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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 user recent an SMS on a mobile phone that asked for bank delays. Which of the following social-engineering techniques was used in this case?

- A. SPIM
- B. Vishing
- C. Spear phishing
- D. Smishing

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 3

An organization needs to implement more stringent controls over administrator/root credentials and service accounts. Requirements for the project include:

- Check-in/checkout of credentials
- The ability to use but not know the password
- Automated password changes
- Logging of access to credentials

Which of the following solutions would meet the requirements?

- A. OAuth 2.0
- B. Secure Enclave
- C. A privileged access management system
- D. An OpenID Connect authentication system

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 4

Which of the following describes the BEST approach for deploying application patches?

- A. Apply the patches to systems in a testing environment then to systems in a staging environment, and finally to production systems.
- B. Test the patches in a staging environment, develop against them in the development environment, and then apply them to the production systems
- C. Test the patches in a test environment apply them to the production systems and then apply them to a staging environment
- D. Apply the patches to the production systems apply them in a staging environment, and then test all of them in a testing environment

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 5

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 6

A user enters a password to log in to a workstation and is then prompted to enter an authentication code. Which of the following MFA factors or attributes are being utilized in the authentication process? (Select TWO).

- A. Something you know
- B. Something you have
- C. Somewhere you are
- D. Someone you are
- E. Something you are
- F. Something you can do

Answer: BE

NEW QUESTION 7

A user recently entered a username and password into a recruiting application website that had been forged to look like the legitimate site. Upon investigation, a security analyst identifies the following:

- The legitimate website's IP address is 10.1.1.20 and eRecruit local resolves to the IP
 - The forged website's IP address appears to be 10.2.12.99. based on NetFlow records
 - AH three at the organization's DNS servers show the website correctly resolves to the legitimate IP
 - DNS query logs show one of the three DNS servers returned a result of 10.2.12.99 (cached) at the approximate time of the suspected compromise.
- Which of the following MOST likely occurred?

- A. A reverse proxy was used to redirect network traffic
- B. An SSL strip MITM attack was performed
- C. An attacker temporarily pawned a name server
- D. An ARP poisoning attack was successfully executed

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 8

A user contacts the help desk to report the following:

- Two days ago, a pop-up browser window prompted the user for a name and password after connecting to the corporate wireless SSID. This had never happened before, but the user entered the information as requested.
- The user was able to access the Internet but had trouble accessing the department share until the next day.
- The user is now getting notifications from the bank about unauthorized transactions. Which of the following attack vectors was MOST likely used in this scenario?

- A. Rogue access point
- B. Evil twin
- C. DNS poisoning
- D. ARP poisoning

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 9

A commercial cyber-threat intelligence organization observes IoCs across a variety of unrelated customers. Prior to releasing specific threat intelligence to other paid subscribers, the organization is MOST likely obligated by contracts to:

- A. perform attribution to specific APTs and nation-state actors.
- B. anonymize any PII that is observed within the IoC data.
- C. add metadata to track the utilization of threat intelligence reports.
- D. assist companies with impact assessments based on the observed data.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 10

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 10

A financial organization has adopted a new secure, encrypted document-sharing application to help with its customer loan process. Some important PII needs to be shared across this new platform, but it is getting blocked by the DLP systems. Which of the following actions will BEST allow the PII to be shared with the secure application without compromising the organization's security posture?

- A. Configure the DLP policies to allow all PII
- B. Configure the firewall to allow all ports that are used by this application
- C. Configure the antivirus software to allow the application
- D. Configure the DLP policies to whitelist this application with the specific PII
- E. Configure the application to encrypt the PII

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 13

A security analyst is reviewing the following attack log output:

```
user comptia\john.smith attempted login with the password password123
user comptia\jane.doe attempted login with the password password123
user comptia\user.one attempted login with the password password123
user comptia\user.two attempted login with the password password123
user comptia\user.three attempted login with the password password123

user comptia\john.smith attempted login with the password password234
user comptia\jane.doe attempted login with the password password234
user comptia\user.one attempted login with the password password234
user comptia\user.two attempted login with the password password234
user comptia\user.three attempted login with the password password234
```

Which of the following types of attacks does this MOST likely represent?

- A. Rainbow table
- B. Brute-force
- C. Password-spraying
- D. Dictionary

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 15

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 16

After a ransomware attack a forensics company needs to review a cryptocurrency transaction between the victim and the attacker. Which of the following will the company MOST likely review to trace this transaction?

- A. The public ledger
- B. The NetFlow data
- C. A checksum
- D. The event log

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 18

A remote user recently took a two-week vacation abroad and brought along a corporate-owned laptop. Upon returning to work, the user has been unable to connect the laptop to the VPN. Which of the following is the MOST likely reason for the user's inability to connect the laptop to the VPN?

- A. Due to foreign travel, the user's laptop was isolated from the network.
- B. The user's laptop was quarantined because it missed the latest patch update.
- C. The VPN client was blacklisted.
- D. The user's account was put on a legal hold.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 19

A recent audit uncovered a key finding regarding the use of a specific encryption standard in a web application that is used to communicate with business customers. Due to the technical limitations of its customers the company is unable to upgrade the encryption standard. Which of the following types of controls should be used to reduce the risk created by this scenario?

- A. Physical
- B. Detective
- C. Preventive
- D. Compensating

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 20

A security analyst has received an alert about being sent via email. The analyst's Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) has made it clear that PII must be handled with extreme care. From which of the following did the alert MOST likely originate?

- A. S/MIME
- B. DLP
- C. IMAP
- D. HIDS

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 25

When used at the design stage, which of the following improves the efficiency, accuracy, and speed of a database?

- A. Tokenization
- B. Data masking
- C. Normalization
- D. Obfuscation

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 27

A security analyst receives the configuration of a current VPN profile and notices the authentication is only applied to the IP datagram portion of the packet. Which of the following should the analyst implement to authenticate the entire packet?

- A. AH
- B. ESP
- C. SRTP
- D. LDAP

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 28

Which of the following would BEST identify and remediate a data-loss event in an enterprise using third-party, web-based services and file-sharing platforms?

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

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 33

A recently discovered zero-day exploit utilizes an unknown vulnerability in the SMB network protocol to rapidly infect computers. Once infected, computers are encrypted and held for ransom. Which of the following would BEST prevent this attack from reoccurring?

- A. Configure the perimeter firewall to deny inbound external connections to SMB ports.
- B. Ensure endpoint detection and response systems are alerting on suspicious SMB connections.
- C. Deny unauthenticated users access to shared network folders.
- D. Verify computers are set to install monthly operating system, updates automatically.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 35

A security analyst needs to determine how an attacker was able to use User3 to gain a foothold within a company's network. The company's lockout policy requires that an account be locked out for a minimum of 15 minutes after three unsuccessful attempts. While reviewing the log files, the analyst discovers the following:

```
3/16/20 3:31:10 AM Audit Failure: CompanyNetwork\User1 Unknown username or bad password.
3/16/20 3:31:11 AM Audit Failure: CompanyNetwork\User1 Unknown username or bad password.
3/16/20 3:31:12 AM Audit Failure: CompanyNetwork\User1 Unknown username or bad password.
3/16/20 3:31:13 AM Audit Failure: CompanyNetwork\User1 Account locked out.
3/16/20 3:31:14 AM Audit Failure: CompanyNetwork\User2 Unknown username or bad password.
3/16/20 3:31:15 AM Audit Failure: CompanyNetwork\User2 Unknown username or bad password.
3/16/20 3:31:16 AM Audit Failure: CompanyNetwork\User2 Unknown username or bad password.
3/16/20 3:31:18 AM Audit Failure: CompanyNetwork\User2 Account locked out.
3/16/20 3:31:19 AM Audit Failure: CompanyNetwork\User3 Unknown username or bad password.
3/16/20 3:31:20 AM Audit Failure: CompanyNetwork\User3 Unknown username or bad password.
3/16/20 3:31:20 AM Audit Success: CompanyNetwork\User3 Successful login.
3/16/20 3:31:22 AM Audit Success: CompanyNetwork\User4 Unknown username or bad password.
3/16/20 3:31:22 AM Audit Failure: CompanyNetwork\User4 Unknown username or bad password.
3/16/20 3:32:40 AM Audit Failure: CompanyNetwork\User4 Unknown username or bad password.
3/16/20 3:33:25 AM Audit Success: CompanyNetwork\User4 Successful login.
```

Which of the following attacks MOST likely occurred?

- A. Dictionary
- B. Credential-stuffing
- C. Password-spraying
- D. Brute-force

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 38

A symmetric encryption algorithm is BEST suited for:

- A. key-exchange scalability.
- B. protecting large amounts of data.
- C. providing hashing capabilities,
- D. implementing non-repudiation.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 41

A network technician is installing a guest wireless network at a coffee shop. When a customer purchases an item, the password for the wireless network is printed on the receipt so the customer can log in. Which of the following will the technician MOST likely configure to provide the highest level of security with the least amount of overhead?

- A. WPA-EAP
- B. WEP-TKIP
- C. WPA-PSK
- D. WPS-PIN

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 46

The facilities supervisor for a government agency is concerned about unauthorized access to environmental systems in the event the staff WiFi network is breached. Which of the following would BEST address this security concern?

- A. install a smart meter on the staff WiFi.
- B. Place the environmental systems in the same DHCP scope as the staff WiFi.
- C. Implement Zigbee on the staff WiFi access points.
- D. Segment the staff WiFi network from the environmental systems network.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 50

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 55

A document that appears to be malicious has been discovered in an email that was sent to a company's Chief Financial Officer (CFO). Which of the following would be BEST to allow a security analyst to gather information and confirm it is a malicious document without executing any code it may contain?

- A. Open the document on an air-gapped network
- B. View the document's metadata for origin clues
- C. Search for matching file hashes on malware websites
- D. Detonate the document in an analysis sandbox

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 60

A network engineer has been asked to investigate why several wireless barcode scanners and wireless computers in a warehouse have intermittent connectivity to the shipping server. The barcode scanners and computers are all on forklift trucks and move around the warehouse during their regular use. Which of the following should the engineer do to determine the issue? (Choose two.)

- A. Perform a site survey
- B. Deploy an FTK Imager
- C. Create a heat map
- D. Scan for rogue access points
- E. Upgrade the security protocols
- F. Install a captive portal

Answer: AC

NEW QUESTION 62

Users have been issued smart cards that provide physical access to a building. The cards also contain tokens that can be used to access information systems. Users can log on to any thin client located throughout the building and see the same desktop each time. Which of the following technologies are being utilized to provide these capabilities? (Select TWO)

- A. COPE
- B. VDI
- C. GPS
- D. TOTP
- E. RFID
- F. BYOD

Answer: BE

NEW QUESTION 67

To reduce costs and overhead, an organization wants to move from an on-premises email solution to a cloud-based email solution. At this time, no other services will be moving. Which of the following cloud models would BEST meet the needs of the organization?

- A. MaaS
- B. IaaS
- C. SaaS
- D. PaaS

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 72

Which of the following is MOST likely to outline the roles and responsibilities of data controllers and data processors?

- A. SSAE SOC 2
- B. PCI DSS
- C. GDPR
- D. ISO 31000

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 75

A smart retail business has a local store and a newly established and growing online storefront. A recent storm caused a power outage to the business and the local ISP, resulting in several hours of lost sales and delayed order processing. The business owner now needs to ensure two things:

* Protection from power outages

* Always-available connectivity In case of an outage

The owner has decided to implement battery backups for the computer equipment Which of the following would BEST fulfill the owner's second need?

- A. Lease a point-to-point circuit to provide dedicated access.
- B. Connect the business router to its own dedicated UPS.
- C. Purchase services from a cloud provider for high availability
- D. Replace the business's wired network with a wireless network.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 80

A security analyst is looking for a solution to help communicate to the leadership team the seventy levels of the organization's vulnerabilities. Which of the following would BEST meet this need?

- A. CVE
- B. SIEM
- C. SOAR
- D. CVSS

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 84

Which of the following should be put in place when negotiating with a new vendor about the timeliness of the response to a significant outage or incident?

- A. MOU
- B. MTTR
- C. SLA
- D. NDA

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 88

A security auditor is reviewing vulnerability scan data provided by an internal security team. Which of the following BEST indicates that valid credentials were used?

- A. The scan results show open ports, protocols, and services exposed on the target host
- B. The scan enumerated software versions of installed programs
- C. The scan produced a list of vulnerabilities on the target host
- D. The scan identified expired SSL certificates

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 89

A network administrator needs to build out a new datacenter, with a focus on resiliency and uptime. Which of the following would BEST meet this objective? (Choose two.)

- A. Dual power supply
- B. Off-site backups

- C. Automatic OS upgrades
- D. NIC teaming
- E. Scheduled penetration testing
- F. Network-attached storage

Answer: AB

NEW QUESTION 90

A security analyst has been asked to investigate a situation after the SOC started to receive alerts from the SIEM. The analyst first looks at the domain controller and finds the following events:

Keywords	Date and time	Source	Event ID
Kerberos pre-authentication failed.	12/26/2019 11:37:21 PM	Microsoft Windows security auditing	4771
Kerberos pre-authentication failed.	12/26/2019 11:37:21 PM	Microsoft Windows security auditing	4771
Kerberos pre-authentication failed.	12/26/2019 11:37:22 PM	Microsoft Windows security auditing	4771

To better understand what is going on, the analyst runs a command and receives the following output:

name	lastbadpasswordattempt	badpwdcount
John.Smith	12/26/2019 11:37:21 PM	7
Joe.Jones	12/26/2019 11:37:21 PM	13
Michael.Johnson	12/26/2019 11:37:22 PM	8
Mary.Wilson	12/26/2019 11:37:22 PM	8
Jane.Brown	12/26/2019 11:37:23 PM	12

Based on the analyst's findings, which of the following attacks is being executed?

- A. Credential harvesting
- B. Keylogger
- C. Brute-force
- D. Spraying

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 93

Which of the following is a team of people dedicated testing the effectiveness of organizational security programs by emulating the techniques of potential attackers?

- A. Red team
- B. White team
- C. Blue team
- D. Purple team

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 96

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 100

A company uses wireless for all laptops and keeps a very detailed record of its assets, along with a comprehensive list of devices that are authorized to be on the wireless network. The Chief Information Officer (CIO) is concerned about a script kiddie potentially using an unauthorized device to brute force the wireless PSK and obtain access to the internal network. Which of the following should the company implement to BEST prevent this from occurring?

- A. A BPDU guard
- B. WPA-EAP
- C. IP filtering

D. A WIDS

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 104

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 106

A company provides mobile devices to its users to permit access to email and enterprise applications. The company recently started allowing users to select from several different vendors and device models. When configuring the MDM, which of the following is a key security implication of this heterogeneous device approach?

- A. The most common set of MDM configurations will become the effective set of enterprise mobile security controls.
- B. All devices will need to support SCEP-based enrollment; therefore, the heterogeneity of the chosen architecture may unnecessarily expose private keys to adversaries.
- C. Certain devices are inherently less secure than others, so compensatory controls will be needed to address the delta between device vendors.
- D. MDMs typically will not support heterogeneous deployment environments, so multiple MDMs will need to be installed and configured.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 111

A security manager for a retailer needs to reduce the scope of a project to comply with PCI DSS. The PCI data is located in different offices than where credit cards are accepted. All the offices are connected via MPLS back to the primary datacenter. Which of the following should the security manager implement to achieve the objective?

- A. Segmentation
- B. Containment
- C. Geofencing
- D. Isolation

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 116

An organization's Chief Security Officer (CSO) wants to validate the business's involvement in the incident response plan to ensure its validity and thoroughness. Which of the following will the CSO MOST likely use?

- A. An external security assessment
- B. A bug bounty program
- C. A tabletop exercise
- D. A red-team engagement

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 119

A security analyst sees the following log output while reviewing web logs:

```
[02/Feb/2019:03:39:21 -0000] 23.35.212.99 12.59.34.88 - "GET /uri/input.action?query=%2f..%2f..%2f..%2fetc%2fpasswd HTTP/1.0" 80:200 200
[02/Feb/2019:03:39:25 -0000] 23.35.212.99 12.59.34.88 - "GET /uri/input.action?query=../../../../etc/passwd HTTP/1.0" 80 200 200
```

Which of the following mitigation strategies would be BEST to prevent this attack from being successful?

- A. Secure cookies
- B. Input validation
- C. Code signing
- D. Stored procedures

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 123

A RAT that was used to compromise an organization's banking credentials was found on a user's computer. The RAT evaded antivirus detection. It was installed by a user who has local administrator rights to the system as part of a remote management tool set. Which of the following recommendations would BEST prevent this from reoccurring?

- A. Create a new acceptable use policy.
- B. Segment the network into trusted and untrusted zones.
- C. Enforce application whitelisting.
- D. Implement DLP at the network boundary.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 124

A company wants to deploy PKI on its Internet-facing website. The applications that are currently deployed are:

- www.company.com (main website)
- contactus.company.com (for locating a nearby location)
- quotes.company.com (for requesting a price quote)

The company wants to purchase one SSL certificate that will work for all the existing applications and any future applications that follow the same naming conventions, such as store.company.com. Which of the following certificate types would BEST meet the requirements?

- A. SAN
- B. Wildcard
- C. Extended validation
- D. Self-signed

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 125

A security analyst is using a recently released security advisory to review historical logs, looking for the specific activity that was outlined in the advisory. Which of the following is the analyst doing?

- A. A packet capture
- B. A user behavior analysis
- C. Threat hunting
- D. Credentialed vulnerability scanning

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 127

A researcher has been analyzing large data sets for the last ten months. The researcher works with colleagues from other institutions and typically connects via SSH to retrieve additional data. Historically, this setup has worked without issue, but the researcher recently started getting the following message:

```
@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@
@  WARNING: REMOTE HOST IDENTIFICATION HAS CHANGED!  @
@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@
IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOMEONE IS DOING SOMETHING NASTY!
The fingerprint for the RSA key sent by the remote host is
SHA256:cBqYjal6ToV3jEIJHUSKtjjVziqnVd4Cz+lfhTM6+k4.
Please contact your system administrator.
RSA host key for 18.231.33.78 has changed and you have requested strict checking.
Host key verification failed.
```

Which of the following network attacks is the researcher MOST likely experiencing?

- A. MAC cloning
- B. Evil twin
- C. Man-in-the-middle
- D. ARP poisoning

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 130

Which of the following algorithms has the SMALLEST key size?

- A. DES
- B. Twofish
- C. RSA
- D. AES

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 133

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 136

A vulnerability assessment report will include the CVSS score of the discovered vulnerabilities because the score allows the organization to better.

- A. validate the vulnerability exists in the organization's network through penetration testing
- B. research the appropriate mitigation techniques in a vulnerability database

- C. find the software patches that are required to mitigate a vulnerability
- D. prioritize remediation of vulnerabilities based on the possible impact.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 140

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 145

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 148

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 153

A network administrator has been asked to design a solution to improve a company's security posture. The administrator is given the following requirements:

- The solution must be inline in the network
- The solution must be able to block known malicious traffic
- The solution must be able to stop network-based attacks

Which of the following should the network administrator implement to BEST meet these requirements?

- A. HIDS
- B. NIDS
- C. HIPS
- D. NIPS

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 158

An organization has a growing workforce that is mostly driven by additions to the sales department. Each newly hired salesperson relies on a mobile device to conduct business. The Chief Information Officer (CIO) is wondering if the organization may need to scale down just as quickly as it scaled up. The CIO is also concerned about the organization's security and customer privacy. Which of the following would be BEST to address the CIO's concerns?

- A. Disallow new hires from using mobile devices for six months
- B. Select four devices for the sales department to use in a CYOD model
- C. Implement BYOD for the sales department while leveraging the MDM
- D. Deploy mobile devices using the COPE methodology

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 161

The IT department at a university is concerned about professors placing servers on the university network in an attempt to bypass security controls. Which of the following BEST represents this type of threat?

- A. A script kiddie
- B. Shadow IT
- C. Hacktivism
- D. White-hat

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 164

A cybersecurity administrator has a reduced team and needs to operate an on-premises network and security infrastructure efficiently. To help with the situation, the administrator decides to hire a service provider. Which of the following should the administrator use?

- A. SDP
- B. AAA
- C. IaaS
- D. MSSP
- E. Microservices

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 169

Which of the following is the purpose of a risk register?

- A. To define the level of risk using probability and likelihood
- B. To register the risk with the required regulatory agencies
- C. To identify the risk, the risk owner, and the risk measures
- D. To formally log the type of risk mitigation strategy the organization is using

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 172

A company's Chief Information Office (CIO) is meeting with the Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) to plan some activities to enhance the skill levels of the company's developers. Which of the following would be MOST suitable for training the developers'?

- A. A capture-the-flag competition
- B. A phishing simulation
- C. Physical security training
- D. Baste awareness training

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 175

After entering a username and password, and administrator must gesture on a touch screen. Which of the following demonstrates what the administrator is providing?

- A. Multifactor authentication
- B. Something you can do
- C. Biometric
- D. Two-factor authentication

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 176

A cybersecurity manager has scheduled biannual meetings with the IT team and department leaders to discuss how they would respond to hypothetical cyberattacks. During these meetings, the manager presents a scenario and injects additional information throughout the session to replicate what might occur in a dynamic cybersecurity event involving the company, its facilities, its data, and its staff. Which of the following describes what the manager is doing?

- A. Developing an incident response plan
- B. Building a disaster recovery plan
- C. Conducting a tabletop exercise
- D. Running a simulation exercise

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 180

A security administrator suspects an employee has been emailing proprietary information to a competitor. Company policy requires the administrator to capture an exact copy of the employee's hard disk. Which of the following should the administrator use?

- A. dd
- B. chmod
- C. dnsenum
- D. logger

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 184

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 189

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 190

Which of the following policies would help an organization identify and mitigate potential single points of failure in the company's IT/security operations?

- A. Least privilege
- B. Awareness training
- C. Separation of duties
- D. Mandatory vacation

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 193

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 198

A cybersecurity analyst reviews the log files from a web server and sees a series of files that indicates a directory-traversal attack has occurred. Which of the following is the analyst MOST likely seeing?

A)

```
http://sample.url.com/<script>Please-Visit-Our-Phishing-Site</script>
```

B)

```
http://sample.url.com/someotherpageonsite/../../../../etc/shadow
```

C)

```
http://sample.url.com/select-from-database-where-password-null
```

D)

```
http://redirect.sameple.url.sampleurl.com/malicious-dns-redirect
```

- A. Option A
- B. Option B
- C. Option C
- D. Option D

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 202

Employees are having issues accessing the company's website. Some employees report very slow performance, while others cannot the website at all. The web and security administrators search the logs and find millions of half-open connections to port 443 on the web server. Further analysis reveals thousands of different source IPs initiating this traffic. Which of the following attacks is MOST likely occurring?

- A. DDoS

- B. Man-in-the-middle
- C. MAC flooding
- D. Domain hijacking

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 205

A network administrator has been asked to install an IDS to improve the security posture of an organization. Which of the following control types is an IDS?

- A. Corrective
- B. Physical
- C. Detective
- D. Administrative

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 209

A security modern may have occurred on the desktop PC of an organization's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) A duplicate copy of the CEO's hard drive must be stored securely to ensure appropriate forensic processes and the chain of custody are followed. Which of the following should be performed to accomplish this task?

- A. Install a new hard drive in the CEO's PC, and then remove the old hard drive and place it in a tamper-evident bag
- B. Connect a write blocker to the hard drive Then leveraging a forensic workstation, utilize the dd command m a live Linux environment to create a duplicate copy
- C. Remove the CEO's hard drive from the PC, connect to the forensic workstation, and copy all the contents onto a remote fileshare while the CEO watches
- D. Refrain from completing a forensic analysts of the CEO's hard drive until after the incident is confirmed, duplicating the hard drive at this stage could destroy evidence

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 210

Which of the following would be the BEST method for creating a detailed diagram of wireless access points and hot-spots?

- A. Footprinting
- B. White-box testing
- C. A drone/UAV
- D. Pivoting

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 214

Which of the following technical controls is BEST suited for the detection and prevention of buffer overflows on hosts?

- A. DLP
- B. HIDS
- C. EDR
- D. NIPS

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 216

Which of the following incident response steps involves actions to protect critical systems while maintaining business operations?

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

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 218

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 220

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 222

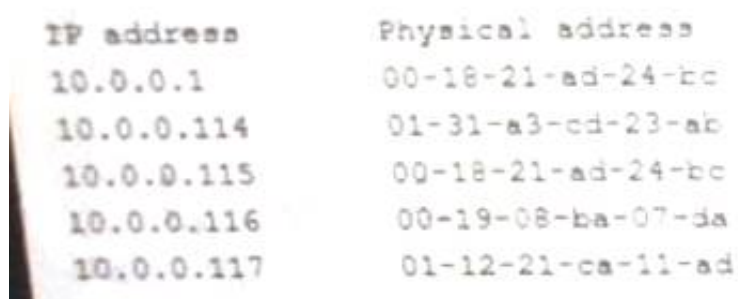
In which of the following common use cases would steganography be employed?

- A. Obfuscation
- B. Integrity
- C. Non-repudiation
- D. Blockchain

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 224

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 228

A security analyst is reviewing information regarding recent vulnerabilities. Which of the following will the analyst MOST likely consult to validate which platforms have been affected?

- A. OSINT
- B. SIEM
- C. CVSS
- D. CVE

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 232

Which of the following will MOST likely adversely impact the operations of unpatched traditional programmable-logic controllers, running a back-end LAMP server and OT systems with human-management interfaces that are accessible over the Internet via a web interface? (Choose two.)

- A. Cross-site scripting
- B. Data exfiltration
- C. Poor system logging
- D. Weak encryption
- E. SQL injection
- F. Server-side request forgery

Answer: DF

NEW QUESTION 235

Which of the following cloud models provides clients with servers, storage, and networks but nothing else?

- A. SaaS
- B. PaaS
- C. IaaS
- D. DaaS

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 237

The IT department's on-site developer has been with the team for many years. Each time an application is released, the security team is able to identify multiple vulnerabilities. Which of the following would BEST help the team ensure the application is ready to be released to production?

- A. Limit the use of third-party libraries.
- B. Prevent data exposure queries.
- C. Obfuscate the source code.
- D. Submit the application to QA before releasing it.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 242

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of an organization would like staff members to have the flexibility to work from home anytime during business hours, incident during a pandemic or crisis. However, the CEO is concerned that some staff members may take advantage of the flexibility and work from high-risk countries while on holidays work to a third-party organization in another country. The Chief Information Officer (CIO) believes the company can implement some basic to mitigate the majority of the risk. Which of the following would be BEST to mitigate CEO's concern? (Select TWO).

- A. Geolocation
- B. Time-of-day restrictions
- C. Certificates
- D. Tokens
- E. Geotagging
- F. Role-based access controls

Answer: AE

NEW QUESTION 243

Which of the following provides the BEST protection for sensitive information and data stored in cloud-based services but still allows for full functionality and searchability of data within the cloud-based services?

- A. Data encryption
- B. Data masking
- C. Anonymization
- D. Tokenization

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 247

The Chief Security Officer (CSO) at a major hospital wants to implement SSO to help improve in the environment patient data, particularly at shared terminals. The Chief Risk Officer (CRO) is concerned that training and guidance have been provided to frontline staff, and a risk analysis has not been performed. Which of the following is the MOST likely cause of the CRO's concerns?

- A. SSO would simplify username and password management, making it easier for hackers to pass guess accounts.
- B. SSO would reduce password fatigue, but staff would still need to remember more complex passwords.
- C. SSO would reduce the password complexity for frontline staff.
- D. SSO would reduce the resilience and availability of system if the provider goes offline.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 250

A retail executive recently accepted a job with a major competitor. The following week, a security analyst reviews the security logs and identifies successful login attempts to access the departed executive's accounts. Which of the following security practices would have addressed the issue?

- A. A non-disclosure agreement
- B. Least privilege
- C. An acceptable use policy
- D. Offboarding

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 253

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 258

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 260

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 262

A website developer is working on a new e-commerce website and has asked an information security expert for the most appropriate way to store credit card numbers to create an easy reordering process. Which of the following methods would BEST accomplish this goal?

- A. Salting the magnetic strip information
- B. Encrypting the credit card information in transit.
- C. Hashing the credit card numbers upon entry.
- D. Tokenizing the credit cards in the database

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 263

A company is implementing MFA for all applications that store sensitive data. The IT manager wants MFA to be non-disruptive and user friendly. Which of the following technologies should the IT manager use when implementing MFA?

- A. One-time passwords
- B. Email tokens
- C. Push notifications
- D. Hardware authentication

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 267

A database administrator needs to ensure all passwords are stored in a secure manner, so the administrator adds randomly generated data to each password before string. Which of the following techniques BEST explains this action?

- A. Predictability
- B. Key stretching
- C. Salting
- D. Hashing

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 269

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 273

Which of the following types of controls is a turnstile?

- A. Physical
- B. Detective
- C. Corrective
- D. Technical

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 276

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 278

A company has determined that if its computer-based manufacturing is not functioning for 12 consecutive hours, it will lose more money than it costs to maintain the equipment. Which of the following must be less than 12 hours to maintain a positive total cost of ownership?

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

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 281

An organization is developing a plan in the event of a complete loss of critical systems and data. Which of the following plans is the organization MOST likely developing?

- A. Incident response
- B. Communications
- C. Disaster recovery
- D. Data retention

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 283

A user reports constant lag and performance issues with the wireless network when working at a local coffee shop. A security analyst walks the user through an installation of Wireshark and gets a five-minute pcap to analyze. The analyst observes the following output:

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1234	9.1195665	Sagemcom_87:9f:a3	Broadcast	802.11	38	Deauthentication, SN=655, FN=0
1235	9.1265649	Sagemcom_87:9f:a3	Broadcast	802.11	39	Deauthentication, SN=655, FN=0
1236	9.2223212	Sagemcom_87:9f:a3	Broadcast	802.11	38	Deauthentication, SN=657, FN=0

Which of the following attacks does the analyst MOST likely see in this packet capture?

- A. Session replay
- B. Evil twin
- C. Bluejacking
- D. ARP poisoning

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 287

A forensics investigator is examining a number of unauthorized payments that were reported on the company's website. Some unusual log entries show users received an email for an unwanted mailing list and clicked on a link to attempt to unsubscribe. One of the users reported the email to the phishing team, and the forwarded email revealed the link to be:



Which of the following will the forensics investigator MOST likely determine has occurred?

- A. SQL injection
- B. CSRF
- C. XSS
- D. XSRF

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 289

Under GDPR, which of the following is MOST responsible for the protection of privacy and website user rights?

- A. The data protection officer
- B. The data processor
- C. The data owner
- D. The data controller

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 292

A network engineer needs to create a plan for upgrading the wireless infrastructure in a large office. Priority must be given to areas that are currently experiencing latency and connection issues. Which of the following would be the BEST resource for determining the order of priority?

- A. Nmapn
- B. Heat maps
- C. Network diagrams
- D. Wireshark

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 293

The CSIRT is reviewing the lessons learned from a recent incident. A worm was able to spread unhindered throughout the network and infect a large number of computers and servers. Which of the following recommendations would be BEST to mitigate the impacts of a similar incident in the future?

- A. Install a NIDS device at the boundary.
- B. Segment the network with firewalls.
- C. Update all antivirus signatures daily.
- D. Implement application blacklisting.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 296

A consultant is configuring a vulnerability scanner for a large, global organization in multiple countries. The consultant will be using a service account to scan systems with administrative privileges on a weekly basis, but there is a concern that hackers could gain access to account to the account and pivot through the global network. Which of the following would be BEST to help mitigate this concern?

- A. Create consultant accounts for each region, each configured with push MFA notifications.
- B. Create one global administrator account and enforce Kerberos authentication
- C. Create different accounts for each regio
- D. limit their logon times, and alert on risky logins
- E. Create a guest account for each regio
- F. remember the last ten passwords, and block password reuse

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 298

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 303

A security engineer needs to implement an MDM solution that complies with the corporate mobile device policy. The policy states that in order for mobile users to access corporate resources on their devices the following requirements must be met:

- Mobile device OSs must be patched up to the latest release
- A screen lock must be enabled (passcode or biometric)
- Corporate data must be removed if the device is reported lost or stolen

Which of the following controls should the security engineer configure? (Select TWO)

- A. Containerization
- B. Storage segmentation
- C. Posturing
- D. Remote wipe
- E. Full-device encryption
- F. Geofencing

Answer: DE

NEW QUESTION 305

A technician needs to prevent data loss in a laboratory. The laboratory is not connected to any external networks. Which of the following methods would BEST prevent the exfiltration of data? (Select TWO).

- A. VPN
- B. Drive encryption
- C. Network firewall
- D. File level encryption
- E. USB blocker
- F. MFA

Answer: BE

NEW QUESTION 308

An engineer wants to access sensitive data from a corporate-owned mobile device. Personal data is not allowed on the device. Which of the following MDM configurations must be considered when the engineer travels for business?

- A. Screen locks
- B. Application management
- C. Geofencing
- D. Containerization

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 313

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