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Exam Questions CAS-004

CompTIA Advanced Security Practitioner (CASP+) Exam



NEW QUESTION 1

Which of the following are risks associated with vendor lock-in? (Choose two.)

- A. The client can seamlessly move data.
- B. The vendor can change product offerings.
- C. The client receives a sufficient level of service.
- D. The client experiences decreased quality of service.
- E. The client can leverage a multicloud approach.
- F. The client experiences increased interoperability.

Answer: BD

Explanation:

Reference: <https://www.cloudflare.com/learning/cloud/what-is-vendor-lockin/#:~:text=Vendor%20lock%2Din%20can%20become,may%20involve%20reformatting%20the%20data>

NEW QUESTION 2

A company processes data subject to NDAs with partners that define the processing and storage constraints for the covered data. The agreements currently do not permit moving the covered data to the cloud, and the company would like to renegotiate the terms of the agreements. Which of the following would MOST likely help the company gain consensus to move the data to the cloud?

- A. Designing data protection schemes to mitigate the risk of loss due to multitenancy
- B. Implementing redundant stores and services across diverse CSPs for high availability
- C. Emulating OS and hardware architectures to blur operations from CSP view
- D. Purchasing managed FIM services to alert on detected modifications to covered data

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 3

A high-severity vulnerability was found on a web application and introduced to the enterprise. The vulnerability could allow an unauthorized user to utilize an open-source library to view privileged user information. The enterprise is unwilling to accept the risk, but the developers cannot fix the issue right away. Which of the following should be implemented to reduce the risk to an acceptable level until the issue can be fixed?

- A. Scan the code with a static code analyzer, change privileged user passwords, and provide security training.
- B. Change privileged usernames, review the OS logs, and deploy hardware tokens.
- C. Implement MFA, review the application logs, and deploy a WAF.
- D. Deploy a VPN, configure an official open-source library repository, and perform a full application review for vulnerabilities.

Answer: D

Explanation:

Reference: <https://www.microfocus.com/en-us/what-is/sast>

NEW QUESTION 4

In preparation for the holiday season, a company redesigned the system that manages retail sales and moved it to a cloud service provider. The new infrastructure did not meet the company's availability requirements. During a postmortem analysis, the following issues were highlighted:

- * 1. International users reported latency when images on the web page were initially loading.
- * 2. During times of report processing, users reported issues with inventory when attempting to place orders.
- * 3. Despite the fact that ten new API servers were added, the load across servers was heavy at peak times.

Which of the following infrastructure design changes would be BEST for the organization to implement to avoid these issues in the future?

- A. Serve static content via distributed CDNs, create a read replica of the central database and pull reports from there, and auto-scale API servers based on performance.
- B. Increase the bandwidth for the server that delivers images, use a CDN, change the database to a non-relational database, and split the ten API servers across two load balancers.
- C. Serve images from an object storage bucket with infrequent read times, replicate the database across different regions, and dynamically create API servers based on load.
- D. Serve static-content object storage across different regions, increase the instance size on the managed relational database, and distribute the ten API servers across multiple regions.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 5

A security architect is implementing a web application that uses a database back end. Prior to the production, the architect is concerned about the possibility of XSS attacks and wants to identify security controls that could be put in place to prevent these attacks.

Which of the following sources could the architect consult to address this security concern?

- A. SDLC
- B. OVAL
- C. IEEE
- D. OWASP

Answer: B

Explanation:

Reference: <https://dzone.com/articles/what-is-oval-a-community-driven-vulnerability-mana>

NEW QUESTION 6

During a system penetration test, a security engineer successfully gained access to a shell on a Linux host as a standard user and wants to elevate the privilege levels.

Which of the following is a valid Linux post-exploitation method to use to accomplish this goal?

- A. Spawn a shell using sudo and an escape string such as `sudo vim -c '!sh'`.
- B. Perform ASIC password cracking on the host.
- C. Read the `/etc/passwd` file to extract the usernames.
- D. Initiate unquoted service path exploits.
- E. Use the UNION operator to extract the database schema.

Answer: C

Explanation:

Reference: <https://docs.rapid7.com/insightvm/elevating-permissions/>

NEW QUESTION 7

An organization is referencing NIST best practices for BCP creation while reviewing current internal organizational processes for mission-essential items. Which of the following phases establishes the identification and prioritization of critical systems and functions?

- A. Review a recent gap analysis.
- B. Perform a cost-benefit analysis.
- C. Conduct a business impact analysis.
- D. Develop an exposure factor matrix.

Answer: C

Explanation:

Reference: <https://itsm.ucsf.edu/business-impact-analysis-bia-0>

NEW QUESTION 8

A technician is reviewing the logs and notices a large number of files were transferred to remote sites over the course of three months. This activity then stopped. The files were transferred via TLSprotected HTTP sessions from systems that do not send traffic to those sites.

The technician will define this threat as:

- A. a decrypting RSA using obsolete and weakened encryption attack.
- B. a zero-day attack.
- C. an advanced persistent threat.
- D. an on-path attack.

Answer: A

Explanation:

Reference: <https://www.internetsociety.org/deploy360/tls/basics/>

NEW QUESTION 9

A security analyst notices a number of SIEM events that show the following activity:

Which of the following response actions should the analyst take FIRST?

- A. Disable powershell.exe on all Microsoft Windows endpoints.
- B. Restart Microsoft Windows Defender.
- C. Configure the forward proxy to block 40.90.23.154.
- D. Disable local administrator privileges on the endpoints.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 10

A Chief Information Officer is considering migrating all company data to the cloud to save money on expensive SAN storage. Which of the following is a security concern that will MOST likely need to be addressed during migration?

- A. Latency
- B. Data exposure
- C. Data loss
- D. Data dispersion

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 10

A security analyst discovered that the company's WAF was not properly configured. The main web server was breached, and the following payload was found in one of the malicious requests:

Which of the following would BEST mitigate this vulnerability?

- A. CAPTCHA
- B. Input validation
- C. Data encoding
- D. Network intrusion prevention

Answer: B

Explanation:

Reference: <https://hdivsecurity.com/owasp-xml-external-entities-xxe>

NEW QUESTION 11

A new web server must comply with new secure-by-design principles and PCI DSS. This includes mitigating the risk of an on-path attack. A security analyst is reviewing the following web server configuration:

Which of the following ciphers should the security analyst remove to support the business requirements?

- A. TLS_AES_128_CCM_8_SHA256
- B. TLS_DHE_DSS_WITH_RC4_128_SHA
- C. TLS_CHACHA20_POLY1305_SHA256
- D. TLS_AES_128_GCM_SHA256

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 12

A security analyst is performing a vulnerability assessment on behalf of a client. The analyst must define what constitutes a risk to the organization. Which of the following should be the analyst's FIRST action?

- A. Create a full inventory of information and data assets.
- B. Ascertain the impact of an attack on the availability of crucial resources.
- C. Determine which security compliance standards should be followed.
- D. Perform a full system penetration test to determine the vulnerabilities.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 13

A systems administrator is in the process of hardening the host systems before connecting to the network. The administrator wants to add protection to the boot loader to ensure the hosts are secure before the OS fully boots.

Which of the following would provide the BEST boot loader protection?

- A. TPM
- B. HSM
- C. PKI
- D. UEFI/BIOS

Answer: D

Explanation:

Reference: <https://docs.vmware.com/en/VMware-vSphere/7.0/com.vmware.vsphere.security.doc/GUID-898217D4-689D-4EB5-866C-888353FE241C.html>

NEW QUESTION 16

An organization's hunt team thinks a persistent threats exists and already has a foothold in the enterprise network. Which of the following techniques would be BEST for the hunt team to use to entice the adversary to uncover malicious activity?

- A. Deploy a SOAR tool.
- B. Modify user password history and length requirements.
- C. Apply new isolation and segmentation schemes.
- D. Implement decoy files on adjacent hosts.

Answer: C

Explanation:

Reference: <https://www.cynet.com/network-attacks/network-attacks-and-network-security-threats/>

NEW QUESTION 20

A small company recently developed prototype technology for a military program. The company's security engineer is concerned about potential theft of the newly developed, proprietary information. Which of the following should the security engineer do to BEST manage the threats proactively?

- A. Join an information-sharing community that is relevant to the company.
- B. Leverage the MITRE ATT&CK framework to map the TTR.
- C. Use OSINT techniques to evaluate and analyze the threats.
- D. Update security awareness training to address new threats, such as best practices for data security.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 21

Which of the following is the MOST important security objective when applying cryptography to control messages that tell an ICS how much electrical power to output?

- A. Importing the availability of messages
- B. Ensuring non-repudiation of messages
- C. Enforcing protocol conformance for messages
- D. Assuring the integrity of messages

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 24

While investigating a security event, an analyst finds evidence that a user opened an email attachment from an unknown source. Shortly after the user opened the attachment, a group of servers experienced a large amount of network and resource activity. Upon investigating the servers, the analyst discovers the servers were encrypted by ransomware that is demanding payment within 48 hours or all data will be destroyed. The company has no response plans for ransomware. Which of the following is the NEXT step the analyst should take after reporting the incident to the management team?

- A. Pay the ransom within 48 hours.
- B. Isolate the servers to prevent the spread.
- C. Notify law enforcement.
- D. Request that the affected servers be restored immediately.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 25

A company publishes several APIs for customers and is required to use keys to segregate customer data sets. Which of the following would be BEST to use to store customer keys?

- A. A trusted platform module
- B. A hardware security module
- C. A localized key store
- D. A public key infrastructure

Answer: C

Explanation:

Reference: <https://developer.android.com/studio/publish/app-signing>

NEW QUESTION 28

A satellite communications ISP frequently experiences outages and degraded modes of operation over one of its legacy satellite links due to the use of deprecated hardware and software. Three days per week, on average, a contracted company must follow a checklist of 16 different high-latency commands that must be run in serial to restore nominal performance. The ISP wants this process to be automated.

Which of the following techniques would be BEST suited for this requirement?

- A. Deploy SOAR utilities and runbooks.
- B. Replace the associated hardware.
- C. Provide the contractors with direct access to satellite telemetry data.
- D. Reduce link latency on the affected ground and satellite segments.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 29

An organization recently experienced a ransomware attack. The security team leader is concerned about the attack reoccurring. However, no further security measures have been implemented.

Which of the following processes can be used to identify potential prevention recommendations?

- A. Detection
- B. Remediation
- C. Preparation
- D. Recovery

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 34

A company created an external application for its customers. A security researcher now reports that the application has a serious LDAP injection vulnerability that could be leveraged to bypass authentication and authorization.

Which of the following actions would BEST resolve the issue? (Choose two.)

- A. Conduct input sanitization.
- B. Deploy a SIEM.
- C. Use containers.
- D. Patch the OS
- E. Deploy a WAF.
- F. Deploy a reverse proxy
- G. Deploy an IDS.

Answer: BD

NEW QUESTION 38

DRAG DROP

An organization is planning for disaster recovery and continuity of operations. INSTRUCTIONS

Review the following scenarios and instructions. Match each relevant finding to the affected host.

After associating scenario 3 with the appropriate host(s), click the host to select the appropriate corrective action for that finding. Each finding may be used more than once.

If at any time you would like to bring back the initial state of the simulation, please click the Reset All button. Select and Place:

A.

A.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 43

An organization is preparing to migrate its production environment systems from an on-premises environment to a cloud service. The lead security architect is concerned that the organization's current methods for addressing risk may not be possible in the cloud environment.

Which of the following BEST describes the reason why traditional methods of addressing risk may not be possible in the cloud?

- A. Migrating operations assumes the acceptance of all risk.
- B. Cloud providers are unable to avoid risk.
- C. Specific risks cannot be transferred to the cloud provider.
- D. Risks to data in the cloud cannot be mitigated.

Answer: C

Explanation:

Reference: <https://arxiv.org/ftp/arxiv/papers/1303/1303.4814.pdf>

NEW QUESTION 48

After a security incident, a network security engineer discovers that a portion of the company's sensitive external traffic has been redirected through a secondary ISP that is not normally used.

Which of the following would BEST secure the routes while allowing the network to function in the event of a single provider failure?

- A. Disable BGP and implement a single static route for each internal network.
- B. Implement a BGP route reflector.
- C. Implement an inbound BGP prefix list.

D. Disable BGP and implement OSPF.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 53

A health company has reached the physical and computing capabilities in its datacenter, but the computing demand continues to increase. The infrastructure is fully virtualized and runs custom and commercial healthcare application that process sensitive health and payment information .

Which of the following should the company implement to ensure it can meet the computing demand while complying with healthcare standard for virtualization and cloud computing?

- A. Hybrid IaaS solution in a single-tenancy cloud
- B. PaaS solution in a multi-tenancy cloud
- C. SaaS solution in a community cloud
- D. Private SaaS solution in a single tenancy cloud.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 55

Company A is establishing a contractual with Company B. The terms of the agreement are formalized in a document covering the payment terms, limitation of liability, and intellectual property rights .

Which of the following documents will MOST likely contain these elements?

- A. Company A-B SLA v2.docx
- B. Company A OLA v1b.docx
- C. Company A MSA v3.docx
- D. Company A MOU v1.docx
- E. Company A-B NDA v03.docx

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 59

Ann, a CIRT member, is conducting incident response activities on a network that consists of several hundred virtual servers and thousands of endpoints and users. The network generates more than 10,000 log messages per second. The enterprise belongs to a large, web-based cryptocurrency startup, Ann has distilled the relevant information into an easily digestible report for executive management. However, she still needs to collect evidence of the intrusion that caused the incident .

Which of the following should Ann use to gather the required information?

- A. Traffic interceptor log analysis
- B. Log reduction and visualization tools
- C. Proof of work analysis
- D. Ledger analysis software

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 61

A company is repeatedly being breached by hackers who use valid credentials. The company's Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) has installed multiple controls for authenticating users, including biometric and token-based factors. Each successive control has increased overhead and complexity but has failed to stop further breaches. An external consultant is evaluating the process currently in place to support the authentication controls .

Which of the following recommendations would MOST likely reduce the risk of unauthorized access?

- A. Implement strict three-factor authentication.
- B. Implement least privilege policies
- C. Switch to one-time or all user authorizations.
- D. Strengthen identity-proofing procedures

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 65

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