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#### NEW QUESTION 1

Company engineers regularly participate in a public Internet forum with other engineers throughout the industry. Which of the following tactics would an attacker MOST likely use in this scenario?

- A. Watering-hole attack
- B. Credential harvesting
- C. Hybrid warfare
- D. Pharming

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 2

A cybersecurity department purchased a new PAM solution. The team is planning to randomize the service account credentials of the Windows server first. Which of the following would be the BEST method to increase the security on the Linux server?

- A. Randomize the shared credentials
- B. Use only guest accounts to connect.
- C. Use SSH keys and remove generic passwords
- D. Remove all user accounts.

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 3

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

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

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 4

A global pandemic is forcing a private organization to close some business units and reduce staffing at others. Which of the following would be BEST to help the organization's executives determine the next course of action?

- A. An incident response plan
- B. A communications plan
- C. A disaster recovery plan
- D. A business continuity plan

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 5

An organization is concerned that its hosted web servers are not running the most updated version of the software. Which of the following would work BEST to help identify potential vulnerabilities?

- A. `Hping3 -s comptia, org -p 80`
- B. `Nc -1 -v comptia, org -p 80`
- C. `npm comptia, org -p 80 -aV`
- D. `nslookup -port=80 comptia.org`

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 6

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

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

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 7

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

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

**Answer:**

C

#### NEW QUESTION 8

A network engineer needs to build a solution that will allow guests at the company's headquarters to access the Internet via WiFi. This solution should not allow access to the internal corporate network, but it should require guests to sign off on the acceptable use policy before accessing the Internet. Which of the following should the engineer employ to meet these requirements?

- A. Implement open PSK on the APs
- B. Deploy a WAF
- C. Configure WIPS on the APs
- D. Install a captive portal

**Answer: D**

#### NEW QUESTION 9

Some laptops recently went missing from a locked storage area that is protected by keyless RFID-enabled locks. There is no obvious damage to the physical space. The security manager identifies who unlocked the door, however, human resources confirms the employee was on vacation at the time of the incident. Which of the following describes what MOST likely occurred?

- A. The employee's physical access card was cloned.
- B. The employee is colluding with human resources
- C. The employee's biometrics were harvested
- D. A criminal used lock picking tools to open the door.

**Answer: A**

#### NEW QUESTION 10

A security engineer is reviewing log files after a third discovered usernames and passwords for the organization's accounts. The engineer sees there was a change in the IP address for a vendor website one earlier. This change lasted eight hours. Which of the following attacks was MOST likely used?

- A. Man-in-the middle
- B. Spear-phishing
- C. Evil twin
- D. DNS poisoning

**Answer: D**

#### NEW QUESTION 10

A company recently set up an e-commerce portal to sell its product online. The company wants to start accepting credit cards for payment, which requires compliance with a security standard. Which of the following standards must the company comply with before accepting credit cards on its e-commerce platform?

- A. PCI DSS
- B. ISO 22301
- C. ISO 27001
- D. NIST CSF

**Answer: A**

#### NEW QUESTION 11

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

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

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 13

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

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

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 18

A company's bank has reported that multiple corporate credit cards have been stolen over the past several weeks. The bank has provided the names of the affected cardholders to the company's forensics team to assist in the cyber-incident investigation.

An incident responder learns the following information:

- The timeline of stolen card numbers corresponds closely with affected users making Internet-based purchases from diverse websites via enterprise desktop PCs.
  - All purchase connections were encrypted, and the company uses an SSL inspection proxy for the inspection of encrypted traffic of the hardwired network.
  - Purchases made with corporate cards over the corporate guest WiFi network, where no SSL inspection occurs, were unaffected.
- Which of the following is the MOST likely root cause?

- A. HTTPS sessions are being downgraded to insecure cipher suites
- B. The SSL inspection proxy is feeding events to a compromised SIEM
- C. The payment providers are insecurely processing credit card charges
- D. The adversary has not yet established a presence on the guest WiFi network

**Answer: C**

#### NEW QUESTION 21

A security audit has revealed that a process control terminal is vulnerable to malicious users installing and executing software on the system. The terminal is beyond end-of-life support and cannot be upgraded, so it is placed on a projected network segment. Which of the following would be MOST effective to implement to further mitigate the reported vulnerability?

- A. DNS sinkholding
- B. DLP rules on the terminal
- C. An IP blacklist
- D. Application whitelisting

**Answer: D**

#### NEW QUESTION 24

Which of the following describes the ability of code to target a hypervisor from inside

- A. Fog computing
- B. VM escape
- C. Software-defined networking
- D. Image forgery
- E. Container breakout

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 29

An auditor is performing an assessment of a security appliance with an embedded OS that was vulnerable during the last two assessments. Which of the following BEST explains the appliance's vulnerable state?

- A. The system was configured with weak default security settings.
- B. The device uses weak encryption ciphers.
- C. The vendor has not supplied a patch for the appliance.
- D. The appliance requires administrative credentials for the assessment.

**Answer: C**

#### NEW QUESTION 31

In which of the following situations would it be BEST to use a detective control type for mitigation?

- A. A company implemented a network load balancer to ensure 99.999% availability of its web application.
- B. A company designed a backup solution to increase the chances of restoring services in case of a natural disaster.
- C. A company purchased an application-level firewall to isolate traffic between the accounting department and the information technology department.
- D. A company purchased an IPS system, but after reviewing the requirements, the appliance was supposed to monitor, not block, any traffic.
- E. A company purchased liability insurance for flood protection on all capital assets.

**Answer: D**

#### NEW QUESTION 34

An organization's RPO for a critical system is two hours. The system is used Monday through Friday, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Currently, the organization performs a full backup every Saturday that takes four hours to complete. Which of the following additional backup implementations would be the BEST way for the analyst to meet the business requirements?

- A. Incremental backups Monday through Friday at 6:00 p.m and differential backups hourly
- B. Full backups Monday through Friday at 6:00 p.m and incremental backups hourly.
- C. incremental backups Monday through Friday at 6:00 p.m and full backups hourly.
- D. Full backups Monday through Friday at 6:00 p.m and differential backups hourly.

**Answer: A**

#### NEW QUESTION 38

Which of the following would be BEST to establish between organizations to define the responsibilities of each party outline the key deliverables and include monetary penalties for breaches to manage third-party risk?

- A. An ARO
- B. An MOU

- C. An SLA
- D. A BPA

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 40

A university with remote campuses, which all use different service providers, loses Internet connectivity across all locations. After a few minutes, Internet and VoIP services are restored, only to go offline again at random intervals, typically within four minutes of services being restored. Outages continue throughout the day, impacting all inbound and outbound connections and services. Services that are limited to the local LAN or WiFi network are not impacted, but all WAN and VoIP services are affected.

Later that day, the edge-router manufacturer releases a CVE outlining the ability of an attacker to exploit the SIP protocol handling on devices, leading to resource exhaustion and system reloads. Which of the following BEST describe this type of attack? (Choose two.)

- A. DoS
- B. SSL stripping
- C. Memory leak
- D. Race condition
- E. Shimming
- F. Refactoring

**Answer:** AD

#### NEW QUESTION 43

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

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

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 48

A company's Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) recently warned the security manager that the company's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is planning to publish a controversial opinion article in a national newspaper, which may result in new cyberattacks. Which of the following would be BEST for the security manager to use in a threat mode?

- A. Hacktivists
- B. White-hat hackers
- C. Script kiddies
- D. Insider threats

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 49

A well-known organization has been experiencing attacks from APIs. The organization is concerned that custom malware is being created and emailed into the company or installed on USB sticks that are dropped in parking lots. Which of the following is the BEST defense against this scenario?

- A. Configuring signature-based antivirus to update every 30 minutes
- B. Enforcing S/MIME for email and automatically encrypting USB drives upon insertion.
- C. Implementing application execution in a sandbox for unknown software.
- D. Fuzzing new files for vulnerabilities if they are not digitally signed

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 51

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

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

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 55

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

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

Answer: A

#### NEW QUESTION 56

A company has limited storage available and online presence that cannot for more than four hours. Which of the following backup methodologies should the company implement to allow for the FASTEST database restore time In the event of a failure, which being mindful of the limited available storage space?

- A. Implement fulltape backup every Sunday at 8:00 p.m and perform nightly tape rotations.
- B. Implement different backups every Sunday at 8:00 and nightly incremental backups at 8:00 p.m
- C. Implement nightly full backups every Sunday at 8:00 p.m
- D. Implement full backups every Sunday at 8:00 p.m and nightly differential backups at 8:00

Answer: B

#### NEW QUESTION 59

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

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

Answer: A

#### NEW QUESTION 61

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

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

Answer: D

#### NEW QUESTION 62

An organization has been experiencing outages during holiday sales and needs to ensure availability of its point-of-sale systems The IT administrator has been asked to improve both server-data fault tolerance and site availability under high consumer load Which of the following are the BEST options to accomplish this objective'? (Select TWO)

- A. Load balancing
- B. Incremental backups
- C. UPS
- D. RAID
- E. Dual power supply
- F. NIC teaming

Answer: AD

#### NEW QUESTION 66

A recent malware outbreak across a subnet included successful rootkit installations on many PCs, ensuring persistence by rendering remediation efforts ineffective. Which of the following would BEST detect the presence of a rootkit in the future?

- A. FDE
- B. NIDS
- C. EDR
- D. DLP

Answer: C

#### NEW QUESTION 67

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

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

Answer: C

#### NEW QUESTION 68

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

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

Which of the following is the router experiencing?

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

**Answer: D**

#### NEW QUESTION 70

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

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

**Answer: A**

#### NEW QUESTION 74

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

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

**Answer: C**

#### NEW QUESTION 78

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

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

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

```
http://dev-site.comptia.org/home/show.php?sessionID=98988475&loc=us
```

Which of the following application attacks is being tested?

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

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 80

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

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

**Answer: D**

#### NEW QUESTION 84

A security analyst is investigating an incident that was first reported as an issue connecting to network shares and the internet. While reviewing logs and tool output, the analyst sees the following:

IP address	Physical address
10.0.0.1	00-18-21-ad-24-bc
10.0.0.114	01-31-a3-cd-23-ab
10.0.0.115	00-18-21-ad-24-bc
10.0.0.116	00-19-08-ba-07-da
10.0.0.117	01-12-21-ca-11-ad

Which of the following attacks has occurred?

- A. IP conflict
- B. Pass-the-hash

- C. MAC flooding
- D. Directory traversal
- E. ARP poisoning

**Answer:** E

**NEW QUESTION 87**

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

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

**Answer:** A

**NEW QUESTION 88**

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

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

**Answer:** A

**NEW QUESTION 89**

When selecting a technical solution for identity management, an architect chooses to go from an in-house to a third-party SaaS provider. Which of the following risk management strategies is this an example of?

- A. Acceptance
- B. Mitigation
- C. Avoidance
- D. Transference

**Answer:** D

**NEW QUESTION 94**

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

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

**Answer:** C

**NEW QUESTION 97**

A security engineer is setting up passwordless authentication for the first time. INSTRUCTIONS

Use the minimum set of commands to set this up and verify that it works. Commands cannot be reused.

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

```

Commands
chmod 644 ~/.ssh/id_rsa
chmod 777 ~/.ssh/authorized_keys
scp ~/.ssh/id_rsa user@server:~/.ssh/authorized_keys
ssh root@server
ssh-keygen -t rsa
ssh-copy-id -i ~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub user@server
ssh -i ~/.ssh/id_rsa user@server
    
```

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SSH Client
?
    
```

- A. Mastered
- B. Not Mastered

Answer: A

Explanation:

```

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

**NEW QUESTION 101**

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

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

Answer: B

**NEW QUESTION 104**

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

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

**Answer: B**

**NEW QUESTION 108**

Which of the following BEST describes a security exploit for which a vendor patch is not readily available?

- A. Integer overflow
- B. Zero-day
- C. End of life
- D. Race condition

**Answer: B**

**NEW QUESTION 111**

A company is adopting a BYOD policy and is looking for a comprehensive solution to protect company information on user devices. Which of the following solutions would BEST support the policy?

- A. Mobile device management
- B. Full-device encryption
- C. Remote wipe
- D. Biometrics

**Answer: A**

**NEW QUESTION 116**

A company has drafted an insider-threat policy that prohibits the use of external storage devices. Which of the following would BEST protect the company from data exfiltration via removable media?

- A. Monitoring large data transfer transactions in the firewall logs
- B. Developing mandatory training to educate employees about the removable media policy
- C. Implementing a group policy to block user access to system files
- D. Blocking removable-media devices and write capabilities using a host-based security tool

**Answer: D**

**NEW QUESTION 120**

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