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## Exam Questions CAMS

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#### NEW QUESTION 1

Which factor should a bank consider before sharing information about a customer with its broker-dealer affiliate in the case of an investigation?

- A. Whether the broker-dealer affiliate can rely on the due diligence done by the bank
- B. Whether there is a mutual legal assistance treaty in place between the two institutions
- C. Whether privacy and data protection rules permit the bank to share the information with the affiliate
- D. Whether both institutions have an account or are in the process of opening an account for the customer

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 2

Which action should countries take related to the financing of terrorist acts in accordance with the Financial Action Task Force 40 Recommendations?

- A. Oppose
- B. Sanction
- C. Prosecute
- D. Criminalize

**Answer: D**

#### NEW QUESTION 3

A law enforcement agent calls a bank anti-money laundering investigator for supporting information about a suspicious transaction report that was filed the previous month. How should the investigator respond?

- A. Refer the agent to the bank's compliance officer
- B. Send the information to an address provided by the agent
- C. Share the requested information during the telephone call
- D. Require a search warrant before releasing the information

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 4

What is the currency threshold under the European Union Fourth Anti-Money Laundering Directive?

- A. 3,000 Euros
- B. 5,000 Euros
- C. 10,000 Euros
- D. 15,000 Euros

**Answer: C**

#### NEW QUESTION 5

Which action does the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) recommend be taken against jurisdictions that have strategic deficiencies?

- A. Conduct due diligence
- B. Apply counter-measures
- C. Add the jurisdiction to the United Nations' list of sanctioned jurisdictions
- D. Create an action plan to address the deficiencies without the support of the FATF

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 6

Which two aspects of precious metals pose the highest risk of money laundering? (Choose two.)

- A. Some precious metals can be formed into other objects, making easier to transport
- B. Precious metals have high intrinsic value in a relatively compact form and are easy to convert into currency
- C. The value of precious metals can be inflated easily, making it easy to increase the amount of money laundered
- D. Precious metals can be readily used in many high-tech commercial applications, making them all the more valuable

**Answer: BD**

#### NEW QUESTION 7

A financial institution receives a regulatory enforcement action because of deficiencies in its anti-money laundering program. Which action should the board of directors take?

- A. Terminate the compliance officer and staff
- B. Purchase and install a new suspicious activity monitoring system
- C. Hire an attorney with instructions to protest the enforcement action
- D. Instruct the compliance officer to develop a plan to remediate the institution's anti-money laundering program

**Answer: D**

#### NEW QUESTION 8

During a law enforcement investigative interview regarding potential money laundering, the suspect starts making assertions and statements that the investigator believes are false. How should the investigator respond?

- A. Inform the suspect that deception is obvious and continue the interview
- B. Advise the suspect that the interview will be terminated if there is suspicion of deception
- C. Direct the interview in another direction until there is better rapport before returning back to the troubling questions
- D. Ask questions of a material nature about the suspected false statements without revealing the suspected deception

**Answer: D**

#### **NEW QUESTION 9**

A bank employee recently opened an account for a new restaurant. Daily cash deposits over a three-month period are close to \$9,500. What are two red flags that indicate possible money laundering or terrorist financing? (Choose two.)

- A. The restaurant is located in a different city
- B. The daily cash deposits are so close in amount
- C. It is a new account that has daily cash deposits
- D. The new account demonstrates a steady flow of income

**Answer: BD**

#### **NEW QUESTION 10**

Which two channels can be utilized during a cross-border money laundering investigation to assist in gathering information according to Financial Action Task Force? (Choose two.)

- A. Contacting existing liaison officers in the foreign jurisdiction
- B. Exchanging information between national law enforcement agencies
- C. Contacting the potential suspect or their family members to request information
- D. Submitting only formal requests for information to a financial intelligence unit

**Answer: AB**

#### **NEW QUESTION 10**

A corporate services provider in a European Union (EU) country has a prospect from an African country who deals in oil and gas. The prospect intends to develop an oil terminal in his home country with a \$75 million dollar loan secured by a third party, which is a trust formed in a Caribbean island with a holding company based in a European secrecy haven. A young lady is presented as an ultimate beneficial owner who has gained her wealth through a fitness studio in her home country.

What are two red flags that could indicate money laundering or financing terrorism? (Choose two.)

- A. A loan worth \$75 million with a third-party guarantor
- B. The guarantor company's ownership structure is overly complex
- C. The prospect wishes to have a corporate structure with a holding company in EU country
- D. The ultimate beneficial owner is young lady who has gained her wealth through a small business

**Answer: BD**

#### **NEW QUESTION 13**

A bank compliance officer discovers cash deposit activity inconsistent with the expected and historical cash activity within the personal accounts of the chairman of the board. The cash activity appears structured to avoid the local legal filing requirements for large cash transactions, and a suspicious transaction report (STR) was filed.

How should the compliance officer report the filing of the STR to the board of directors without revealing the existence of the filing to the subject?

- A. Inform the legal counsel of the bank
- B. Follow the financial institution's established STR reporting policy
- C. Notify the financial institution's regulator to disclose the activity
- D. The compliance officer and the chief executive officer should jointly interview the chairman

**Answer: A**

#### **NEW QUESTION 14**

A bank is preparing for its anti-money laundering independent review, which is performed every two years under the direction of the compliance officer. The bank's corporate audit department will conduct the review. The compliance officer will review the final report before it is released to the Board of Directors. What is the issue with this situation?

- A. Independent reviews must be performed annually
- B. The review must be performed by a group outside of the bank
- C. The final report must be presented directly to the board of directors
- D. There is a conflict of interest with the management of the review process

**Answer: A**

#### **NEW QUESTION 15**

Law enforcement submitted a request to a bank for information regarding one of its customers. How should the bank respond according to Financial Action Task Force Guidance?

- A. Provide all information requested to support the investigation
- B. Ensure that the request will not violate any local privacy regulations or legislation

- C. Ensure the information is necessary to the investigation before responding to the request
- D. Contact the customer informing the person of the investigation to ensure the bank provides information

**Answer: C**

**NEW QUESTION 20**

A U.K. real estate agent has three foreign clients interested in purchasing an apartment building, valued at £30 million, in the outskirts of London as an investment property. The clients are not willing to have their names provided to the bank. The clients want to purchase to be made in the names of three private companies for privacy reasons. The plan is to wire the funds into an account held in the name of another private company at a bank in London. Which red flag should stop the agent from discussing this potential purchase further?

- A. The clients are foreign
- B. The clients have the funds necessary to fund a £30 million purchase
- C. The clients are not willing to have their names provided to the bank
- D. The clients want to purchase to be made in the names of the private companies

**Answer: C**

**NEW QUESTION 21**

A foreign politically exposed person (PEP) requests to add a beneficiary to a life insurance policy. How should the request be processed to mitigate risk?

- A. Perform due diligence on the beneficiary
- B. Determine the source of wealth and source of funds
- C. Decline the request if the beneficiary is a foreign PEP
- D. Decline the request to add a beneficiary due to increased risk

**Answer: A**

**NEW QUESTION 22**

What is a major economic consequence of money laundering through the use of front companies?

- A. Placing more emphasis on manufacturing
- B. Weakening of the legitimate private sector
- C. Creating a more competitive pricing environment
- D. Aligning management principles between criminal enterprises and legitimate businesses

**Answer: B**

**NEW QUESTION 27**

An institution is about to release a new peer to peer (P2P) funds transfer product to provide much needed remittance services to an under-banked population segment in the country.

The service allows customers to transfer funds through a mobile banking application to individuals worldwide entering only a name and mobile number. The new service charges less than comparable market solutions and offers real time transfer of funds. The customer onboarding process is conducted at branch locations with identity verification.

Which three present the highest anti-money laundering or sanctions risk and will require controls prior to launch? (Choose three.)

- A. Customer onboarding
- B. Cross-border functionality
- C. Real time transfer of funds
- D. Servicing the under-banked population
- E. Limited access to counterparty information

**Answer: ACE**

**NEW QUESTION 30**

The branch manager calls the compliance officer and informs her that a law enforcement officer has just left the branch and was asking a lot of questions and left a business card. What should the compliance officer do?

- A. File a suspicious transaction report
- B. Follow up to verify that the officer received all necessary information
- C. Verify that the reported officer was an actual authorized representative
- D. Require the branch manager to write a detailed memo about the request

**Answer: C**

**NEW QUESTION 35**

What do Financial Action Task Force (FATF)-style regional bodies do for their members to help combat money laundering and terrorist financing?

- A. They provide technical assistance to members in implementing FATF recommendations
- B. They assist member countries in penalizing entities that violate FATF standards and recommendations
- C. They work with members on areas of concern outside of anti-money laundering and terrorist financing
- D. They supervise member country financial institutions relating to anti-money laundering and terrorist financing

**Answer: D**

**NEW QUESTION 39**

A bank located in Arizona is considering a loan application for a new client. The collateral for the loan is a property in Florida. The loan will be in the name of a limited company (LLC) whose ownership is not disclosed to the bank. The LLC was established by a New York-based attorney. The loan will be repaid by the LLC in monthly wire transfers of \$9,000 which is more than the required monthly payment. Which aspect indicates potential for money laundering?

- A. The LLC's ownership is not disclosed to the bank
- B. The collateral, a property in Florida, is not located in Arizona
- C. The repayment in the amount of \$9,000 indicates potential structuring
- D. The attorney associated with the account is outside the bank's lending area

**Answer: AC**

**NEW QUESTION 44**

In the summer, an institution identifies anti-money laundering concerns regarding a customer's account activity. The customer, an ice cream, has deposited a lot of checks drawn on banks in foreign countries, sent large number of high dollar international wires to different countries, made cash deposits of a few hundred dollars every few days and written multiple checks for a few hundred dollars to the same dozen payees every two weeks. Which two transaction types warrant investigation? (Choose two.)

- A. Regular cash deposits
- B. The wires to foreign countries
- C. Repeated checks to the same payees
- D. Checks drawn on banks in foreign countries

**Answer: BD**

**NEW QUESTION 48**

A customer living in a high-risk jurisdiction makes frequent, large cash deposits at a bank. The same customer sends small wire transfers to unrelated parties in other high-risk jurisdictions. What are two red flags that may indicate money laundering? (Choose two.)

- A. The bank allows cash deposits
- B. The client resides in a high-risk jurisdiction
- C. Wire transfers are to high-risk jurisdiction
- D. Large cash deposits are from a high-risk jurisdiction

**Answer: CD**

**NEW QUESTION 52**

An immigrant residing in the United States opens a bank account that includes a debit card. Several months later, the transactional monitoring system identifies small deposits into the account followed by corresponding ATM withdrawals from a country bordering a conflict zone. How should the bank respond?

- A. Block any further activity
- B. File a suspicious transaction report
- C. Initiate an investigation into the activity
- D. Contact the customer if the transaction activity continues

**Answer: C**

**NEW QUESTION 53**

A foreign bank operating under an offshore license wants to open a correspondent account with a United States (U.S.) bank. The foreign bank plans to provide payable through account services to some of its customers. What must the foreign bank provide to the U.S. bank under the USA PATRIOT Act?

- A. A list of politically exposed persons who are owners of the correspondent bank
- B. A list of account holders at the financial institution who will use the payable through account
- C. The person in the United States who can receive service of legal process for the correspondent bank
- D. A list of anti-money laundering training records for the financial institution employees monitoring payable through account transactions

**Answer: A**

**NEW QUESTION 57**

What is an essential element of Know Your Customer (KYC) standards according to the Basel Committee's Customer Due Diligence for Banks paper?

- A. Annual staff training
- B. A customer acceptance policy
- C. The same KYC requirements must be applied in all cases
- D. All completed KYC documents must be reviewed by a senior manager not involved in the account opening process

**Answer: B**

**NEW QUESTION 60**

A compliance officer at an insurance company has been reviewing the transaction activity of several clients. Which transaction is considered a red flag for potential money laundering?

- A. A client paid the quarterly life insurance premium using money orders from two different banks.
- B. A client from a high-risk jurisdiction recently purchased property insurance for a real-estate development.
- C. A corporation owns several affiliates and recently opened separate group life insurance policies for each of the affiliates.

D. A client established a \$100,000 charitable annuity with a non-profit organization that provides health and safety assistance internationally.

**Answer: D**

**NEW QUESTION 64**

The branch manager notices that a number of customers come in weekly and always use the same teller to process their deposits. The manager notices that the customers and the teller, who are from the same ethnic group, are speaking in a foreign language and every once in a while the customers from local ethnic restaurants will bring the teller lunch. The commercial customers that visit the teller generally deposit the same amount of cash each time they come in. How should the branch manager respond to this activity?

- A. Transfer the teller to another branch
- B. Conduct further investigation before taking any other action
- C. Encourage the teller to bring in more business from the ethnic community
- D. Suggest to the teller to send the customers to other tellers to avoid the opportunity for collusion

**Answer: B**

**NEW QUESTION 67**

Upon a routine account review a money laundering investigator identified a number of large round dollar wire transfer deposits into a business account owned by a local auto repair shop. The wire transfers all originated from a country that is a known financial secrecy haven with poor anti-money laundering controls. The investigator concludes there appears to be no legitimate business purpose for the wire transfers and files a suspicious transaction report. The owner of the auto repair shop is popular in the community and is a well-known philanthropist. To whom should the investigator escalate these concerns?

- A. Audit committee
- B. Chairman of the Board
- C. The owner of the auto repair shop
- D. The bank anti-money laundering officer

**Answer: A**

**NEW QUESTION 72**

What are two requirements for monitoring and reporting suspicious activity for correspondent banking according to the Wolfsberg Principles? (Choose two.)

- A. Incorporate suspicious activity monitoring into periodic reviews
- B. Incorporate due diligence results such as customer risk ratings
- C. Utilize downstream correspondents to investigate and report suspicious activity
- D. Investigate and report suspicious activity only for the correspondent bank's clients

**Answer: BC**

**NEW QUESTION 77**

A customer brings \$15,000 worth of chips into a casino and plays various games. The customer redeems all the remaining chips and requests a wire transfer of the proceeds to an unrelated third party. What are two red flags that indicate money laundering? (Choose two.)

- A. Customer redeeming all remaining chips
- B. Playing various games before cashing out
- C. Bringing \$15,000 worth of chips into the casino
- D. Requesting a wire transfer to an unrelated third party

**Answer: AD**

**NEW QUESTION 82**

A bank has maintained an account for a European charity for several years. The charity provides clothing to persons in need in various countries with active terrorists' cells. Which action by the charity indicates possible terrorist financing?

- A. The charity frequently withdraws cash from the bank
- B. The charity has branch locations located in various countries
- C. The charity receives cash donations primarily from European countries
- D. The charity maintains a bank account for non-business-related expenses

**Answer: B**

**NEW QUESTION 85**

Which two statements in the Wolfsberg Group's "Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism" define the role financial institutions should play in the fight against terrorism? (Choose two.)

- A. Financial institutions need to assist competent authorities in fighting terrorist financing through prevention, detection and information sharing.
- B. Financial institutions need to continuously analyze the types of activity related to terrorist financing and develop models that in the long term will drive down terrorism.
- C. Financial institutions should have financial intelligence units dedicated to the investigation of activity that would lead to the detection of terrorist financing as a means to decrease global terrorism.
- D. Financial institutions should apply extra due diligence whenever they see suspicious or irregular activities, especially when customers are engaged in sectors or activities that have been identified by competent authorities as being used for the financing of terrorism.

**Answer: AD**

**NEW QUESTION 89**

The vice president of the foreign correspondent banking department at a large United States bank has been notified that a foreign bank with an offshore license wants to open a correspondent account.

Which two things must the vice president acquire under the USA PATRIOT Act? (Choose two.)

- A. A list of all the customers of the correspondent bank
- B. A list of the types of businesses served by the correspondent bank
- C. Information relating to the foreign bank's anti-money laundering program
- D. The identity of 10% owners of the correspondent bank, unless it is publicly traded

**Answer: CD**

**NEW QUESTION 91**

An employee hears a colleague on the telephone with a customer giving advice on how to ensure that a suspicious transaction report will not be filed as a result of a future transaction. What action should the employee take?

- A. Report the conversation to the local police
- B. Report the conversation to the compliance officer
- C. Tell the colleague that it is against policy to give such advice
- D. Ignore the situation because the colleague is the relationship manager for that customer

**Answer: C**

**NEW QUESTION 92**

A customer opens a corporate account with a broker-dealer on behalf of several beneficial owners, with a stated long-term investment goal. The customer deposits \$25.5 million into the account and three days later transfers \$5 million to an overseas bank. Shortly thereafter, the customer begins making numerous purchases of pesos. The compliance officer receives a query regarding the movement of funds. Within a month of account opening, the customer depletes the account.

Which two red flags should prompt the firm's compliance officer to take action? (Choose two.)

- A. The new account deposit is \$25.5 million
- B. A corporate account is opened on behalf of several beneficial owners
- C. The compliance officer receives the query regarding the movement of funds
- D. The customer's stated investment goal is not reflective of account activity

**Answer: CD**

**NEW QUESTION 97**

A government has instituted a new anti-money laundering laws which require all financial institutions to obtain certain information from its customers. Which step should an institution located in this jurisdiction take to ensure compliance?

- A. Change procedures to require that the necessary information is obtained
- B. Change procedures and systems as necessary and provide employee training
- C. Send a notice to customers asking them to provide the necessary information
- D. Change systems to ensure the required information is automatically obtained from all customers

**Answer: C**

**NEW QUESTION 100**

A bank account is established for a new business customer. The business was established five years ago with an address in another state. The business website contains few details other than stating it is a real estate business. One principal has an international telephone number and appears to be living in another country. The other principal works out of a recreational vehicle.

What warrants enhanced due diligence in this scenario?

- A. Shell company
- B. Human trafficker
- C. Politically exposed person
- D. Money laundering through real estate

**Answer: A**

**NEW QUESTION 103**

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