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NEW QUESTION 1

Which action should an administrator take to create automated response actions when a user account is compromised? (Choose one answer)

- A. Map the events as a type of Cortex XSOAR incident, then run a playbook.
- B. Run a custom script from the Cortex XDR script library.
- C. Create a script in Cortex XSOAR that will run a playbook based on the scenario.
- D. Create playbook triggers in Cortex XSIAM and run playbooks for each alert.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 2

Which statement explains the difference between the Cortex Identity Threat Detection and Response (ITDR) module and Identity Analytics in Cortex XSIAM?

- A. Identity Analytics detects suspicious logins and MFA spamming, whereas the ITDR module defends against anomalous insider activity and exfiltration to physical devices.
- B. The ITDR module is designed for compliance reporting, while Identity Analytics focuses on detecting and responding to brute force attacks and excessive logins.
- C. Identity Analytics provides prevention of suspicious logins, whereas the ITDR module focuses on advanced threat vectors.
- D. The ITDR module provides basic security event monitoring, while Identity Analytics focuses on integrating various security tools.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 3

An administrator needs to prevent users from connecting unauthorized USB flash drives to their corporate workstations to reduce the risk of data exfiltration. Which Cortex XDR feature should be configured?

- A. Device Control
- B. Host Insights
- C. Behavioral Threat Protection
- D. Malware Profile

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 4

According to the Traffic Light Protocol (TLP) 2.0 standard, which classification is used for information that is restricted to the specific individuals involved in an investigation and cannot be shared further?

- A. TLP: CLEAR
- B. TLP: GREEN
- C. TLP: AMBER
- D. TLP: RED

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 5

Which two types of tasks are supported in Cortex XSIAM playbooks? (Choose two answers)

- A. Script creation
- B. Conditional
- C. Data collection
- D. Sub-playbook

Answer: BD

NEW QUESTION 6

How do sensors function in Cortex XSIAM?

- A. They monitor endpoint agent health.
- B. They monitor data ingestion health.
- C. They assist with log stitching.
- D. They collect logs and telemetry data.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 7

In which scenario would an organization benefit from Cortex XDR compared to an EDR solution?

- A. A business wants to integrate data from network traffic, cloud environments, and identity systems for a unified threat landscape.
- B. A corporation wants to monitor endpoint activities for advanced threats and gain visibility into endpoint behaviors.
- C. A customer relies on manual processes for incident detection and response with minimal use of automated tools and analytics.
- D. A company requires endpoint security that focuses on isolating and responding to threats at the endpoint level.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 8

An analyst identifies that a custom internal application is being incorrectly flagged as malicious by the Behavioral Threat Protection (BTP) module. What is the best way to stop these alerts while maintaining security for other applications?

- A. Disable the BTP module in the endpoint's Malware Profile.
- B. Add the application's file hash to the Global Block List.
- C. Create a specific Exception for the alert from the Incident View.
- D. Move the endpoint to a policy group with no security profiles.

Answer: C

Explanation:

In Cortex XDR, Exceptions are the preferred method for tuning the platform to reduce false positives without creating broad security gaps.

Granular Control: When you create an exception from a specific alert, Cortex XDR allows you to define the scope based on specific attributes like the process name, command line, or file path.

Targeted Tuning: Unlike disabling an entire module (Option A), an exception only ignores the specific behavior for that specific application.

Ease of Use: This can be done directly from the "Check Action" or "Alerts" tab within an incident, allowing the analyst to quickly suppress future occurrences of that specific false positive.

NEW QUESTION 9

Which dashboard or module in Cortex XSIAM provides visibility into unmanaged devices, unauthorized shadow IT, and cloud assets that do not currently have a Cortex agent installed?

- A. Host Insights
- B. Asset Inventory
- C. Cloud Discovery & Exposure
- D. Identity Analytics

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 10

Which two steps belong in the Cortex XSOAR incident lifecycle? (Choose two.)

- A. Planning
- B. Incident creation
- C. Incident notification
- D. Preparation

Answer: AB

NEW QUESTION 10

Which Cortex XDR component raises an alert when suspicious activity composed of multiple events is detected and deviates from established baseline behavior?

- A. Analytics Engine
- B. Causality Analysis Engine
- C. XQL Query Engine
- D. Cloud Identity Engine

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 14

What is the Cortex XSOAR Marketplace?

- A. Searchable collection of third-party playbooks and data models
- B. Development environment for creating and sharing third-party integrations
- C. Digital storefront where Cortex XSOAR training credits can be purchased and used
- D. Built-in repository of installable content, including integrations and automations

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 18

Where can an administrator begin to grant a new non-SSO user access to a Cortex XDR tenant? (Choose one answer)

- A. Customer Support Portal
- B. Cortex Gateway
- C. Cortex XDR tenant settings under Access Management
- D. IT Service Portal

Answer: B

Explanation:

The Cortex Gateway (formerly known as the Cortex Hub) serves as the centralized management plane for all Palo Alto Networks Cortex applications, including XDR, XSIAM, and XSOAR.

User Management: For non-SSO users, the process of granting access starts at the Gateway level. An administrator logs into the Gateway to create the user account and then selects the specific tenant the user should have access to.

Role Assignment: Once the user is added to the Gateway, the administrator can then assign the specific administrative or analyst roles required for that user within the tenant.

Why others are incorrect: While the Customer Support Portal (A) is used for licensing and support cases, and Access Management (C) is where you define the permissions within the tenant, the actual "beginning" of granting access for a new account typically happens at the Gateway level to ensure the user identity exists in the Palo Alto cloud ecosystem first.

NEW QUESTION 22

Which incident should a responder prioritize based on overall functional and informational impact to the company?

- A. A user in the accounting department receives a pop-up message after visiting a website.
- B. A public-facing web server has multiple failed login attempts over a short period of time.
- C. An external-facing company website is currently unavailable.
- D. A large upload of user data from an internal file server to a public website occurs.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 25

How does the "Unit 42 Intel" integration directly assist a SOC analyst within the Cortex XDR or XSIAM Incident view?

- A. It automatically resets the user's password in Active Directory.
- B. It provides a "threat card" with actor profiles, known aliases, and related MITRE ATT&CK techniques.
- C. It opens a 24/7 chat window with a dedicated Unit 42 forensic investigator.
- D. It provides the source code of the malware identified in the incident.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 29

Which two types of content can be installed or upgraded through a Cortex XSIAM content pack? (Choose two.)

- A. Analytics alerts
- B. Playbook triggers
- C. Data Model rules
- D. Behavioral Threat Protection (BTP)

Answer: AC

NEW QUESTION 32

An analyst wants to create a detection rule that triggers when any process attempts to perform code injection into the `thelass.exe` process, regardless of whether the file hash of the source process is known to be malicious. Which type of rule should be created?

- A. IOC (Indicator of Compromise)
- B. BIOC (Behavioral Indicator of Compromise)
- C. Correlation Rule
- D. Analytics Alert

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 37

Which metric is used by SOC management to measure the average "Dwell Time"—the duration between a successful compromise and the moment it is first identified by a security tool or analyst?

- A. MTTR (Mean Time to Respond)
- B. MTTA (Mean Time to Acknowledge)
- C. MTTD (Mean Time to Detect)
- D. MTTC (Mean Time to Contain)

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 42

Which two statements are relevant to reports in Cortex XDR? (Choose two.)

- A. They can be sent in a password protected PDF version.
- B. They can be automatically pushed to the corporate intranet.
- C. They can use mock data for visualization.
- D. They can have an attached screenshot of an XQL query widget.

Answer: AD

NEW QUESTION 47

What is the role of content packs in Cortex XSOAR?

- A. To provide pre-built bundles for supporting security orchestration use cases
- B. To support technical support teams with relevant information required to troubleshoot
- C. To serve as a central location for installing, exchanging, and contributing content
- D. To serve as a major software versioning update

Answer: A

Explanation:

In Cortex XSOAR, Content Packs are the essential building blocks used to implement security orchestration, automation, and response (SOAR) workflows. Pre-built Bundles: A content pack is a comprehensive, version-controlled bundle that includes all the components necessary for a specific security use case. This typically includes integrations (to connect to 3rd party tools), playbooks (the logic of the workflow), automation scripts, layouts, fields, and dashboards. Rapid Deployment: Instead of building a phishing response workflow from scratch, an administrator can install the "Phishing" content pack from the Marketplace. This immediately provides the out-of-the-box (OOTB) logic required to handle that specific threat. Note on Option C: While Option C describes the Cortex XSOAR Marketplace itself, the role of the content pack is the actual delivery of the pre-built logic and tools defined in Option A.

NEW QUESTION 52

Where is the data retrieved by an integration task (such as a user's email address or a file's reputation) stored within an incident so that other playbook tasks can access it?

- A. War Room
- B. Context Data
- C. Incident Fields
- D. Evidence Board

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 56

How can an administrator run a Cortex XSOAR playbook regularly at a specific time and day of the week?

- A. By configuring the playbook to run on a specific date and time
- B. By creating a job that will run the playbook
- C. By creating a scheduled report that will run the playbook
- D. By creating a script that will run the playbook

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 59

During which phase of the NIST Incident Response lifecycle does a SOC team conduct a "Lessons Learned" meeting to improve future response efforts?

- A. Preparation
- B. Detection and Analysis
- C. Containment, Eradication, and Recovery
- D. Post-Incident Activity

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 63

During a sophisticated cyber attack, a company experiences a stealthy, multivector intrusion that evades detection by traditional security tools. The company requires a solution that will correlate and analyze the disparate attack indicators across its network, endpoints, and cloud environments to uncover the full scope of the breach and take immediate automated response actions. Which solution should be recommended?

- A. XDR
- B. SIEM
- C. EDR
- D. XSOAR

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 64

What is the WildFire verdict on a sample that does not pose a direct security threat, but is shown to display obtrusive behavior?

- A. Grayware
- B. Unknown
- C. Benign
- D. Malware

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 69

What is enabled by Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) in Cortex XDR?

- A. Management of permissions and assignment of administrator access rights.
- B. Ability to manage Cortex XDR features based on job function.
- C. Automated response to detected threats based on user roles.
- D. Granular control and visibility over network traffic policies based on user roles.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 71

Which scripting language would create a custom widget in Cortex XDR that shows the top five accounts with failed Windows logons in the past 24 hours?

- A. XQL
- B. JavaScript
- C. Python
- D. PowerShell

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 76

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