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## **Exam Questions CFE-Investigation**

Certified Fraud Examiner - Investigation Exam

#### NEW QUESTION 1

A fraud examiner is based in Mexico, a non-European Union (EU) country and is collecting personal information from their company human resources (MR) files about an employee based in Germany an employee based country Based on these facts. The fraud examiner would need to comply with the EU's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) when conducting their Internal investigation.

- A. True
- B. False

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 2

Arnold a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFF) for Integra Wealth, learns that Elizabeth an accounts payable clerk, recently purchased an expensive ski boat. Arnold also knows that Elizabeth recently purchased a vacation home on a nearby lake Arnold has sufficient predication to:

- A. Conduct discreet inquiries into Elizabeth's responsibilities as an accounts payable clerk.
- B. Accuse Elizabeth directly of having committed fraud
- C. Notify management of that Elizabeth has committed fraudulent acts.
- D. Search Elizabeth's mobile phone for evidence of misconduct

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 3

When a fraud examiner is conducting an examination and is in the process of collecting. documents the fraud examiner should:

- A. A Wait until all documents have been collected before establishing a database
- B. Organize all the documents obtained in chronological order
- C. Avoid touching original documents any more than necessary
- D. Make copies of originals and leave the originals where they were found

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 4

Which of the following is a reason why a person or organization might engage a fraud examiner to trace illicit transactions?

- A. An attorney wants to evaluate an experts financial report.
- B. An employer wants to know If an employee is falsifying regulatory reports.
- C. A victim of fraud wants to facilitate the recovery of criminal proceeds
- D. An entity needs to find hidden relationships In big data that otherwise would not be discovered

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 5

Talia has been hired by SBS Inc, to implement a new data analysis program to search for warning signs of potential fraud within the company. Which of the following steps should Talia conduct first to most effectively use data analysis techniques for such an initiative?

- A. Build a profile of potential frauds.
- B. Monitor the data.
- C. Cleanse and normalize the data.
- D. Identify the relevant data

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 6

Which of the following is the MOST ACCURATE statement concerning the volatility, of digital evidence?

- A. Digital evidence a more volatile than tangible evidence because digital evidence is subject to claims of spoliation, whereas tangible evidence is not.
- B. Digital evidence is more volatile than tangible evidence because digital data can be altered or destroyed more easily than tangible information
- C. The failure to preserve the integrity of digital evidence will not affect its admissibility in a legal proceeding
- D. If the integrity of digital evidence is violated It can be easily restored using widely available data restoration programs

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 7

Which of the following can constitute a bribe, even if the illicit payment is never actually made?

- A. Offering a payment
- B. Corruption in payment
- C. kickback payment
- D. Overbilling in payment

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 8

Which of the following is NOT a step a fraud examiner must take before seizing evidence in a digital forensic investigation?

- A. Obtain and become familiar with any applicable legal orders.
- B. Determine whether there are privacy issues related to the item(s) to be searched.
- C. Ensure that any software used in a forensic capacity is legitimate.
- D. Assemble an investigation team comprised only of outside digital forensic experts.

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 9

An investigator is preparing to administer what is likely to be an intense and extended interview with a fraud suspect. To organize their thoughts prior to the interview the fraud examiner should:

- A. Develop a list of Questions ranked in order of importance
- B. Make a list of key points to go over with the respondent
- C. Provide the suspect with a list of questions to ensure detailed responses
- D. Memorize a detailed list of questions but avoid bringing a written list to the interview

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 10

Anita is interviewing her client's employee whom she suspects committed check fraud. During the interview Anita asks if she can obtain account records from the suspect's bank. If the suspect only gives Anita oral consent, the suspect's bank is required to allow Anita access to the suspect's account records

- A. True
- B. False

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 10

When planning for the interview phase of an investigation, which of the following steps should NOT be taken by the fraud examiner?

- A. Review the case file to ensure that they have not overlooked important information
- B. Consider what the interview is intended to accomplish and state an objective.
- C. Prepare a brief outline of key points to discuss during the interview
- D. Ensure that the interview is held in a venue where the subject will feel uncomfortable

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 13

Eric, a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) is conducting an admission-seeking interview with Sean, a fraud suspect. Sean is seated across the table from Eric. The door is closed but not locked and there are no windows or wall hangings in the room. According to admission-seeking interview best practices, what change should Eric make to the interview environment to increase the chances of the interview's success?

- A. Remove the table from the room to prevent physical and psychological barriers
- B. Lock the door to ensure the interview is not interrupted
- C. Move the interview to a room with a window so that Sean feels more comfortable.
- D. Open the door so that Sean feels free to leave at any time

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 16

Which of the following statements concerning a well-written fraud examination report is most accurate?

- A. The report writer should avoid technical jargon where possible
- B. Signed copies of the fraud examiner's interview notes should be used to report interview details
- C. Only relevant facts that support the fraud allegation should be included in the report
- D. The report should convey all information provided by witnesses

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 20

Which of the following statements concerning access to nonpublic records is MOST ACCURATE?

- A. Once a criminal case is filed all records obtained by the government are considered public records
- B. In most jurisdictions, banks are allowed to turn over a suspect's account information directly to a fraud victim when there is adequate evidence of wrongdoing.
- C. Nonpublic records cannot be obtained by subpoena or legal order in a civil action
- D. Thai government usually will not share nonpublic records with a fraud victim during an investigation into the underlying fraud.

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 22

Which of the following is a unique challenge of cloud forensics not faced in traditional forensic practices?

- A. Lack of information accessibility

- B. Lack of adequate data
- C. Lack of prosecutorial interest
- D. Lack of trust from cloud providers

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 26

A fabricated name and the post office box that an employee uses to collect disbursements from false billings is called:

- A. Accomplice residence
- B. Shell company
- C. Perpetrator check
- D. Cash generator

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 30

A fraud examiner contacts a witness regarding an interview. If the respondent says, 'I'm too busy' how should the fraud examiner react?

- A. Caution the witness that avoidance of the Interview will be considered suspicious
- B. Explain that the respondent will be subject to discipline if they do not participate
- C. Stress that the interview will be short
- D. Inquire about a more convenient time

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 31

If the following statements were Included in a fraud examination report of a qualified expert, which of them would be IMPROPER?

- A. the organization must address the inadequate segregation of accounting duties to prevent such an event from happening again."
- B. The evidence shows that between \$1 million and \$1.5 million in assets were transferred to an offshore account".
- C. "In light of all the evidence the suspect is most likely guilty of fraud against the organization
- D. "When asked a second time about the amount of funds missing the suspect contradicted their previous testimony"

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 35

Which of the following is the MOST ACCURATE statement about the privacy of information shared through social media?

- A. the Privacy of Social Networks Treaty is a binding international treaty that makes it illegal for law enforcement to seek social media login credentials from users.
- B. To access any user-posted information on social media sites fraud examinees must obtain some type of legal order from the Jurisdiction in which the user resides.
- C. A fraud examiner cannot be held liable for violating a user's privacy rights if they hack or break into areas of a social networking site designated as private because all social media information is public
- D. Hacking or breaking into information on social media sites that is restricted as private could result in liability for fraud examiners due to violation of users privacy rights

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 36

Tyson a fraud examiner is planning an interview with Brianna, the girlfriend of the central suspect in Tyson's investigation. Previous interviews with others have revealed that Brianna tends to be very protective of her boyfriend. How should Tyson approach the Interview with Brianna?

- A. Ask Brianna when she would prefer to be interviewed in an effort to provoke cooperation.
- B. Conduct the interview with as little notice as possible so Brianna will be unprepared
- C. Provide Brianna with advance notice prior to the interview to inhibit resentment
- D. Avoid interviewing Brianna if possible due to Brianna's potential volatility

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 40

Which of the following types of information would LEAST likely be found when searching external sources without the subject's consent or a legal order?

- A. A subject's employee personnel file
- B. A witness's address
- C. A competitor's ownership information
- D. Assets owned by a subject

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 45

Caroline a fraud examiner is conducting an admission-seeking interview with John an employee suspected of stealing cash. Which of the following is the MOST effective phrasing for Caroline to use when posing an admission-seeking question to John?

- A. "Why did you take the money?"

- B. "Did you steal the money?"
- C. Do you know who look the money?"
- D. "What do you know about the stolen money"

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 47

Vishal a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) has just initiated an interview with Slave, a fraud suspect. After a short introduction Vishal jokes about the fact that he and Steve are wearing the same tie end then proceeds to ask Steve about the previous night's major sporting event. Vishal is attempting to

- A. Establish rapport
- B. Calibrate the witness
- C. Establish the interview theme
- D. Exhibit passive listening

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 48

Which of the following sets of numbers could a fraud examiner most likely benefit from running a Benford's Law analysis on?

- A. Employee identification numbers
- B. Telephone numbers
- C. Vendor invoice amounts
- D. Bank account numbers

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 53

Thea is conducting a fraud examination for a company and suspects one of the company 's vendors (a one-person operation) of fraudulent biting. Thea wants to obtain a copy of the suspect individuals credit report and personal data from a third-party information broker. If Thea works In a jurisdiction that regulates the distribution of personal credit information she cannot obtain the suspects personal credit data under any circumstances.

- A. True
- B. False

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 55

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