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**Question: 1**

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An administrator thinks the UNIX systems may be compromised, but a review of system log files provides no useful information. After discussing the situation with the security team, the administrator suspects that the attacker may be altering the log files and removing evidence of intrusion activity.

Which of the following actions will help detect attacker attempts to further alter log files?

- A. Enable verbose system logging
- B. Change the permissions on the user's home directory
- C. Implement remote syslog
- D. Set the bash\_history log file to "read only"

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**Answer: C**

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**Question: 2**

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A global gaming console manufacturer is launching a new gaming platform to its customers.

Which of the following controls reduces the risk created by malicious gaming customers attempting to circumvent control by way of modifying consoles?

- A. Firmware version control
- B. Manual software upgrades
- C. Vulnerability scanning
- D. Automatic updates
- E. Network segmentation
- F. Application firewalls

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**Answer: A,D**

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**Question: 3**

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An audit has revealed that database administrators are also responsible for auditing database changes and backup logs.

Which of the following access control methodologies would BEST mitigate this concern?

- A. Time of day restrictions
- B. Principle of least privilege
- C. Role-based access control
- D. Separation of duties

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**Answer: D**

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**Question: 4**

Which of the following would a security specialist be able to determine upon examination of a server's certificate?

- A. CA public key
- B. Server private key
- C. CSR
- D. OID

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**Answer: D**

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**Question: 5**

A security analyst is diagnosing an incident in which a system was compromised from an external IP address. The socket identified on the firewall was traced to 207.46.130.0:6666. Which of the following should the security analyst do to determine if the compromised system still has an active connection?

- A. tracer
- B. netstat
- C. ping
- D. nslookup

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**Answer: B**

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**Question: 6**

Multiple organizations operating in the same vertical want to provide seamless wireless access for their employees as they visit the other organizations. Which of the following should be implemented if all the organizations use the native 802.1x client on their mobile devices?

- A. Shibboleth
- B. RADIUS federation
- C. SAML
- D. OAuth
- E. OpenID connect

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**Answer: B**

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Explanation:

<http://archive.oreilly.com/pub/a/wireless/2005/01/01/authentication>

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**Question: 7**

Which of the following BEST describes an important security advantage yielded by implementing

vendor diversity?

- A. Sustainability
- B. Homogeneity
- C. Resiliency
- D. Configurability

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**Answer: C**

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**Question: 8**

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In a corporation where compute utilization spikes several times a year, the Chief Information Officer (CIO) has requested a cost-effective architecture to handle the variable capacity demand. Which of the following characteristics BEST describes what the CIO has requested?

- A. Elasticity
- B. Scalability
- C. High availability
- D. Redundancy

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**Answer: A**

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Explanation:

Elasticity is defined as “the degree to which a system is able to adapt to workload changes by provisioning and de-provisioning resources in an autonomic manner, such that at each point in time the available resources match the current demand as closely as possible”.

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**Question: 9**

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A security engineer is configuring a system that requires the X.509 certificate information to be pasted into a form field in Base64 encoded format to import it into the system. Which of the following certificate formats should the engineer use to obtain the information in the required format?

- A. PFX
- B. PEM
- C. DER
- D. CER

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**Answer: B**

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**Question: 10**

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Which of the following attacks specifically impacts data availability?

- A. DDoS

- B. Trojan
- C. MITM
- D. Rootkit

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**Answer: A**

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References:

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**Question: 11**

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A security analyst is hardening a server with the directory services role installed. The analyst must ensure LDAP traffic cannot be monitored or sniffed and maintains compatibility with LDAP clients. Which of the following should the analyst implement to meet these requirements? (Select two.)

- A. Generate an X.509-compliant certificate that is signed by a trusted CA.
- B. Install and configure an SSH tunnel on the LDAP server.
- C. Ensure port 389 is open between the clients and the servers using the communication.
- D. Ensure port 636 is open between the clients and the servers using the communication.
- E. Remove the LDAP directory service role from the server.

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**Answer: A,D**

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**Question: 12**

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Which of the following threat actors is MOST likely to steal a company's proprietary information to gain a market edge and reduce time to market?

- A. Competitor
- B. Hacktivist
- C. Insider
- D. Organized crime.

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**Answer: A**

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**Question: 13**

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A penetration tester is crawling a target website that is available to the public. Which of the following represents the actions the penetration tester is performing?

- A. URL hijacking
- B. Reconnaissance
- C. White box testing
- D. Escalation of privilege

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**Answer: B**

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**Question: 14**

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Which of the following characteristics differentiate a rainbow table attack from a brute force attack? (Select two.)

- A. Rainbow table attacks greatly reduce compute cycles at attack time.
- B. Rainbow tables must include precomputed hashes.
- C. Rainbow table attacks do not require access to hashed passwords.
- D. Rainbow table attacks must be performed on the network.
- E. Rainbow table attacks bypass maximum failed login restrictions.

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**Answer: B,E**

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**Question: 15**

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Which of the following best describes routine in which semicolons, dashes, quotes, and commas are removed from a string?

- A. Error handling to protect against program exploitation
- B. Exception handling to protect against XSRF attacks.
- C. Input validation to protect against SQL injection.
- D. Padding to protect against string buffer overflows.

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**Answer: C**

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**Question: 16**

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A security analyst wishes to increase the security of an FTP server. Currently, all traffic to the FTP server is unencrypted. Users connecting to the FTP server use a variety of modern FTP client software.

The security analyst wants to keep the same port and protocol, while also still allowing unencrypted connections. Which of the following would BEST accomplish these goals?

- A. Require the SFTP protocol to connect to the file server.
- B. Use implicit TLS on the FTP server.
- C. Use explicit FTPS for connections.
- D. Use SSH tunneling to encrypt the FTP traffic.

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**Answer: C**

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**Question: 17**

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Which of the following explains why vendors publish MD5 values when they provide software patches for their customers to download over the Internet?

- A. The recipient can verify integrity of the software patch.

- B. The recipient can verify the authenticity of the site used to download the patch.
- C. The recipient can request future updates to the software using the published MD5 value.
- D. The recipient can successfully activate the new software patch.

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**Answer: A**

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**Question: 18**

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Refer to the following code:

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public class rainbow {  
    public static void main (String [] args) {  
        object blue = null;  
        blue.hashCode (); }  
}
```

Which of the following vulnerabilities would occur if this is executed?

- A. Page exception
- B. Pointer deference
- C. NullPointerException
- D. Missing null check

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**Answer: D**

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**Question: 19**

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Multiple employees receive an email with a malicious attachment that begins to encrypt their hard drives and mapped shares on their devices when it is opened. The network and security teams perform the following actions:

Shut down all network shares.

Run an email search identifying all employees who received the malicious message.

Reimage all devices belonging to users who opened the attachment.

Next, the teams want to re-enable the network shares. Which of the following BEST describes this phase of the incident response process?

- A. Eradication
- B. Containment
- C. Recovery
- D. Lessons learned

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**Answer: C**

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**Question: 20**

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An organization has determined it can tolerate a maximum of three hours of downtime. Which of the

following has been specified?

- A. RTO
- B. RPO
- C. MTBF
- D. MTTR

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**Answer: A**

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**Question: 21**

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Which of the following types of keys is found in a key escrow?

- A. Public
- B. Private
- C. Shared
- D. Session

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**Answer: B**

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Explanation:

<https://www.professormesser.com/security-plus/sy0-401/key-escrow-3/>

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**Question: 22**

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A security analyst is reviewing the following output from an IPS:

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[**] [1:2467:7] EXPLOIT IGMP IGAP message overflow attempt [**]  
[Classification: Attempted Administrator Privilege Gain] [Priority: 1]  
07/30-19:45:02.238185 250.19.18.71 -> 250.19.18.22  
IGMP TTL:255 TOS: 0x0 ID: 9742 IpLen:20 DgmLen: 502 MF  
Frag offset: 0x1FFF Frag Size: 0x01E2  
[Xref => http://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=2004-0367]
```

Given this output, which of the following can be concluded? (Select two.)

- A. The source IP of the attack is coming from 250.19.18.22.
- B. The source IP of the attack is coming from 250.19.18.71.
- C. The attacker sent a malformed IGAP packet, triggering the alert.
- D. The attacker sent a malformed TCP packet, triggering the alert.
- E. The TTL value is outside of the expected range, triggering the alert.

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**Answer: B,C**

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**Question: 23**

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Despite having implemented password policies, users continue to set the same weak passwords and



reuse old passwords. Which of the following technical controls would help prevent these policy violations? (Select two.)

- A. Password expiration
- B. Password length
- C. Password complexity
- D. Password history
- E. Password lockout

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**Answer: C,D**

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**Question: 24**

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Which of the following types of cloud infrastructures would allow several organizations with similar structures and interests to realize the benefits of shared storage and resources?

- A. Private
- B. Hybrid
- C. Public
- D. Community

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**Answer: D**

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**Question: 25**

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A company is currently using the following configuration:  
IAS server with certificate-based EAP-PEAP and MSCHAP  
Unencrypted authentication via PAP

A security administrator needs to configure a new wireless setup with the following configurations:  
PAP authentication method

PEAP and EAP provide two-factor authentication

Which of the following forms of authentication are being used? (Select two.)

- A. PAP
- B. PEAP
- C. MSCHAP
- D. PEAP- MSCHAP
- E. EAP
- F. EAP-PEAP

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**Answer: A,C**

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