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Exam Questions IIA-CIA-Part1

Certified Internal Auditor - Part 1, The Internal Audit Activity's Role in Governance, Risk, and Control



NEW QUESTION 1

According to IIA guidance, which of the following best describes internal auditors' responsibility regarding fraud?

- A. Internal auditors should take a leading role in investigating all fraud-related cases.
- B. Internal auditors must have sufficient knowledge to evaluate the risk of fraud.
- C. Internal auditors should report all fraud cases to law enforcement agents, in accordance with the Code of Ethics.
- D. Internal auditors are responsible for ensuring that fraud does not occur.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 2

Which of the following statements accurately describes the responsibility of the internal audit activity regarding IT governance?

- * 1. The internal audit activity does not have any responsibility because IT governance is the responsibility of the board and senior management of the organization.
- * 2. The internal audit activity must assess whether the IT governance of the organization supports the organization's strategies and objectives.
- * 3. The internal audit activity may assess whether the IT governance of the organization supports the organization's strategies and objectives.
- * 4. The internal audit activity may accept requests from management to perform advisory services regarding how the IT governance of the organization supports the organization's strategies and objectives.

- A. 1 only.
- B. 4 only.
- C. 2 and 4.
- D. 3 and 4.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 3

Which of the following documents is most appropriate in promoting the objectivity of the internal audit activity?

- A. Usage of IT system policy.
- B. Risk management framework.
- C. Acceptance of gifts policy.
- D. Personal responsibility policy.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 4

Which two of the following are preventive controls in a check disbursement process?

- * 1. Daily reconciliation of the bank account used for check disbursements and prompt follow-up of un-reconciled items.
- * 2. Segregation of the following duties: establishing new vendors, approving checks, and reconciling the bank account.
- * 3. An activity report detailing who accesses the check disbursement system and the nature of any action taken in the system.
- * 4. Evidence of strong access controls ensuring that authorized individuals have access only to the functions related to their responsibilities.

- A. 1 and 3.
- B. 1 and 4.
- C. 2 and 3.
- D. 2 and 4.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 5

With regard to IT governance, which of the following is the most effective and appropriate role for the internal audit activity?

- A. Independently evaluate the skills and experience of potential chief information officer candidates to assess the best fit based on the organization's risk appetite.
- B. Evaluate the organization's governance standards and assess IT-related activities to identify gaps and develop policies, ensuring alignment with the organization's risk appetite.
- C. Assist management in interpreting complex IT-related privacy and security risk exposures and evaluating potential mitigation strategies.
- D. Assess whether governance activities are aligned with the organization's risk appetite and take into consideration emerging risks.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 6

A chief audit executive (CAE) is reviewing the internal audit activity's performance and is concerned that the average number of revisions to findings is steadily rising, making it increasingly difficult to trace the finding to the supporting evidence and workpapers. According to IA guidance, which of the following elements of the internal audit activity's quality assurance and improvement program would provide the CAE with the most helpful insight into the cause of this problem?

- A. The overall effectiveness of the internal audit activity's periodic self assessments.
- B. The type of audit productivity and performance statistics reported.
- C. The adequacy of the day-to-day supervision and review process.
- D. The scope and frequency of external assessments.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 7

According to IIA guidance, which of the following roles would be appropriate for an internal auditor regarding fraud risk?

- * 1. Identification.
- * 2. Mitigation.
- * 3. Remediation.
- * 4. Reduction.

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- B. |
- C. 1 and 4 only.
- D. 1, 3, and 4 only.
- E. 1,2, 3, and 4.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 8

According to IIA guidance, which of the following statements about working papers is false?

- A. They assist in the implementation of recommendations.
- B. They provide support for communication to third parties.
- C. They demonstrate compliance with auditing standards.
- D. They contribute to development of the internal audit staff.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 9

Which of the following is most likely to enhance an internal auditor's objectivity?

- A. An auditor is appropriately able to communicate results.
- B. An auditor performs his work free from interference.
- C. An auditor is unrestricted in determination of scope.
- D. An auditor avoids conflicts of interest.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 10

Which of the following activities should the chief audit executive perform to ensure compliance with an organization's code of conduct?

- A. Act as an adviser to the committee responsible for reviewing violations of the code.
- B. Review and adjudicate all violations of the code of conduct.
- C. Lead the committee responsible for the oversight of the code.
- D. Implement a system of procedures to inform all employees of the code.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 10

According to IIA guidance, the results of a formal quality assessment should be reported to which of the following groups?

- A. The audit committee and senior management.
- B. The audit committee and the external auditors.
- C. Senior management and management of the audited area.
- D. Senior management and the external auditors.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 12

A multinational organization has asked the internal audit activity to assist in setting up the organization's risk management system. The chief audit executive (CAE) agrees to take on the engagement as a consultant. Which of the following tasks is appropriate for the CAE to undertake?

- A. Coordinate and facilitate risk workshops for management to attend.
- B. Establish the degree of risk appetite for management to accept.
- C. Set risk indicators and mitigation plans for management to implement.
- D. Determine the number of significant risks for management to report to the board.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 14

Which of the following describes a key characteristic related to effective organizational communication?

- A. Comprehensive supervisory and verification procedures.
- B. A well-designed system of internal controls.
- C. A culture of integrity and transparency.
- D. Unique operating environments with varying complexity.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 19

Which of the following actions should the audit committee take to promote organizational independence for the internal audit activity?

- A. Delegate final approval of the risk-based internal audit plan to the chief audit executive (CAE).
- B. Approve the annual budget and resource plan for the internal audit activity.
- C. Assist the CAE with hiring objective and competent internal audit staff.
- D. Encourage the CAE to communicate and coordinate with the external auditor.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 20

An internal auditor is using a spreadsheet application to review a cash flow forecast prepared by management. Which of the following correctly identifies the type of evidence this information represents?

- A. Competent, corroborative evidence of future working capital requirements.
- B. Sufficient, analytical evidence of the cash flow position at a given point of time in the future.
- C. Competent, documentary evidence of future cash flow changes within the organization.
- D. Sufficient, circumstantial evidence of the future solvency of the organization.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 23

Which of the following is an example of a risk management avoidance response?

- A. Exiting a marketplace.
- B. Recalling a product.
- C. Obtaining product insurance.
- D. Outsourcing production.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 28

Which of the following must be in existence as a precondition to developing an effective system of internal controls?

- A. A monitoring process.
- B. A risk assessment process.
- C. A strategic objective-setting process.
- D. An information and communication process.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 31

The chief audit executive (CAE) of a small internal audit activity (IAA) performs all high-risk engagements on the annual audit plan to make use of his knowledge and experience and to maximize the efficient use of audit resources. Which of the following statements is most relevant regarding this practice?

- A. The CAE's work may be reviewed by any other experienced staff member within the IAA.
- B. The CAE's work should be reviewed by an individual with the appropriate background and knowledge.
- C. The CAE may self-review his work, provided he discloses this practice in the final report.
- D. The CAE should avoid performing engagements to ensure he is able to review all audit work objectively.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 36

According to The IIA's Code of Ethics, which of the following actions violates the principle of confidentiality?

- A. Accepting a consulting request in the IT department without possessing the requisite experience.
- B. Providing personal tax preparation services for a fee for several employees during the lunch hour.
- C. Providing a friend with the marketing strategic plan, which she will use to prepare her university thesis.
- D. Agreeing to reword an observation to avoid the client complaining directly to the auditor's supervisor.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 41

Which of the following is an example of collusion?

- A. An employee includes a faked receipt in his expense claim, and the claim is signed by the employee's manager.
- B. A vendor inflates the price of an item and remits a portion of the excess to the purchasing manager.
- C. A vendor sends a duplicate invoice with a new invoice number, and the accounts payable system fails to detect the duplication.
- D. An employee works with the IT manager to develop a program for identifying duplicate invoice payments.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 42

During an audit, the client questions the internal audit activity's authority to perform procedures over fraud allegations. According to IA guidance, which of the following would provide the most relevant support to respond to the client's concerns?

- A. Definition of Internal Auditing.
- B. MA Standards.
- C. Internal audit charter.
- D. The IIA's Code of Ethics.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 44

According to COSO, which of the following describes a principle related to the control environment?

- A. The organization identifies and assesses changes that could significantly impact the system of internal control.
- B. The organization establishes appropriate authorities and responsibilities in the pursuit of objectives.
- C. The organization selects and develops control activities that contribute to the mitigation of risks.
- D. The organization performs evaluations to ascertain whether internal control components are present and functioning.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 48

Which of the following is the most common way that occupational fraud is detected?

- A. Internal audits.
- B. Whistleblower hotline.
- C. Key controls.
- D. External audits.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 50

Which of the following combinations of conditions is most likely a red flag for fraud?

- A. The practice of surprise audits and the implementation of an employee support program.
- B. Hiring an employee with a prior fraud conviction and yearly management review.
- C. Occasional accounting department overrides and discontinuation of the anonymous fraud hotline due to infrequent use.
- D. A veteran employee in upper management experiencing financial difficulties and recently implemented enhanced controls.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 55

Which of the following is the best way to detect fraud?

- A. Conduct anti-fraud training.
- B. Perform background investigations.
- C. Implement process controls.
- D. Activate a whistleblower hotline.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 58

An internal audit charter, approved by the board, restricts the internal audit activity to providing assurance only on the reliability of financial information and the effectiveness of internal accounting controls. Which of the following statements is true regarding the extent to which the external auditor may rely on the internal audit activity's work?

- A. The external auditor may make full use of the work, as the audit charter is very specific as to the work the internal audit activity may undertake.
- B. The external auditor may use the work, as the board has approved the charter, thus taking responsibility for any deficiencies.
- C. The external auditor must disregard the work, as the scope of the charter may introduce bias and result in a lack of due professional care.
- D. The external auditor may use the work with caution, due to the internal audit activity's scope and responsibility restrictions.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 61

An internal auditor is performing analytical reviews as part of an audit of a supermarket's merchandising department. Because the economy has declined since midyear, the auditor can expect to encounter which of the following?

- A. Higher inventory turnover.
- B. Higher operating margin.
- C. Lower obsolete stock disposal.
- D. Lower sales volume.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 64

Which of the following is not an objective of internal control?

- A. Compliance.
- B. Accuracy.

- C. Efficiency.
- D. Validation.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 68

Which of the following scenarios best illustrates the principle of due professional care?

- A. An internal auditor evaluates the significant risks arising from a consulting engagement.
- B. An internal auditor declares that he would have a conflict of interest in providing planned audit support.
- C. An internal auditor has been given sufficient authority to access documents needed to make an appraisal of an issue.
- D. An internal auditor uses technology-based audit techniques to ensure that all significant risks are identified.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 71

Which of the following activities is most likely to require a fraud specialist to supplement the knowledge and skills of the internal audit activity?

- A. Planning an engagement of the area in which fraud is suspected.
- B. Employing audit tests to detect fraud.
- C. Interrogating a suspected fraudster.
- D. Completing a process review to improve controls to prevent fraud.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 73

Which of the following is an example of a directive control?

- A. Segregation of duties.
- B. Exception reports.
- C. Incentive compensation plans.
- D. Automated reconciliations.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 77

Which of the following would be the most important consideration by the internal audit activity when selecting employees to perform an internal quality assessment?

- A. Their understanding of auditing standards.
- B. Previous experience working with the internal audit activity.
- C. Their reporting line within the organization.
- D. The nature of their regular duties and responsibilities.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 79

A snow removal company is conducting a scenario planning exercise where participating employees consider the potential impacts of a significant reduction in annual snowfall for the coming winter. Which of the following best describes this type of risk?

- A. Residual.
- B. Net.
- C. Inherent.
- D. Accepted.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 82

Upon joining the internal audit activity, each new auditor receives a copy of the audit handbook. Which of the following handbook policies has the greatest risk of compromising audit objectivity?

- A. Internal auditors should obtain 80 hours of continuing professional education every two years, 20 of which should be audit-related, and the remainder may be operations-related.
- B. Internal auditors should rotate to other areas of the organization for nonaudit assignments to gain an understanding of the organization's operations.
- C. Internal auditors should have direct and unrestricted access to personnel and information throughout the organization and the governing board.
- D. Internal auditors should undergo annual performance appraisals conducted by the chief audit executive, who reports administratively to the chief financial officer.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 85

An internal auditor is reviewing the accounts receivable when she discovers account balances more than three years old. The auditor was previously supervising the area during this time, and she subsequently advises the chief audit executive (CAE) of a potential conflict. Which of the following is the most appropriate course of action for the CAE to take?

- A. Replace the auditor with another audit staff member.
- B. Continue with the present auditor, as more than one year has passed.
- C. Withdraw the audit team and outsource the financial audit of the division.
- D. Work with the division's management to resolve the situation.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 87

Which of the following is an example of a detective control?

- A. Automatic shut-off valve.
- B. Auto-correct software functionality.
- C. Confirmation with suppliers and vendors.
- D. Safety instructions.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 90

Which of the following is an example of a risk avoidance strategy?

- A. Hedging against exchange rate variations.
- B. Limiting access to an organization's data center.
- C. Selling a nonstrategic business unit.
- D. Outsourcing a high-risk activity.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 94

As a matter of policy, the chief audit executive routinely rotates internal audit staff assignments and periodically interviews the staff to discuss the potential for conflicts of interest. These actions help fulfill which of the following internal audit mandates?

- A. Organizational independence.
- B. Professional objectivity.
- C. Due professional care.
- D. Individual proficiency.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 98

Which of the following statements describes impairment to the internal auditor's objectivity?

- A. An internal auditor reviews a purchasing agent's contract drafts prior to their execution.
- B. An internal auditor reduces the scope of an audit engagement due to budget restrictions.
- C. An internal auditor receives a promotional gift that is available to the organization's employees.
- D. An internal auditor performs an assessment of the operations for which he was recently responsible.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 100

When developing the organization's first risk universe, which of the following would the chief audit executive be least likely to consider?

- A. The amount of risk that an organization is willing to seek or accept.
- B. The extent and degree of interdependency for identified key risks.
- C. The boundaries established to manage the amount of risk taken.
- D. The exposure to risks following management's risk responses.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 103

According to The MA Global Internal Audit Competency Framework, which of the following areas of training would best assist the internal audit activity in improving its use of tools and techniques?

- A. Negotiation and conflict resolution.
- B. Project management.
- C. Financial accounting.
- D. Ethics and fraud.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 106

Which segregation of duties would best reduce the risk of payroll fraud?

- A. Human resources personnel add employees, and payroll personnel process hours and enter employee bank account number
- B. Paychecks are automatically deposited in the employee's bank account.
- C. Human resources personnel add employees, payroll personnel process hours, and human resources personnel deliver paychecks to employees.

- D. Human resources personnel add employees, review and submit payroll hours to the payroll department for processing, and deliver paychecks to employees.
- E. Human resources personnel add employees and enter employee bank informatio
- F. Payroll personnel process hours, and paychecks are automatically deposited in the employee's bank account.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 111

An internal auditor completed an audit of a bank's loan department and found all significant risks to be managed adequately through effective internal controls. Which of the following would be an appropriate conclusion to report to management?

- A. The residual risk is lower than or equal to the risk appetite.
- B. The residual risk is higher than or equal to the risk appetite.
- C. The inherent risk is lower than or equal to the risk tolerance.
- D. The inherent risk is higher than or equal to the risk tolerance.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 116

In which of the following scenarios would the chief audit executive (CAE) be required to decline the assignment?

- A. The CAE would need to procure external services to deliver the internal audit assurance program.
- B. There is no expertise within the internal audit team for detecting and investigating fraud.
- C. There is no expertise within the internal audit team for auditing an IT engagement.
- D. There is no available expertise on the internal audit team to perform a consulting engagement.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 118

In which of the following functions would fraud be most likely to occur?

- A. Maintaining custody of inventory records.
- B. Collecting payments on accounts.
- C. Approving changes to employee records.
- D. Preparing customer statements.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 122

According to The MA Code of Ethics, which of the following is one of the rules of conduct for objectivity?

- A. Internal auditors shall continually improve their proficiency and effectiveness and quality of their services.
- B. Internal auditors shall respect and contribute to legitimate and ethical objectives of the organization.
- C. Internal auditors shall not accept anything that may impair or be presumed to impair their professional judgment.
- D. Internal auditors shall be prudent in the use and protection of information acquired in the course of their duties.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 124

An internal audit activity is using the auditing-by-element approach to audit the organization's controls around corporate social responsibility. Which of the following would be an element for the internal audit activity to consider?

- A. Working conditions.
- B. Employees' families.
- C. Marketplace competition.
- D. Shareholders and investors.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 127

Internal auditors must exercise due professional care by considering which of the following?

- * 1. Cost of assurance in relation to potential benefits.
- * 2. Adequacy and effectiveness of governance, risk management, and control processes.
- * 3. Management's competency level in the area being evaluated.
- * 4. Probability of significant errors, fraud, or noncompliance.

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1, 2, and 3 only
- C. 1, 2, and 4 only
- D. 2, 3, and 4 only

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 129

Which of the following best describes the details that must be included in the quality assurance and improvement program (QAIP) report to senior management and the board?

- A. The scope and frequency of internal and external assessments as well as the qualifications and independence of the assessor.
- B. The scope and cost of the QAI
- C. frequency of internal and external assessments, and conclusions of the assessor.
- D. The scope, findings, risks, recommendations, and agreed-upon improvement actions.
- E. The number and types of people involved in the assessment, costs, and duration of the QAIP

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 132

To fill a critical vacancy, an internal auditor is assigned temporarily to a nonaudit role in the purchasing department, where she worked previously before joining the internal audit activity. According to IIA guidance, which of the following statements is true regarding these circumstances?

- A. The chief audit executive (CAE) should review all work performed by the auditor during her temporary assignment to ensure no impairments.
- B. The CAE may conduct audits in the purchasing department during the auditor's temporary assignment.
- C. The auditor should obtain the CAE's approval as to the nature and scope of the duties she is permitted to perform during her temporary assignment.
- D. Any work performed by the auditor during her temporary assignment must conform to the internal audit charter.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 137

Which of the following enhances the independence of the internal audit activity?

- A. The chief audit executive (CAE) approves the annual internal audit plan.
- B. The CAE administratively reports to the board.
- C. The audit committee approves the CAE's annual salary increase.
- D. The chief executive officer approves the internal audit charter.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 140

An internal auditor is evaluating techniques management uses to mitigate risks within a particular product division. Which of the following is an example of risk reduction?

- A. Management sells the product division to a competitor.
- B. Management outsources the product division to a third party.
- C. Management allows the product division to remain unchanged.
- D. Management modifies the product division to minimize errors.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 144

An organization decides to take no action on one of its financial risks because the cost of implementing the control outweighs the value of the asset being protected. Which of the following best describes this risk strategy?

- A. Risk avoidance.
- B. Risk-benefit analysis.
- C. Risk sharing.
- D. Risk acceptance.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 146

According to IIA guidance, which of the following practices by the chief audit executive (CAE) best enhances the organizational independence of the internal audit activity?

- A. CAE reviews and approves the annual audit plan.
- B. CAE meets privately with The CEO at least annually.
- C. CAE meets privately with The board at least annually.
- D. CAE reports to the board regarding audit staff performance evaluation and compensation.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 150

Which of the following statements is true regarding assurance services provided to clients outside of the organization?

- A. Assurance services for outside clients are not covered under the internal audit charter.
- B. Assurance services for outside clients must be approved on a case-by-case basis by the board of directors.
- C. The nature of assurance services for outside clients should be defined in the internal audit charter.
- D. The nature of assurance services for outside clients is the same as for internal clients.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 155

Which of the following is most likely to be considered a control weakness?

- A. Vendor invoice payment requests are accompanied by a purchase order and receiving report.
- B. Purchase orders are typed by the purchasing department using prenumbered forms.
- C. Buyers promptly update the official vendor listing as new supplier sources become known.
- D. Department managers initiate purchase requests that must be approved by the plant superintendent.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 160

A large trucking organization wants to reduce traffic accidents by improving its system of internal controls. Which of the following controls is correctly classified?

- * 1. Review of speeding violations to identify repetitive locations and drivers is an example of a preventive control.
- * 2. Defensive driver training is an example of a directive control.
- * 3. The installation of tracking devices in delivery vehicles is an example of a corrective control.
- * 4. Providing a vehicle driver handbook is an example of a detective control.

- A. 1 and 2.
- B. 1 and 4.
- C. 2 and 3.
- D. 3 and 4.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 161

Which of the following is an activity that an internal auditor must not perform?

- A. Establish and provide continuing assurance on an anti-money laundering program for new hires.
- B. Survey employees for their understanding of anti-money laundering practices.
- C. Provide assurance for the effectiveness of anti-money laundering training.
- D. Assess the risk of being fined for ineffective anti-money laundering practices.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 162

During an audit engagement, the internal auditor discussed a risk mitigation recommendation with the manager of the area under review. The manager disagreed with the risk assessment and recommendation. The two failed to come up with an alternative solution, and the auditor decided to proceed with including the original recommendation in the engagement report. Which of the following is especially important in dealing with this type of situation?

- A. Soft skills in communication, negotiation, and collaboration.
- B. Technical skills in the area under review.
- C. Professional qualifications and certification in internal auditing.
- D. Confidentiality and independence.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 165

In the area of business acumen, which of the following competencies would be the sole responsibility of an internal audit staff member?

- A. Maintaining industry-specific knowledge appropriate to the organization.
- B. Assessing how IT contributes to organization objectives, risks, and relevance to audit.
- C. Maintaining technical aspects of accounting standards and reporting processes.
- D. Understanding regulatory and legal framework and assessing its relevance.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 168

Which of the following is considered a violation of The IIA's Code of Ethics?

- A. An auditor conveys public information about an organization's financial condition.
- B. An auditor reports a manager's illegal activity to senior management, rather than reporting the incident to the appropriate external authority.
- C. An auditor receives allegations of fraud from a whistleblower and immediately reports the allegations to senior management.
- D. An auditor reports material deficiencies, despite the fact that management is already aware of the defects.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 171

An auditor identifies three errors in the sample of 25 entries selected for review (a 12 percent error rate). Based on this result, the auditor assumes that approximately 59 of the total population of 492 entries are incorrect. To reach this assumption, the auditor has used a technique known as which of the following?

- A. Variability tolerance.
- B. Ratio estimation.
- C. Stratification.
- D. Acceptance sampling.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 174

An assurance mapping exercise helps an organization do which of the following?

- * 1. Provide assurance to stakeholders that risks are managed and reported, and regulatory and legal obligations are met.
- * 2. Fulfill best practices in the industry.
- * 3. Identify and address any gaps in the risk management process.
- * 4. Identify fraud.

- A. 1 and 4.
- B. 1 and 3.
- C. 2 and 3.
- D. 3 and 4.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 175

An internal auditor who is carrying out an engagement to review controls related to corporate tax reporting must possess which of the following competencies?

- * 1. Proficiency in analyzing key IT risks and controls.
- * 2. The ability to recognize significant deviations from good business practices.
- * 3. Knowledge of key indicators of fraud in tax reporting.
- * 4. The ability to recognize the existence of problems related to tax accounting.

- A. 1 and 4 only.
- B. 3 and 4 only.
- C. 2, 3, and 4 only.
- D. 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 178

An internal auditor wants to sample data to test an audit theory in a cost-effective way. Which of the following sampling strategies should she use?

- A. Statistical sampling only
- B. Nonstatistical sampling only
- C. A combination of both statistical and nonstatistical sampling.
- D. Neither approach to testing the audit theory would be cost effective.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 183

Which of the following best demonstrates the authority of the internal audit activity?

- A. Suggesting alternatives to decision makers.
- B. Improving the integrity of information.
- C. Determining the scope of internal audit services.
- D. Achieving engagement objectives.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 188

When auditing the award of a major contract, which of the following should an internal auditor suspect as a red flag for a bidding fraud scheme?

- * 1. Subsequent change orders increase requirements for low-bid items.
- * 2. Material contract requirements are different on the actual contract than on the request for bids.
- * 3. A high percentage of employees are charged to indirect accounts.
- * 4. Losing bidders are hired as subcontractors.

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. 1 and 3.
- D. 2 and 4.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 193

What is the purpose of a secondary control?

- A. It replaces primary controls that are either ineffective or cannot fully mitigate a risk.
- B. It partially reduces the residual risk level when a key control does not operate effectively.
- C. It combines with other controls to help reduce significant risk exposures to an acceptable level.
- D. It helps to ensure the completeness and accuracy of automated controls in a system environment.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 196

According to IIA guidance, which of the following are macro-level audit activities performed for an assurance engagement of the purchasing department?

- * 1. Obtain and review all purchasing-related audit reports issued within the past year.
- * 2. Meet with the quality assurance group to discuss its previous reports of any purchasing-related findings.
- * 3. Review a memo written by the purchasing manager that outlines ongoing problems with the purchasing software.

* 4. Request a copy of the report from a purchasing audit conducted last year by an external service provider.

- A. 1 and 2.
- B. 1 and 3.
- C. 2 and 4.
- D. 3 and 4.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 200

Which of the following would be the most appropriate first step for the board to take when developing an effective system of governance?

- A. Determine the organization's overall risk appetite.
- B. Establish a governance committee.
- C. Delegate authority to members of senior management.
- D. Identify key stakeholders and their expectations.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 202

Which of the following is a requirement for an assurance engagement that may not be for a consulting engagement?

- A. The internal audit activity has to ensure team members' objectivity is not impaired.
- B. Auditors cannot participate in an assurance engagement of a function for which they previously performed a consulting engagement.
- C. The scope and objective of the engagement is agreed upon based on the engagement client's needs.
- D. The internal audit activity must ensure management actions have been implemented effectively or risk accepted.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 205

Forty-five percent of an organization's customer payments are submitted online. Eight percent of online payments are rejected. Executive management decides to outsource its online payment services to a contractor that will assume 75 percent of the total value of rejected payments. The organization estimates \$1.25 million customer payments due during the contract period.

Which of the following represents the organization's residual risk for online customer payments due?

- A. \$11, 250
- B. \$25, 000
- C. \$33, 750
- D. \$45, 000

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 208

Which of the following best explains why integrity is a necessary personal quality for internal auditors at all levels?

- A. Internal auditor integrity enables stakeholders to constantly question the work of the internal audit activity.
- B. Internal auditor integrity enables the internal auditor to avoid being challenged by any party in the organization.
- C. Internal auditor integrity enables the internal audit activity to be able to demonstrate independence.
- D. Internal auditor integrity enables users of internal auditors' work to make important business decisions.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 211

The security department uncovered what appears to be a complex fraud in the accounting department. The CEO has requested the internal audit activity to investigate the fraud. If the internal audit staff lacks the expertise to conduct the investigation, how should the chief audit executive proceed?

- A. Disclose the deficiency, and request that the investigation be reassigned to the first line of defense.
- B. Proceed with the investigation, as internal auditors are not required to have fraud expertise.
- C. Outsource the sensitive investigation to a third-party consultant with fraud expertise.
- D. Select a member of the accounting department who is not involved in the fraud to join the investigation team in a consulting capacity.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 215

According to The IIA's Code of Ethics, which of the following is true?

- A. Confidentiality requires that auditors disclose all material facts known to them.
- B. Integrity requires that auditors perform internal audit services in accordance with the Standards.
- C. Objectivity requires that auditors perform their work with honesty, diligence, and responsibility.
- D. Confidentiality requires that auditors be prudent in the use and protection of client information.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 217

A new internal audit activity is creating its first charter. According to IIA guidance, which of the following objectives would be appropriate for inclusion in the

charter?

- A. Continuously monitor the organization's overall risk activities in relation to its risk appetite.
- B. Evaluate the adequacy and effectiveness of the organization's governance activities.
- C. Oversee the establishment and administration of an effective risk management program.
- D. Assist management in implementing recommended control improvements.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 222

Which of the following is most likely to function as a directive control?

- A. Security dogs.
- B. Alert employees.
- C. Insurance claims.
- D. Cycle counts.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 225

A furniture manufacturer has installed a new fire sprinkler system at its central warehouse and canceled the existing fire insurance policy on that property. What change of risk response strategy does this course of action most likely reflect?

- A. From sharing to reduction.
- B. From acceptance to reduction.
- C. From sharing to avoidance.
- D. From acceptance to avoidance.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 229

According to IIA guidance, which of the following should be included in the internal audit charter?

- A. The minimum resources and competencies needed for the internal audit activity.
- B. Identification of the organizational units where engagements are to be performed.
- C. Organizational relationships and reporting lines.
- D. Assigned responsibilities for designing and implementing controls.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 233

Which of the following statements is true about The IIA Global Internal Audit Competency Framework?

- A. The core competencies outlined in the framework are not expected of a person undertaking an entry-level position as an internal auditor.
- B. The framework is designed to be used primarily by chief audit executives that are developing indicators to measure the performance of the internal audit activity for which they are responsible.
- C. The framework lists the core competencies internal auditors should possess before attempting to attain The IIA's Certified Internal Auditor certification.
- D. The framework describes competencies needed for individual internal auditors, but not those necessary at the chief audit executive level.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 236

Which of the following is a common type of payroll fraud?

- A. Unauthorized overtime.
- B. Fictitious employees.
- C. Unearned bonuses or commissions.
- D. Skimming.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 241

Faced with a complex, highly technical construction audit engagement, the chief audit executive (CAE) considered complementing the current internal audit resources by engaging the services of a civil engineer.

Which of the following should the CAE consider in determining whether the engineer possesses the necessary skills to perform the engagement?

- * 1. Professional certification, license, or other recognition of the engineer's competence in the relevant discipline.
- * 2. Experience of the engineer in the type of work being considered.
- * 3. Compensation or other incentives that the engineer may receive.
- * 4. The extent of other ongoing services that the engineer may be performing for the organization.

- A. 1 and 4 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 3 and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, and 4 only

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 246

An internal auditor needs to recommend a policy element to be included in an organization's code of ethics. Which of the following recommendations would be most effective?

- A. Ethics should vary with local customs in the organization's foreign operations.
- B. Whistleblowing should be discouraged because it can cause distrust among employees.
- C. Ethical behavior should be incorporated into performance evaluations.
- D. Senior management should be granted specific exemptions to the code of ethics.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 248

Which of the following is the most common method of fraud detection?

- A. Analytical reviews of high-risk areas.
- B. Detective controls built into the daily processes.
- C. Unannounced audits or reviews of programs or departments.
- D. Tips received from employees or citizens.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 249

Which of the following factors have the greatest influence on the independence of the internal audit activity?

- A. Quality assessments and cultural biases of the internal audit activity.
- B. Rotational assignments and familiarity of the internal audit activity.
- C. Employee incentives and self review of the internal audit activity.
- D. Organizational positioning and scope control of the internal audit activity.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 253

What should the internal auditor's role be in assessing the organization's ethical climate?

- A. Perform ongoing surveys of the employees, customers, and partners of the organization to assess the organization's ethical climate.
- B. Evaluate the effectiveness of the organization's strategies and processes for achieving the desired level of legal and ethical compliance.
- C. Maintain a whistleblower hotline to identify inappropriate or illegal activity within the organization.
- D. Perform background checks of potential new employees before they are hired by the organization.
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Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 256

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