Create different accounts for each regio
- D. limit their logon times, and alert on risky logins
- E. Create a guest account for each regio
- F. remember the last ten passwords, and block password reuse

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 281

A small business just recovered from a ransomware attack against its file servers by purchasing the decryption keys from the attackers. The issue was triggered by a phishing email and the IT administrator wants to ensure it does not happen again. Which of the following should the IT administrator do FIRST after recovery?

- A. Scan the NAS for residual or dormant malware and take new daily backups that are tested on a frequent basis
- B. Restrict administrative privileges and patch ail systems and applications.
- C. Rebuild all workstations and install new antivirus software
- D. Implement application whitelisting and perform user application hardening

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 286

A security analyst discovers that a company username and password database was posted on an internet forum. The username and passwords are stored in plain text. Which of the following would mitigate the damage done by this type of data exfiltration in the future?

- A. Create DLP controls that prevent documents from leaving the network
- B. Implement salting and hashing
- C. Configure the web content filter to block access to the forum.
- D. Increase password complexity requirements

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 288

A security engineer needs to implement an MDM solution that complies with the corporate mobile device policy. The policy states that in order for mobile users to access corporate resources on their devices the following requirements must be met:

- Mobile device OSs must be patched up to the latest release
- A screen lock must be enabled (passcode or biometric)
- Corporate data must be removed if the device is reported lost or stolen

Which of the following controls should the security engineer configure? (Select TWO)

- A. Containerization
- B. Storage segmentation
- C. Posturing
- D. Remote wipe
- E. Full-device encryption
- F. Geofencing

Answer: DE

NEW QUESTION 289

A security analyst is preparing a threat for an upcoming internal penetration test. The analyst needs to identify a method for determining the tactics, techniques, and procedures of a threat against the organization's network. Which of the following will the analyst MOST likely use to accomplish the objective?

- A. A table exercise
- B. NST CSF
- C. MTRE ATT\$CK
- D. OWASP

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 294

A forensics examiner is attempting to dump password cached in the physical memory of a live system but keeps receiving an error message. Which of the following BEST describes the cause of the error?

- A. The examiner does not have administrative privileges to the system
- B. The system must be taken offline before a snapshot can be created
- C. Checksum mismatches are invalidating the disk image
- D. The swap file needs to be unlocked before it can be accessed

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 296

A company processes highly sensitive data and senior management wants to protect the sensitive data by utilizing classification labels. Which of the following access control schemes would be BEST for the company to implement?

- A. Discretionary
- B. Rule-based
- C. Role-based
- D. Mandatory

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 301

A smart switch has the ability to monitor electrical levels and shut off power to a building in the event of power surge or other fault situation. The switch was installed on a wired network in a hospital and is monitored by the facilities department via a cloud application. The security administrator isolated the switch on a separate VLAN and set up a patch routine. Which of the following steps should also be taken to harden the smart switch?

- A. Set up an air gap for the switch.
- B. Change the default password for the switch.
- C. Place the switch in a Faraday cage.
- D. Install a cable lock on the switch

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 303

A pharmaceutical sales representative logs on to a laptop and connects to the public WiFi to check emails and update reports. Which of the following would be BEST to prevent other devices on the network from directly accessing the laptop? (Choose two.)

- A. Trusted Platform Module
- B. A host-based firewall
- C. A DLP solution
- D. Full disk encryption
- E. A VPN
- F. Antivirus software

Answer: AB

NEW QUESTION 306

An engineer wants to access sensitive data from a corporate-owned mobile device. Personal data is not allowed on the device. Which of the following MDM configurations must be considered when the engineer travels for business?

- A. Screen locks
- B. Application management
- C. Geofencing
- D. Containerization

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 311

A security analyst is performing a forensic investigation compromised account credentials. Using the Event Viewer, the analyst able to detect the following message, "Special privileges assigned to new login." Several of these messages did not have a valid logon associated with the user before these privileges were assigned. Which of the following attacks is MOST likely being detected?

- A. Pass-the-hash
- B. Buffer overflow
- C. Cross-site scripting
- D. Session replay

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 312

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