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NEW QUESTION 1

- (Exam Topic 1)

A control for mitigating risk in a key business area cannot be implemented immediately. Which of the following is the risk practitioner's BEST course of action when a compensating control needs to be applied?

- A. Obtain the risk owner's approval.
- B. Record the risk as accepted in the risk register.
- C. Inform senior management.
- D. Update the risk response plan.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 2

- (Exam Topic 1)

Which of the following BEST provides an early warning that network access of terminated employees is not being revoked in accordance with the service level agreement (SLA)?

- A. Updating multi-factor authentication
- B. Monitoring key access control performance indicators
- C. Analyzing access control logs for suspicious activity
- D. Revising the service level agreement (SLA)

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 3

- (Exam Topic 1)

Which of the following is the MOST important consideration when selecting key risk indicators (KRIs) to monitor risk trends over time?

- A. Ongoing availability of data
- B. Ability to aggregate data
- C. Ability to predict trends
- D. Availability of automated reporting systems

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 4

- (Exam Topic 1)

When using a third party to perform penetration testing, which of the following is the MOST important control to minimize operational impact?

- A. Perform a background check on the vendor.
- B. Require the vendor to sign a nondisclosure agreement.
- C. Require the vendor to have liability insurance.
- D. Clearly define the project scope

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 5

- (Exam Topic 1)

The acceptance of control costs that exceed risk exposure is MOST likely an example of:

- A. low risk tolerance.
- B. corporate culture misalignment.
- C. corporate culture alignment.
- D. high risk tolerance

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 6

- (Exam Topic 1)

Which of the following is the BEST way to identify changes to the risk landscape?

- A. Internal audit reports
- B. Access reviews
- C. Threat modeling
- D. Root cause analysis

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 7

- (Exam Topic 1)

The head of a business operations department asks to review the entire IT risk register. Which of the following would be the risk manager's BEST approach to this request before sharing the register?

- A. Escalate to senior management
- B. Require a nondisclosure agreement.

- C. Sanitize portions of the register
- D. Determine the purpose of the request

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 8

- (Exam Topic 1)

Which of the following would BEST help an enterprise prioritize risk scenarios?

- A. Industry best practices
- B. Placement on the risk map
- C. Degree of variances in the risk
- D. Cost of risk mitigation

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 9

- (Exam Topic 1)

Which of the following is of GREATEST concern when uncontrolled changes are made to the control environment?

- A. A decrease in control layering effectiveness
- B. An increase in inherent risk
- C. An increase in control vulnerabilities
- D. An increase in the level of residual risk

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 10

- (Exam Topic 1)

Periodically reviewing and updating a risk register with details on identified risk factors PRIMARILY helps to:

- A. minimize the number of risk scenarios for risk assessment.
- B. aggregate risk scenarios identified across different business units.
- C. build a threat profile of the organization for management review.
- D. provide a current reference to stakeholders for risk-based decisions.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 10

- (Exam Topic 1)

A trusted third party service provider has determined that the risk of a client's systems being hacked is low. Which of the following would be the client's BEST course of action?

- A. Perform their own risk assessment
- B. Implement additional controls to address the risk.
- C. Accept the risk based on the third party's risk assessment
- D. Perform an independent audit of the third party.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 15

- (Exam Topic 1)

Which of the following should be the PRIMARY objective of promoting a risk-aware culture within an organization?

- A. Better understanding of the risk appetite
- B. Improving audit results
- C. Enabling risk-based decision making
- D. Increasing process control efficiencies

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 19

- (Exam Topic 1)

Which of the following changes would be reflected in an organization's risk profile after the failure of a critical patch implementation?

- A. Risk tolerance is decreased.
- B. Residual risk is increased.
- C. Inherent risk is increased.
- D. Risk appetite is decreased

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 22

- (Exam Topic 1)

Which of the following is the MOST important requirement for monitoring key risk indicators (KRIs) using log analysis?

- A. Obtaining logs in an easily readable format
- B. Providing accurate logs in a timely manner
- C. Collecting logs from the entire set of IT systems
- D. Implementing an automated log analysis tool

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 24

- (Exam Topic 1)

Which of the following is the BEST metric to demonstrate the effectiveness of an organization's change management process?

- A. Increase in the frequency of changes
- B. Percent of unauthorized changes
- C. Increase in the number of emergency changes
- D. Average time to complete changes

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 27

- (Exam Topic 1)

An application owner has specified the acceptable downtime in the event of an incident to be much lower than the actual time required for the response team to recover the application. Which of the following should be the NEXT course of action?

- A. Invoke the disaster recovery plan during an incident.
- B. Prepare a cost-benefit analysis of alternatives available
- C. Implement redundant infrastructure for the application.
- D. Reduce the recovery time by strengthening the response team.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 31

- (Exam Topic 1)

The PRIMARY objective for selecting risk response options is to:

- A. reduce risk to an acceptable level.
- B. identify compensating controls.
- C. minimize residual risk.
- D. reduce risk factors.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 33

- (Exam Topic 1)

Which of the following is MOST important when developing key performance indicators (KPIs)?

- A. Alignment to risk responses
- B. Alignment to management reports
- C. Alerts when risk thresholds are reached
- D. Identification of trends

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 36

- (Exam Topic 1)

Which of the following should be the PRIMARY consideration when assessing the automation of control monitoring?

- A. impact due to failure of control
- B. Frequency of failure of control
- C. Contingency plan for residual risk
- D. Cost-benefit analysis of automation

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 41

- (Exam Topic 1)

Which of the following is the MAIN reason for documenting the performance of controls?

- A. Obtaining management sign-off
- B. Demonstrating effective risk mitigation
- C. Justifying return on investment
- D. Providing accurate risk reporting

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 44

- (Exam Topic 1)

Which of the following attributes of a key risk indicator (KRI) is MOST important?

- A. Repeatable
- B. Automated
- C. Quantitative
- D. Qualitative

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 48

- (Exam Topic 1)

Numerous media reports indicate a recently discovered technical vulnerability is being actively exploited. Which of the following would be the BEST response to this scenario?

- A. Assess the vulnerability management process.
- B. Conduct a control self-assessment.
- C. Conduct a vulnerability assessment.
- D. Reassess the inherent risk of the target.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 52

- (Exam Topic 1)

Which of the following roles is BEST suited to help a risk practitioner understand the impact of IT-related events on business objectives?

- A. IT management
- B. Internal audit
- C. Process owners
- D. Senior management

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 57

- (Exam Topic 1)

Which of the following should be the PRIMARY input when designing IT controls?

- A. Benchmark of industry standards
- B. Internal and external risk reports
- C. Recommendations from IT risk experts
- D. Outcome of control self-assessments

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 60

- (Exam Topic 1)

The risk associated with an asset before controls are applied can be expressed as:

- A. a function of the likelihood and impact
- B. the magnitude of an impact
- C. a function of the cost and effectiveness of control.
- D. the likelihood of a given threat

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 65

- (Exam Topic 1)

Which of the following is MOST effective against external threats to an organizations confidential information?

- A. Single sign-on
- B. Data integrity checking
- C. Strong authentication
- D. Intrusion detection system

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 68

- (Exam Topic 1)

Which of the following would be- MOST helpful to understand the impact of a new technology system on an organization's current risk profile?

- A. Hire consultants specializing in the new technology.
- B. Review existing risk mitigation controls.
- C. Conduct a gap analysis.
- D. Perform a risk assessment.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 72

- (Exam Topic 1)

To implement the MOST effective monitoring of key risk indicators (KRIs), which of the following needs to be in place?

- A. Threshold definition
- B. Escalation procedures
- C. Automated data feed
- D. Controls monitoring

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 73

- (Exam Topic 1)

An organization has determined a risk scenario is outside the defined risk tolerance level. What should be the NEXT course of action?

- A. Develop a compensating control.
- B. Allocate remediation resources.
- C. Perform a cost-benefit analysis.
- D. Identify risk responses

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 75

- (Exam Topic 1)

Which of the following is the MOST useful indicator to measure the efficiency of an identity and access management process?

- A. Number of tickets for provisioning new accounts
- B. Average time to provision user accounts
- C. Password reset volume per month
- D. Average account lockout time

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 76

- (Exam Topic 1)

A risk practitioner is developing a set of bottom-up IT risk scenarios. The MOST important time to involve business stakeholders is when:

- A. updating the risk register
- B. documenting the risk scenarios.
- C. validating the risk scenarios
- D. identifying risk mitigation controls.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 80

- (Exam Topic 1)

Which of the following is a PRIMARY benefit of engaging the risk owner during the risk assessment process?

- A. Identification of controls gaps that may lead to noncompliance
- B. Prioritization of risk action plans across departments
- C. Early detection of emerging threats
- D. Accurate measurement of loss impact

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 81

- (Exam Topic 1)

Which of the following is MOST critical when designing controls?

- A. Involvement of internal audit
- B. Involvement of process owner
- C. Quantitative impact of the risk
- D. Identification of key risk indicators

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 86

- (Exam Topic 1)

An effective control environment is BEST indicated by controls that:

- A. minimize senior management's risk tolerance.
- B. manage risk within the organization's risk appetite.
- C. reduce the thresholds of key risk indicators (KRIs).
- D. are cost-effective to implement

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 87

- (Exam Topic 1)

What is the PRIMARY reason to periodically review key performance indicators (KPIs)?

- A. Ensure compliance.
- B. Identify trends.
- C. Promote a risk-aware culture.
- D. Optimize resources needed for controls

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 92

- (Exam Topic 1)

Which of the following is the FIRST step in managing the security risk associated with wearable technology in the workplace?

- A. Identify the potential risk.
- B. Monitor employee usage.
- C. Assess the potential risk.
- D. Develop risk awareness training.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 95

- (Exam Topic 1)

An IT risk practitioner has determined that mitigation activities differ from an approved risk action plan. Which of the following is the risk practitioner's BEST course of action?

- A. Report the observation to the chief risk officer (CRO).
- B. Validate the adequacy of the implemented risk mitigation measures.
- C. Update the risk register with the implemented risk mitigation actions.
- D. Revert the implemented mitigation measures until approval is obtained

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 100

- (Exam Topic 1)

A risk heat map is MOST commonly used as part of an IT risk analysis to facilitate risk:

- A. communication
- B. identification.
- C. treatment.
- D. assessment.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 101

- (Exam Topic 1)

Which of the following is MOST helpful to ensure effective security controls for a cloud service provider?

- A. A control self-assessment
- B. A third-party security assessment report
- C. Internal audit reports from the vendor
- D. Service level agreement monitoring

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 106

- (Exam Topic 2)

Which of the following would present the GREATEST challenge when assigning accountability for control ownership?

- A. Weak governance structures
- B. Senior management scrutiny
- C. Complex regulatory environment
- D. Unclear reporting relationships

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 111

- (Exam Topic 2)

Which of the following conditions presents the GREATEST risk to an application?

- A. Application controls are manual.
- B. Application development is outsourced.
- C. Source code is escrowed.
- D. Developers have access to production environment.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 112

- (Exam Topic 2)

The PRIMARY objective for requiring an independent review of an organization's IT risk management process should be to:

- A. assess gaps in IT risk management operations and strategic focus.
- B. confirm that IT risk assessment results are expressed as business impact.
- C. verify implemented controls to reduce the likelihood of threat materialization.
- D. ensure IT risk management is focused on mitigating potential risk.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 115

- (Exam Topic 2)

When reviewing a risk response strategy, senior management's PRIMARY focus should be placed on the:

- A. cost-benefit analysis.
- B. investment portfolio.
- C. key performance indicators (KPIs).
- D. alignment with risk appetite.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 119

- (Exam Topic 2)

Controls should be defined during the design phase of system development because:

- A. it is more cost-effective to determine controls in the early design phase.
- B. structured analysis techniques exclude identification of controls.
- C. structured programming techniques require that controls be designed before coding begins.
- D. technical specifications are defined during this phase.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 121

- (Exam Topic 2)

Which of the following is the PRIMARY objective of providing an aggregated view of IT risk to business management?

- A. To enable consistent data on risk to be obtained
- B. To allow for proper review of risk tolerance
- C. To identify dependencies for reporting risk
- D. To provide consistent and clear terminology

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 124

- (Exam Topic 2)

The BEST key performance indicator (KPI) to measure the effectiveness of a vulnerability remediation program is the number of:

- A. vulnerability scans.
- B. recurring vulnerabilities.
- C. vulnerabilities remediated,
- D. new vulnerabilities identified.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 129

- (Exam Topic 2)

A large organization is replacing its enterprise resource planning (ERP) system and has decided not to deploy the payroll module of the new system. Instead, the current payroll system will continue to be used. Of the following, who should own the risk if the ERP and payroll system fail to operate as expected?

- A. The business owner
- B. The ERP administrator
- C. The project steering committee
- D. The IT project manager

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 130

- (Exam Topic 2)

An organization's financial analysis department uses an in-house forecasting application for business projections. Who is responsible for defining access roles to protect the sensitive data within this application?

- A. IT risk manager
- B. IT system owner
- C. Information security manager
- D. Business owner

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 132

- (Exam Topic 2)

Which of the following is the GREATEST concern when using a generic set of IT risk scenarios for risk analysis?

- A. Quantitative analysis might not be possible.
- B. Risk factors might not be relevant to the organization
- C. Implementation costs might increase.
- D. Inherent risk might not be considered.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 133

- (Exam Topic 2)

Which of the following should be the MOST important consideration when performing a vendor risk assessment?

- A. Results of the last risk assessment of the vendor
- B. Inherent risk of the business process supported by the vendor
- C. Risk tolerance of the vendor
- D. Length of time since the last risk assessment of the vendor

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 134

- (Exam Topic 2)

Which of the following statements BEST describes risk appetite?

- A. The amount of risk an organization is willing to accept
- B. The effective management of risk and internal control environments
- C. Acceptable variation between risk thresholds and business objectives
- D. The acceptable variation relative to the achievement of objectives

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 136

- (Exam Topic 2)

An organization has decided to implement an emerging technology and incorporate the new capabilities into its strategic business plan. Business operations for the technology will be outsourced. What will be the risk practitioner's PRIMARY role during the change?

- A. Managing third-party risk
- B. Developing risk scenarios
- C. Managing the threat landscape
- D. Updating risk appetite

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 138

- (Exam Topic 2)

As part of an overall IT risk management plan, an IT risk register BEST helps management:

- A. align IT processes with business objectives.
- B. communicate the enterprise risk management policy.
- C. stay current with existing control status.
- D. understand the organizational risk profile.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 139

- (Exam Topic 2)

A third-party vendor has offered to perform user access provisioning and termination. Which of the following control accountabilities is BEST retained within the organization?

- A. Reviewing access control lists
- B. Authorizing user access requests
- C. Performing user access recertification
- D. Terminating inactive user access

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 143

- (Exam Topic 2)

A PRIMARY function of the risk register is to provide supporting information for the development of an organization's risk:

- A. strategy.
- B. profile.
- C. process.
- D. map.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 148

- (Exam Topic 2)

Which of the following is the MOST effective way to integrate risk and compliance management?

- A. Embedding risk management into compliance decision-making
- B. Designing corrective actions to improve risk response capabilities
- C. Embedding risk management into processes that are aligned with business drivers
- D. Conducting regular self-assessments to verify compliance

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 151

- (Exam Topic 2)

Which of the following BEST indicates the efficiency of a process for granting access privileges?

- A. Average time to grant access privileges
- B. Number of changes in access granted to users
- C. Average number of access privilege exceptions
- D. Number and type of locked obsolete accounts

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 153

- (Exam Topic 2)

The BEST key performance indicator (KPI) for monitoring adherence to an organization's user accounts provisioning practices is the percentage of:

- A. accounts without documented approval
- B. user accounts with default passwords
- C. active accounts belonging to former personnel
- D. accounts with dormant activity.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 154

- (Exam Topic 2)

Deviation from a mitigation action plan's completion date should be determined by which of the following?

- A. Change management as determined by a change control board
- B. Benchmarking analysis with similar completed projects
- C. Project governance criteria as determined by the project office
- D. The risk owner as determined by risk management processes

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 159

- (Exam Topic 2)

Which of the following is the FIRST step in risk assessment?

- A. Review risk governance
- B. Asset identification
- C. Identify risk factors
- D. Inherent risk identification

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 164

- (Exam Topic 2)

An IT license audit has revealed that there are several unlicensed copies of software to be:

- A. immediately uninstall the unlicensed software from the laptops
- B. centralize administration rights on laptops so that installations are controlled
- C. report the issue to management so appropriate action can be taken.
- D. procure the requisite licenses for the software to minimize business impact.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 169

- (Exam Topic 2)

The design of procedures to prevent fraudulent transactions within an enterprise resource planning (ERP) system should be based on:

- A. stakeholder risk tolerance.
- B. benchmarking criteria.
- C. suppliers used by the organization.
- D. the control environment.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 171

- (Exam Topic 2)

Which of the following is the BEST way to promote adherence to the risk tolerance level set by management?

- A. Defining expectations in the enterprise risk policy
- B. Increasing organizational resources to mitigate risks
- C. Communicating external audit results
- D. Avoiding risks that could materialize into substantial losses

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 172

- (Exam Topic 2)

Which of the following would BEST enable mitigation of newly identified risk factors related to internet of Things (IoT)?

- A. Introducing control procedures early in the life cycle
- B. Implementing IoT device software monitoring
- C. Performing periodic risk assessments of IoT
- D. Performing secure code reviews

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 173

- (Exam Topic 2)

Which of the following is MOST important to understand when developing key risk indicators (KRIs)?

- A. KRI thresholds
- B. Integrity of the source data
- C. Control environment
- D. Stakeholder requirements

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 178

- (Exam Topic 2)

An internal audit report reveals that not all IT application databases have encryption in place. Which of the following information would be MOST important for assessing the risk impact?

- A. The number of users who can access sensitive data
- B. A list of unencrypted databases which contain sensitive data
- C. The reason some databases have not been encrypted
- D. The cost required to enforce encryption

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 179

- (Exam Topic 2)

Which of The following is the PRIMARY consideration when establishing an organization's risk management methodology?

- A. Business context
- B. Risk tolerance level
- C. Resource requirements
- D. Benchmarking information

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 183

- (Exam Topic 2)

An organization has decided to outsource a web application, and customer data will be stored in the vendor's public cloud. To protect customer data, it is MOST important to ensure which of the following?

- A. The organization's incident response procedures have been updated.
- B. The vendor stores the data in the same jurisdiction.
- C. Administrative access is only held by the vendor.
- D. The vendor's responsibilities are defined in the contract.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 187

- (Exam Topic 2)

The BEST way to improve a risk register is to ensure the register:

- A. is updated based upon significant events.
- B. documents possible countermeasures.
- C. contains the risk assessment completion date.
- D. is regularly audited.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 189

- (Exam Topic 2)

Which of the following BEST indicates the effectiveness of anti-malware software?

- A. Number of staff hours lost due to malware attacks
- B. Number of downtime hours in business critical servers
- C. Number of patches made to anti-malware software
- D. Number of successful attacks by malicious software

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 193

- (Exam Topic 2)

A software developer has administrative access to a production application. Which of the following should be of GREATEST concern to a risk practitioner?

- A. The administrative access does not allow for activity log monitoring.
- B. The administrative access does not follow password management protocols.
- C. The administrative access represents a deviation from corporate policy.
- D. The administrative access represents a segregation of duties conflict.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 197

- (Exam Topic 2)

Which of the following will BEST help in communicating strategic risk priorities?

- A. Balanced scorecard
- B. Risk register
- C. Business impact analysis
- D. Heat map

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 201

- (Exam Topic 2)

Which of the following provides the BEST evidence that risk responses have been executed according to their risk action plans?

- A. Risk policy review
- B. Business impact analysis (BIA)
- C. Control catalog
- D. Risk register

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 202

- (Exam Topic 2)

The PRIMARY purpose of IT control status reporting is to:

- A. ensure compliance with IT governance strategy.
- B. assist internal audit in evaluating and initiating remediation efforts.
- C. benchmark IT controls with Industry standards.
- D. facilitate the comparison of the current and desired states.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 207

- (Exam Topic 2)

Which of the following provides the MOST helpful reference point when communicating the results of a risk assessment to stakeholders?

- A. Risk tolerance
- B. Risk appetite
- C. Risk awareness

D. Risk policy

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 211

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