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NEW QUESTION 1

- (Exam Topic 4)

Which of the following is considered a physical control?

- A. Fences
- B. Ceilings
- C. Carpets
- D. Doors

Answer: A

Explanation:

Fences are physical controls; carpets and ceilings are architectural features, and a door is not necessarily a control: the lock on the door would be a physical security control. Although you might think of a door as a potential answer, the best answer is the fence; the exam will have questions where more than one answer is correct, and the answer that will score you points is the one that is most correct.

NEW QUESTION 2

- (Exam Topic 4)

The cloud customer will have the most control of their data and systems, and the cloud provider will have the least amount of responsibility, in which cloud computing arrangement?

- A. IaaS
- B. SaaS
- C. Community cloud
- D. PaaS

Answer: A

Explanation:

IaaS entails the cloud customer installing and maintaining the OS, programs, and data; PaaS has the customer installing programs and data; in SaaS, the customer only uploads data. In a community cloud, data and device owners are distributed.

NEW QUESTION 3

- (Exam Topic 4)

Which of the following areas of responsibility always falls completely under the purview of the cloud provider, regardless of which cloud service category is used?

- A. Infrastructure
- B. Data
- C. Physical
- D. Governance

Answer: C

Explanation:

Regardless of the cloud service category used, the physical environment is always the sole responsibility of the cloud provider. In many instances, the cloud provider will supply audit reports or some general information about their physical security practices, especially to those customers or potential customers that may have regulatory requirements, but otherwise the cloud customer will have very little insight into the physical environment. With IaaS, the infrastructure is a shared responsibility between the cloud provider and cloud customer. With all cloud service categories, the data and governance are always the sole responsibility of the cloud customer.

NEW QUESTION 4

- (Exam Topic 4)

When data discovery is undertaken, three main approaches or strategies are commonly used to determine what the type of data, its format, and composition are for the purposes of classification.

Which of the following is NOT one of the three main approaches to data discovery?

- A. Content analysis
- B. Hashing
- C. Labels
- D. Metadata

Answer: B

Explanation:

Hashing involves taking a block of data and, through the use of a one-way operation, producing a fixed-size value that can be used for comparison with other data. It is used primarily for protecting data and allowing for rapid comparison when matching data values such as passwords. Labels involve looking for header information or other categorizations of data to determine its type and possible classifications. Metadata involves looking at information attributes of the data, such as creator, application, type, and so on, in determining classification. Content analysis involves examining the actual data itself for its composition and classification level.

NEW QUESTION 5

- (Exam Topic 4)

The most pragmatic option for data disposal in the cloud is which of the following?

- A. Cryptoshredding
- B. Overwriting
- C. Cold fusion

D. Melting

Answer: A

Explanation:

We don't have physical ownership, control, or even access to the devices holding the data, so physical destruction, including melting, is not an option. Overwriting is a possibility, but it is complicated by the difficulty of locating all the sectors and storage areas that might have contained our data, and by the likelihood that constant backups in the cloud increase the chance we'll miss something as it's being overwritten. Cryptoshredding is the only reasonable alternative. Cold fusion is a red herring.

NEW QUESTION 6

- (Exam Topic 4)

Web application firewalls (WAFs) are designed primarily to protect applications from common attacks like:

- A. Ransomware
- B. Syn floods
- C. XSS and SQL injection
- D. Password cracking

Answer: C

Explanation:

WAFs detect how the application interacts with the environment, so they are optimal for detecting and refuting things like SQL injection and XSS. Password cracking, syn floods, and ransomware usually aren't taking place in the same way as injection and XSS, and they are better addressed with controls at the router and through the use of HIDS, NIDS, and antimalware tools.

NEW QUESTION 7

- (Exam Topic 4)

A data custodian is responsible for which of the following?

- A. Data context
- B. Data content
- C. The safe custody, transport, storage of the data, and implementation of business rules
- D. Logging access and alerts

Answer: C

Explanation:

A data custodian is responsible for the safe custody, transport, and storage of data, and the implementation of business roles.

NEW QUESTION 8

- (Exam Topic 4)

Data labels could include all the following, except:

- A. Data value
- B. Data of scheduled destruction
- C. Date data was created
- D. Data owner

Answer: A

Explanation:

All the others might be included in data labels, but we don't usually include data value, since it is prone to change frequently, and because it might not be information we want to disclose to anyone who does not have need to know.

NEW QUESTION 9

- (Exam Topic 4)

Tokenization requires two distinct _____.

- A. Personnel
- B. Authentication factors
- C. Encryption keys
- D. Databases

Answer: D

Explanation:

In order to implement tokenization, there will need to be two databases: the database containing the raw, original data, and the token database containing tokens that map to original data. Having two-factor authentication is nice, but certainly not required. Encryption keys are not necessary for tokenization. Two-person integrity does not have anything to do with tokenization.

NEW QUESTION 10

- (Exam Topic 4)

A variety of security systems can be integrated within a network--some that just monitor for threats and issue alerts, and others that take action based on signatures, behavior, and other types of rules to actively stop potential threats.

Which of the following types of technologies is best described here?

- A. IDS
- B. IPS
- C. Proxy
- D. Firewall

Answer: B

Explanation:

An intrusion prevention system (IPS) can inspect traffic and detect any suspicious traffic based on a variety of factors, but it can also actively block such traffic. Although an IDS can detect the same types of suspicious traffic as an IPS, it is only design to alert, not to block. A firewall is only concerned with IP addresses, ports, and protocols; it cannot be used for the signature-based detection of traffic. A proxy can limit or direct traffic based on more extensive factors than a network firewall can, but it's not capable of using the same signature detection rules as an IPS.

NEW QUESTION 10

- (Exam Topic 4)

In addition to battery backup, a UPS can offer which capability?

- A. Breach alert
- B. Confidentiality
- C. Communication redundancy
- D. Line conditioning

Answer: D

Explanation:

A UPS can provide line conditioning, adjusting power so that it is optimized for the devices it serves and smoothing any power fluctuations; it does not offer any of the other listed functions.

NEW QUESTION 15

- (Exam Topic 4)

Which of the following best describes the Organizational Normative Framework (ONF)?

- A. A set of application security, and best practices, catalogued and leveraged by the organization
- B. A container for components of an application's security, best practices catalogued and leveraged by the organization
- C. A framework of containers for some of the components of application security, best practices, catalogued and leveraged by the organization
- D. A framework of containers for all components of application security, best practices, catalogued and leveraged by the organization.

Answer: D

Explanation:

Option B is incorrect, because it refers to a specific applications security elements, meaning it is about an ANF, not the ONF. C is true, but not as complete as D, making D the better choice. C suggests that the framework contains only "some" of the components, which is why B (which describes "all" components) is better

NEW QUESTION 18

- (Exam Topic 4)

What is the Cloud Security Alliance Cloud Controls Matrix (CCM)?

- A. A set of software development life cycle requirements for cloud service providers
- B. An inventory of cloud services security controls that are arranged into a hierarchy of security domains
- C. An inventory of cloud service security controls that are arranged into separate security domains
- D. A set of regulatory requirements for cloud service providers

Answer: C

Explanation:

The CSA CCM is an inventory of cloud service security controls that are arranged into separate security domains, not a hierarchy.

NEW QUESTION 21

- (Exam Topic 4)

Cloud systems are increasingly used for BCDR solutions for organizations. What aspect of cloud computing makes their use for BCDR the most attractive?

- A. On-demand self-service
- B. Measured service
- C. Portability
- D. Broad network access

Answer: B

Explanation:

Business continuity and disaster recovery (BCDR) solutions largely sit idle until they are actually needed. This traditionally has led to increased costs for an organization because physical hardware must be purchased and operational but is not used. By using a cloud system, an organization will only pay for systems when they are being used and only for the duration of use, thus eliminating the need for extra hardware and costs. Portability is the ability to easily move services among different cloud providers. Broad network access allows access to users and staff from anywhere and from different clients, and although this would be important for a BCDR situation, it is not the best answer in this case. On-demand self-service allows users to provision services automatically and when needed, and although this too would be important for BCDR situations, it is not the best answer because it does not address costs or the biggest benefits to an organization.

NEW QUESTION 22

- (Exam Topic 4)

What is an experimental technology that is intended to create the possibility of processing encrypted data without having to decrypt it first?

- A. Quantum-state
- B. Polyinstantiation
- C. Homomorphic
- D. Gastronomic

Answer: C

Explanation:

Homomorphic encryption hopes to achieve that goal; the other options are terms that have almost nothing to do with encryption.

NEW QUESTION 24

- (Exam Topic 4)

Database activity monitoring (DAM) can be:

- A. Host-based or network-based
- B. Server-based or client-based
- C. Used in the place of encryption
- D. Used in place of data masking

Answer: A

Explanation:

We don't use DAM in place of encryption or masking; DAM augments these options without replacing them. We don't usually think of the database interaction as client-server, so A is the best answer.

NEW QUESTION 26

- (Exam Topic 4)

Which component of ITIL involves handling anything that can impact services for either internal or public users?

- A. Incident management
- B. Deployment management
- C. Problem management
- D. Change management

Answer: A

Explanation:

Incident management is focused on limiting the impact of disruptions to an organization's services or operations, as well as returning their state to full operational status as soon as possible. Problem management is focused on identifying and mitigating known problems and deficiencies before they occur. Deployment management is a subcomponent of change management and is where the actual code or configuration change is put into place. Change management involves the processes and procedures that allow an organization to make changes to its IT systems and services in a controlled manner.

NEW QUESTION 27

- (Exam Topic 4)

Which of the following technologies is NOT commonly used for accessing systems and services in a cloud environment in a secure manner?

- A. KVM
- B. HTTPS
- C. VPN
- D. TLS

Answer: A

Explanation:

A keyboard-video-mouse (KVM) system is commonly used for directly accessing server terminals in a data center. It is not a method that would be possible within a cloud environment, primarily due to the use virtualized systems, but also because only the cloud provider's staff would be allowed the physical access to hardware systems that's provided by a KVM. Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure (HTTPS), virtual private network (VPN), and Transport Layer Security (TLS) are all technologies and protocols that are widely used with cloud implementations for secure access to systems and services.

NEW QUESTION 32

- (Exam Topic 4)

As a result of scandals involving publicly traded corporations such as Enron, WorldCom, and Adelphi, Congress passed legislation known as:

- A. SOX
- B. HIPAA
- C. FERPA
- D. GLBA

Answer: A

Explanation:

Sarbanes-Oxley was a direct response to corporate scandals. FERPA is related to education. GLBA is about the financial industry. HIPAA is about health care.

NEW QUESTION 37

- (Exam Topic 4)

Deviations from the baseline should be investigated and _____.

- A. Revealed
- B. Documented
- C. Encouraged
- D. Enforced

Answer: B

Explanation:

All deviations from the baseline should be documented, including details of the investigation and outcome. We do not enforce or encourage deviations. Presumably, we would already be aware of the deviation, so “revealing” is not a reasonable answer.

NEW QUESTION 39

- (Exam Topic 4)

All the following are data analytics modes, except:

- A. Datamining
- B. Agile business intelligence
- C. Refractory iterations
- D. Real-time analytics

Answer: C

Explanation:

All the others are data analytics methods, but “refractory iterations” is a nonsense term thrown in as a red herring.

NEW QUESTION 44

- (Exam Topic 4)

Gap analysis is performed for what reason?

- A. To begin the benchmarking process
- B. To assure proper accounting practices are being used
- C. To provide assurances to cloud customers
- D. To ensure all controls are in place and working properly

Answer: A

Explanation:

The primary purpose of the gap analysis is to begin the benchmarking process against risk and security standards and frameworks.

NEW QUESTION 47

- (Exam Topic 4)

The different cloud service models have varying levels of responsibilities for functions and operations depending with the model's level of service. In which of the following models would the responsibility for patching lie predominantly with the cloud customer?

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

Answer: D

Explanation:

With Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS), the cloud customer is responsible for deploying and maintaining its own systems and virtual machines. Therefore, the customer is solely responsible for patching and any other security updates it finds necessary. With Software as a Service (SaaS), Platform as a Service (PaaS), and Desktop as a Service (DaaS), the cloud provider maintains the infrastructure components and is responsible for maintaining and patching them.

NEW QUESTION 51

- (Exam Topic 4)

The cloud customer's trust in the cloud provider can be enhanced by all of the following except:

- A. SLAs
- B. Shared administration
- C. Audits
- D. real-time video surveillance

Answer: D

Explanation:

Video surveillance will not provide meaningful information and will not enhance trust. All the others will do it.

NEW QUESTION 55

- (Exam Topic 4)

IRM solutions allow an organization to place different restrictions on data usage than would otherwise be possible through traditional security controls. Which of the following controls would be possible with IRM that would not with traditional security controls?

- A. Copy
- B. Read
- C. Delete
- D. Print

Answer: D

Explanation:

Traditional security controls would not be able to restrict a user from printing something that they have the ability to access and read, but IRM solutions would allow for such a restriction. If a user has permissions to read a file, he can also copy the file or print it under traditional controls, and the ability to modify or write will give the user the ability to delete.

NEW QUESTION 56

- (Exam Topic 4)

Hardening the operating system refers to all of the following except:

- A. Limiting administrator access
- B. Closing unused ports
- C. Removing antimalware agents
- D. Removing unnecessary services and libraries

Answer: C

Explanation:

Removing antimalware agents. Hardening the operating system means making it more secure. Limiting administrator access, closing unused ports, and removing unnecessary services and libraries all have the potential to make an OS more secure. But removing antimalware agents would actually make the system less secure. If anything, antimalware agents should be added, not removed.

NEW QUESTION 57

- (Exam Topic 4)

What does static application security testing (SAST) offer as a tool to the testers that makes it unique compared to other common security testing methodologies?

- A. Live testing
- B. Source code access
- C. Production system scanning
- D. Injection attempts

Answer: B

Explanation:

Static application security testing (SAST) is conducted against offline systems with previous knowledge of them, including their source code. Live testing is not part of static testing but rather is associated with dynamic testing. Production system scanning is not appropriate because static testing is done against offline systems. Injection attempts are done with many different types of testing and are not unique to one particular type. It is therefore not the best answer to the question.

NEW QUESTION 61

- (Exam Topic 4)

Which of the following is NOT a major regulatory framework?

- A. PCI DSS
- B. HIPAA
- C. SOX
- D. FIPS 140-2

Answer: D

Explanation:

FIPS 140-2 is a United States certification standard for cryptographic modules, and it provides guidance and requirements for their use based on the requirements of the data classification. However, these are not actual regulatory requirements. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), Sarbanes-Oxley Act (SOX), and the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS) are all major regulatory frameworks either by law or specific to an industry.

NEW QUESTION 66

- (Exam Topic 4)

Different security testing methodologies offer different strategies and approaches to testing systems, requiring security personnel to determine the best type to use for their specific circumstances.

What does dynamic application security testing (DAST) NOT entail that SAST does?

- A. Discovery
- B. Knowledge of the system
- C. Scanning
- D. Probing

Answer: B

Explanation:

Dynamic application security testing (DAST) is considered "black-box" testing and begins with no inside knowledge of the application or its configurations.

Everything about it must be discovered during its testing. As with most types of testing, dynamic application security testing (DAST) involves probing, scanning, and a discovery process for system information.

NEW QUESTION 70

- (Exam Topic 4)

Data masking can be used to provide all of the following functionality, except:

- A. Test data in sandboxed environments
- B. Authentication of privileged users
- C. Enforcing least privilege
- D. Secure remote access

Answer: B

Explanation:

Data masking does not support authentication in any way. All the others are excellent use cases for data masking.

NEW QUESTION 72

- (Exam Topic 4)

The GAPP framework was developed through a joint effort between the major Canadian and American professional accounting associations in order to assist their members with managing and preventing risks to the privacy of their data and customers. Which of the following is the meaning of GAPP?

- A. General accounting personal privacy
- B. Generally accepted privacy practices
- C. Generally accepted privacy principles
- D. General accounting privacy policies

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 77

- (Exam Topic 4)

Your new CISO is placing increased importance and focus on regulatory compliance as your applications and systems move into cloud environments. Which of the following would NOT be a major focus of yours as you develop a project plan to focus on regulatory compliance?

- A. Data in transit
- B. Data in use
- C. Data at rest
- D. Data custodian

Answer: D

Explanation:

The jurisdictions where data is being stored, processed, or consumed are the ones that dictate the regulatory frameworks and compliance requirements, regardless of who the data owner or custodian might be. The other concepts for protecting data would all play a prominent role in regulatory compliance with a move to the cloud environment. Each concept needs to be evaluated based on the new configurations as well as any potential changes in jurisdiction or requirements introduced with the move to a cloud.

NEW QUESTION 80

- (Exam Topic 4)

What masking strategy involves the replacing of sensitive data at the time it is accessed and used as it flows between the data and application layers of a service?

- A. Active
- B. Static
- C. Dynamic
- D. Transactional

Answer: C

Explanation:

Dynamic masking involves the live replacing of sensitive data fields during transactional use between the data and application layers of a service. Static masking involves creating a full data set with the sensitive data fields masked, but is not done during live transactions like dynamic masking. Active and transactional are offered as similar types of answers but are not types of masking.

NEW QUESTION 82

- (Exam Topic 4)

Because cloud providers will not give detailed information out about their infrastructures and practices to the general public, they will often use established auditing reports to ensure public trust, where the reputation of the auditors serves for assurance. Which type of audit reports can be used for general public trust assurances?

- A. SOC 2
- B. SAS-70
- C. SOC 3
- D. SOC 1

Answer: C

Explanation:

SOC Type 3 audit reports are very similar to SOC Type 2, with the exception that they are intended for general release and public audiences. SAS-70 audits have been deprecated. SOC Type 1 audit reports have a narrow scope and are intended for very limited release, whereas SOC Type 2 audit reports are intended for wider audiences but not general release.

NEW QUESTION 83

- (Exam Topic 4)

A localized incident or disaster can be addressed in a cost-effective manner by using which of the following?

- A. UPS
- B. Generators
- C. Joint operating agreements
- D. Strict adherence to applicable regulations

Answer: C

Explanation:

Joint operating agreements can provide nearby relocation sites so that a disruption limited to the organization's own facility and campus can be addressed at a different facility and campus. UPS and generators are not limited to serving needs for localized causes. Regulations do not promote cost savings and are not often the immediate concern during BC/DR activities.

NEW QUESTION 88

- (Exam Topic 4)

You need to gain approval to begin moving your company's data and systems into a cloud environment. However, your CEO has mandated the ability to easily remove your IT assets from the cloud provider as a precondition.

Which of the following cloud concepts would this pertain to?

- A. Removability
- B. Extraction
- C. Portability
- D. Reversibility

Answer: D

Explanation:

Reversibility is the cloud concept involving the ability for a cloud customer to remove all of its data and IT assets from a cloud provider. Also, processes and agreements would be in place with the cloud provider that ensure all removals have been completed fully within the agreed upon timeframe. Portability refers to the ability to easily move between different cloud providers and not be locked into a specific one. Removability and extraction are both provided as terms similar to reversibility, but neither is the official term or concept.

NEW QUESTION 93

- (Exam Topic 4)

Which of the following are cloud computing roles?

- A. Cloud service broker and user
- B. Cloud customer and financial auditor
- C. CSP and backup service provider
- D. Cloud service auditor and object

Answer: C

Explanation:

The following groups form the key roles and functions associated with cloud computing. They do not constitute an exhaustive list but highlight the main roles and functions within cloud computing:

- Cloud customer: An individual or entity that utilizes or subscribes to cloud based services or resources.
- CSP: A company that provides cloud-based platform, infrastructure, application, or storage services to other organizations or individuals, usually for a fee; otherwise known to clients "as a service."
- Cloud backup service provider: A third-party entity that manages and holds operational responsibilities for cloud-based data backup services and solutions to customers from a central data center.
- CSB: Typically a third-party entity or company that looks to extend or enhance value to multiple customers of cloud-based services through relationships with multiple CSPs. It acts as a liaison between cloud services customers and CSPs, selecting the best provider for each customer and monitoring the services. The CSB can be utilized as a "middleman" to broker the best deal and customize services to the customer's requirements. May also resell cloud services.
- Cloud service auditor: Third-party organization that verifies attainment of SLAs.

NEW QUESTION 97

- (Exam Topic 4)

The goals of DLP solution implementation include all of the following, except:

- A. Elasticity
- B. Policy enforcement
- C. Data discovery
- D. Loss of mitigation

Answer: A

Explanation:

DLP does not have anything to do with elasticity, which is the capability of the environment to scale up or down according to demand. All the rest are goals of DLP implementations.

NEW QUESTION 99

- (Exam Topic 4)

What is a key capability or characteristic of PaaS?

- A. Support for a homogenous environment
- B. Support for a single programming language
- C. Ability to reduce lock-in
- D. Ability to manually scale

Answer: C

Explanation:

PaaS should have the following key capabilities and characteristics:

- Support multiple languages and frameworks: PaaS should support multiple programming languages and frameworks, thus enabling the developers to code in whichever language they prefer or the design requirements specify. In recent times, significant strides and efforts have been taken to ensure that open source stacks are both supported and utilized, thus reducing “lock-in” or issues with interoperability when changing CSPs.
- Multiple hosting environments: The ability to support a wide variety of underlying hosting environments for the platform is key to meeting customer requirements and demands. Whether public cloud, private cloud, local hypervisor, or bare metal, supporting multiple hosting environments allows the application developer or administrator to migrate the application when and as required. This can also be used as a form of contingency and continuity and to ensure the ongoing availability.
- Flexibility: Traditionally, platform providers provided features and requirements that they felt suited the client requirements, along with what suited their service offering and positioned them as the provider of choice, with limited options for the customers to move easily. This has changed drastically, with extensibility and flexibility now afforded to meeting the needs and requirements of developer audiences. This has been heavily influenced by open source, which allows relevant plug-ins to be quickly and efficiently introduced into the platform.
- Allow choice and reduce lock-in: PaaS learns from previous horror stories and restrictions, proprietary meant red tape, barriers, and restrictions on what developers could do when it came to migration or adding features and components to the platform. Although the requirement to code to specific APIs was made available by the providers, they could run their apps in various environments based on commonality and standard API structures, ensuring a level of consistency and quality for customers and users.
- Ability to auto-scale: This enables the application to seamlessly scale up and down as required to accommodate the cyclical demands of users. The platform will allocate resources and assign these to the application as required. This serves as a key driver for any seasonal organizations that experience spikes and drops in usage.

NEW QUESTION 103

- (Exam Topic 4)

Which of the following could be used as a second component of multifactor authentication if a user has an RSA token?

- A. Access card
- B. USB thumb drive
- C. Retina scan
- D. RFID

Answer: C

Explanation:

A retina scan could be used in conjunction with an RSA token because it is a biometric factor, and thus a different type of factor. An access card, RFID, and USB thumb drive are all items in possession of a user, the same as an RSA token, and as such would not be appropriate.

NEW QUESTION 107

- (Exam Topic 4)

The application normative framework is best described as which of the following?

- A. A superset of the ONF
- B. A stand-alone framework for storing security practices for the ONF
- C. The complete ONF
- D. A subnet of the ONF

Answer: D

Explanation:

Remember, there is a one-to-many ratio of ONF to ANF; each organization has one ONF and many ANFs (one for each application in the organization). Therefore, the ANF is a subset of the ONF.

NEW QUESTION 108

- (Exam Topic 4)

Above and beyond general regulations for data privacy and protection, certain types of data are subjected to more rigorous regulations and oversight.

Which of the following is not a regulatory framework for more sensitive or specialized data?

- A. FIPS 140-2
- B. FedRAMP
- C. PCI DSS
- D. HIPAA

Answer: A

Explanation:

The FIPS 140-2 standard pertains to the certification of cryptographic modules and is not a regulatory framework. The Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS), the Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program (FedRAMP), and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) are all regulatory frameworks for sensitive or specialized data.

NEW QUESTION 113

- (Exam Topic 4)

Which protocol, as a part of TLS, handles negotiating and establishing a connection between two parties?

- A. Record
- B. Binding
- C. Negotiation
- D. Handshake

Answer: D

Explanation:

The TLS handshake protocol is what negotiates and establishes the TLS connection between two parties and enables a secure communications channel to then handle data transmissions. The TLS record protocol is the actual secure communications method for transmitting data; it's responsible for the encryption and authentication of packets throughout their transmission between the parties, and in some cases it also performs compression. Negotiation and binding are not protocols under TLS.

NEW QUESTION 118

- (Exam Topic 4)

Many activities within a cloud environment are performed via programmatic means, where complex and distributed operations are handled without the need to perform each step individually.

Which of the following concepts does this describe?

- A. Orchestration
- B. Provisioning
- C. Automation
- D. Allocation

Answer: A

Explanation:

Orchestration is the programmatic means of managing and coordinating activities within a cloud environment and allowing for a commensurate level of automation and self-service. Provisioning, allocation, and automation are all components of orchestration, but none refers to the overall concept.

NEW QUESTION 119

- (Exam Topic 4)

Each of the following are dependencies that must be considered when reviewing the BIA after cloud migration except:

- A. The cloud provider's utilities
- B. The cloud provider's suppliers
- C. The cloud provider's resellers
- D. The cloud provider's vendors

Answer: C

Explanation:

The cloud provider's resellers are a marketing and sales mechanism, not an operational dependency that could affect the security of a cloud customer.

NEW QUESTION 121

- (Exam Topic 4)

Key maintenance and security are paramount within a cloud environment due to the widespread use of encryption for both data and transmissions.

Which of the following key-management systems would provide the most robust control over and ownership of the key-management processes for the cloud customer?

- A. Remote key management service
- B. Local key management service
- C. Client key management service
- D. Internal key management service

Answer: A

Explanation:

A remote key management system resides away from the cloud environment and is owned and controlled by the cloud customer. With the use of a remote service, the cloud customer can avoid being locked into a proprietary system from the cloud provider, but also must ensure that service is compatible with the services offered by the cloud provider. A local key management system resides on the actual servers using the keys, which does not provide optimal security or control over them. Both the terms internal key management service and client key management service are provided as distractors.

NEW QUESTION 125

- (Exam Topic 4)

What are third-party providers of IAM functions for the cloud environment?

- A. AESs
- B. SIEMs
- C. DLPs
- D. CASBs

Answer: D

Explanation:

Data loss, leak prevention, and protection is a family of tools used to reduce the possibility of unauthorized disclosure of sensitive information. SIEMs are tools used to collate and manage log data. AES is an encryption standard.

NEW QUESTION 130

- (Exam Topic 4)

Proper implementation of DLP solutions for successful function requires which of the following?

- A. Physical access limitations
- B. USB connectivity
- C. Accurate data categorization
- D. Physical presence

Answer: C

Explanation:

DLP tools need to be aware of which information to monitor and which requires categorization (usually done upon data creation, by the data owners). DLPs can be implemented with or without physical access or presence. USB connectivity has nothing to do with DLP solutions.

NEW QUESTION 132

- (Exam Topic 4)

What concept and operational process must be spelled out clearly, as far as roles and responsibilities go, between the cloud provider and cloud customer for the mitigation of any problems or security events?

- A. Incident response
- B. Problem management
- C. Change management
- D. Conflict response

Answer: A

Explanation:

Incident response is the process through which security or operational issues are handled, including and coordination with and communication to the appropriate stakeholders. None of the other terms provided is the correct response.

NEW QUESTION 135

- (Exam Topic 4)

Which of the following is NOT one of the components of multifactor authentication?

- A. Something the user knows
- B. Something the user has
- C. Something the user sends
- D. Something the user is

Answer: C

Explanation:

Multifactor authentication systems are composed of something the user knows, has, and/or is, not something the user sends. Multifactor authentication commonly uses something that a user knows, has, and/or is (such as biometrics or features).

NEW QUESTION 136

- (Exam Topic 4)

Which of the following statements about Type 1 hypervisors is true?

- A. The hardware vendor and software vendor are different.
- B. The hardware vendor and software vendor are the same
- C. The hardware vendor provides an open platform for software vendors.
- D. The hardware vendor and software vendor should always be different for the sake of security.

Answer: B

Explanation:

With a Type 1 hypervisor, the management software and hardware are tightly tied together and provided by the same vendor on a closed platform. This allows for optimal security, performance, and support. The other answers are all incorrect descriptions of a Type 1 hypervisor.

NEW QUESTION 139

- (Exam Topic 4)

When reviewing the BIA after a cloud migration, the organization should take into account new factors related to data breach impacts. One of these new factors is:

- A. Many states have data breach notification laws.
- B. Breaches can cause the loss of proprietary data.
- C. Breaches can cause the loss of intellectual property.
- D. Legal liability can't be transferred to the cloud provider.

Answer: D

Explanation:

State notification laws and the loss of proprietary data/intellectual property pre-existed the cloud; only the lack of ability to transfer liability is new.

NEW QUESTION 140

- (Exam Topic 4)

Gathering business requirements can aid the organization in determining all of this information about organizational assets, except:

- A. Full inventory
- B. Criticality
- C. Value
- D. Usefulness

Answer: D

Explanation:

When we gather information about business requirements, we need to do a complete inventory, receive accurate valuation of assets (usually from the owners of those assets), and assess criticality; this collection of information does not tell us, objectively, how useful an asset is, however.

NEW QUESTION 144

- (Exam Topic 4)

Identity and access management (IAM) is a security discipline that ensures which of the following?

- A. That all users are properly authorized
- B. That the right individual gets access to the right resources at the right time for the right reasons.
- C. That all users are properly authenticated
- D. That unauthorized users will get access to the right resources at the right time for the right reasons

Answer: B

Explanation:

Options A and C are also correct, but included in B, making B the best choice. D is incorrect, because we don't want unauthorized users gaining access.

NEW QUESTION 148

- (Exam Topic 4)

In a cloud environment, encryption should be used for all the following, except:

- A. Secure sessions/VPN
- B. Long-term storage of data
- C. Near-term storage of virtualized images
- D. Profile formatting

Answer: D

Explanation:

All of these activities should incorporate encryption, except for profile formatting, which is a made-up term.

NEW QUESTION 153

- (Exam Topic 4)

All of these are methods of data discovery, except:

- A. Label-based
- B. User-based
- C. Content-based
- D. Metadata-based

Answer: B

Explanation:

All the others are valid methods of data discovery; user-based is a red herring with no meaning.

NEW QUESTION 157

- (Exam Topic 4)

Which of the following terms is not associated with cloud forensics?

- A. eDiscovery
- B. Chain of custody
- C. Analysis
- D. Plausibility

Answer: D

Explanation:

Plausibility, here, is a distractor and not specifically relevant to cloud forensics.

NEW QUESTION 160

- (Exam Topic 4)

When using an IaaS solution, what is the capability provided to the customer?

- A. To provision processing, storage, networks, and other fundamental computing resources when the consumer is able to deploy and run arbitrary software, which can include OSs and applications.
- B. To provision processing, storage, networks, and other fundamental computing resources when the auditor is able to deploy and run arbitrary software, which can include OSs and applications.
- C. To provision processing, storage, networks, and other fundamental computing resources when the provider is able to deploy and run arbitrary software, which can include OSs and applications.
- D. To provision processing, storage, networks, and other fundamental computing resources when the consumer is not able to deploy and run arbitrary software, which can include OSs and applications.

Answer: A

Explanation:

According to "The NIST Definition of Cloud Computing," in IaaS, "the capability provided to the consumer is to provision processing, storage, networks, and other fundamental computing resources where the consumer is able to deploy and run arbitrary software, which can include operating systems and applications. The consumer does not manage or control the underlying cloud infrastructure but has control over operating systems, storage, and deployed applications; and possibly limited control of select networking components (e.g., host firewalls).

NEW QUESTION 162

- (Exam Topic 4)

Best practices for key management include all of the following, except:

- A. Ensure multifactor authentication
- B. Pass keys out of band
- C. Have key recovery processes
- D. Maintain key security

Answer: A

Explanation:

We should do all of these except for requiring multifactor authentication, which is pointless in key management.

NEW QUESTION 166

- (Exam Topic 4)

Upon completing a risk analysis, a company has four different approaches to addressing risk. Which approach it takes will be based on costs, available options, and adherence to any regulatory requirements from independent audits.

Which of the following groupings correctly represents the four possible approaches?

- A. Accept, avoid, transfer, mitigate
- B. Accept, deny, transfer, mitigate
- C. Accept, deny, mitigate, revise
- D. Accept, dismiss, transfer, mitigate

Answer: A

Explanation:

The four possible approaches to risk are as follows: accept (do not patch and continue with the risk), avoid (implement solutions to prevent the risk from occurring), transfer (take out insurance), and mitigate (change configurations or patch to resolve the risk). Each of these answers contains at least one incorrect approach name.

NEW QUESTION 167

- (Exam Topic 4)

DLP can be combined with what other security technology to enhance data controls?

- A. SIEM
- B. Hypervisors
- C. DRM
- D. Kerberos

Answer: C

Explanation:

DLP can be combined with DRM to protect intellectual property; both are designed to deal with data that falls into special categories. SIEMs are used for monitoring event logs, not live data movement. Kerberos is an authentication mechanism. Hypervisors are used for virtualization.

NEW QUESTION 172

- (Exam Topic 4)

Without the extensive funds of a large corporation, a small-sized company could gain considerable and cost-effective services for which of the following concepts by moving to a cloud environment?

- A. Regulatory
- B. Security
- C. Testing
- D. Development

Answer: B

Explanation:

Cloud environments, regardless of the specific deployment model used, have extensive and robust security

controls in place, especially in regard to physical and infrastructure security. A small company can leverage the extensive security controls and monitoring provided by a cloud provider, which they would unlikely ever be able to afford on their own. Moving to a cloud would not result in any gains for development and testing because these areas require the same rigor regardless of where deployment and hosting occur. Regulatory compliance in a cloud would not be a gain for an organization because it would likely result in additional oversight and auditing as well as require the organization to adapt to a new environment.

NEW QUESTION 174

- (Exam Topic 4)

Which of the following would be considered an example of insufficient due diligence leading to security or operational problems when moving to a cloud?

- A. Monitoring
- B. Use of a remote key management system
- C. Programming languages used
- D. Reliance on physical network controls

Answer: D

Explanation:

Many organizations in a traditional data center make heavy use of physical network controls for security. Although this is a perfectly acceptable best practice in a traditional data center, this reliance is not something that will port to a cloud environment. The failure of an organization to properly understand and adapt to the difference in network controls when moving to a cloud will likely leave an application with security holes and vulnerabilities. The use of a remote key management system, monitoring, or certain programming languages would not constitute insufficient due diligence by itself.

NEW QUESTION 177

- (Exam Topic 4)

The BIA can be used to provide information about all the following, except:

- A. BC/DR planning
- B. Risk analysis
- C. Secure acquisition
- D. Selection of security controls

Answer: C

Explanation:

The business impact analysis gathers asset valuation information that is beneficial for risk analysis and selection of security controls (it helps avoid putting the ten-dollar lock on the five-dollar bicycle), and criticality information that helps in BC/DR planning by letting the organization understand which systems, data, and personnel are necessary to continuously maintain. However, it does not aid secure acquisition efforts, since the assets examined by the BIA have already been acquired.

NEW QUESTION 179

- (Exam Topic 4)

Many aspects of cloud computing bring enormous benefits over a traditional data center, but also introduce new challenges unique to cloud computing.

Which of the following aspects of cloud computing makes appropriate data classification of high importance?

- A. Multitenancy
- B. Interoperability
- C. Portability
- D. Reversibility

Answer: A

Explanation:

With multitenancy, where different cloud customers all share the same physical systems and networks, data classification becomes even more important to ensure that the appropriate security controls are applied immediately to prevent any potential leakage or exposure to other customers. Portability refers to the ability to move easily from one cloud provider to another. Interoperability refers to the ability to reuse components and services for different uses. Reversibility refers to the ability of the cloud customer to quickly and completely remove all data and services from a cloud provider and to verify the removal.

NEW QUESTION 182

- (Exam Topic 4)

Which of the following components are part of what a CCSP should review when looking at contracting with a cloud service provider?

- A. Redundant uplink grafts
- B. Background checks for the provider's personnel
- C. The physical layout of the datacenter
- D. Use of subcontractors

Answer: D

Explanation:

The use of subcontractors can add risk to the supply chain and should be considered; trusting the provider's management of their vendors and suppliers (including subcontractors) is important to trusting the provider. Conversely, the customer is not likely to be allowed to review the physical design of the datacenter (or, indeed, even know the exact location of the datacenter) or the personnel security specifics for the provider's staff. "Redundant uplink grafts" is a nonsense term used as a distractor.

NEW QUESTION 185

- (Exam Topic 4)

For optimal security, trust zones are used for network segmentation and isolation. They allow for the separation of various systems and tiers, each with its own security level.

Which of the following is typically used to allow administrative personnel access to trust zones?

- A. IPSec
- B. SSH
- C. VPN
- D. TLS

Answer: C

Explanation:

Virtual private networks (VPNs) are used to provide administrative personnel with secure communication channels through security systems and into trust zones. They allow staff who perform system administration tasks to have access to ports and systems that are not allowed from the public Internet. IPSec is an encryption protocol for point-to-point communications at the network level, and may be used within a trust zone but not to give access into a trust zone. TLS enables encryption of communications between systems and services and would likely be used to secure the VPN communications, but it does not represent the overall concept being asked for in the question. SSH allows for secure shell access to systems, but not for general access into trust zones.

NEW QUESTION 189

- (Exam Topic 4)

Which of the following is the dominant driver behind the regulations to which a system or application must adhere?

- A. Data source
- B. Locality
- C. Contract
- D. SLA

Answer: B

Explanation:

The locality--or physical location and jurisdiction where the system or data resides--is the dominant driver of regulations. This may be based on the type of data contained within the application or the way in which the data is used. The contract and SLA both articulate requirements for regulatory compliance and the responsibilities for the cloud provider and cloud customer, but neither artifact defines the actual requirements. Instead, the contract and SLA merely form the official documentation between the cloud provider and cloud customer. The source of the data may place contractual requirements or best practice guidelines on its usage, but ultimately jurisdiction has legal force and greater authority.

NEW QUESTION 192

- (Exam Topic 4)

User access to the cloud environment can be administered in all of the following ways except:

- A. Provider provides administration on behalf the customer
- B. Customer directly administers access
- C. Third party provides administration on behalf of the customer
- D. Customer provides administration on behalf of the provider

Answer: D

Explanation:

The customer does not administer on behalf of the provider. All the rest are possible options.

NEW QUESTION 197

- (Exam Topic 4)

Which protocol, as a part of TLS, handles the actual secure communications and transmission of data?

- A. Negotiation
- B. Handshake
- C. Transfer
- D. Record

Answer: D

Explanation:

The TLS record protocol is the actual secure communications method for transmitting data; it's responsible for encrypting and authenticating packets throughout their transmission between the parties, and in some cases it also performs compression. The TLS handshake protocol is what negotiates and establishes the TLS connection between two parties and enables the secure communications channel to then handle data transmissions. Negotiation and transfer are not protocols under TLS.

NEW QUESTION 200

- (Exam Topic 4)

Which component of ITIL pertains to planning, coordinating, executing, and validating changes and rollouts to production environments?

- A. Release management
- B. Availability management
- C. Problem management
- D. Change management

Answer: A

Explanation:

Release management involves planning, coordinating, executing, and validating changes and rollouts to the production environment. Change management is a

higher-level component than release management and also involves stakeholder and management approval, rather than specifically focusing the actual release itself. Availability management is focused on making sure system resources, processes, personnel, and toolsets are properly allocated and secured to meet SLA requirements. Problem management is focused on identifying and mitigating known problems and deficiencies before they occur.

NEW QUESTION 203

- (Exam Topic 4)

BCDR strategies do not typically involve the entire operations of an organization, but only those deemed critical to their business.

Which concept pertains to the amount of services that need to be recovered to meet BCDR objectives?

- A. RSL
- B. RTO
- C. RPO
- D. SRE

Answer: A

Explanation:

The recovery service level (RSL) measures the percentage of operations that would be recovered during a BCDR situation. The recovery point objective (RPO) sets and defines the amount of data an organization must have available or accessible to reach the determined level of operations necessary during a BCDR situation. The recovery time objective (RTO) measures the amount of time necessary to recover operations to meet the BCDR plan. SRE is provided as an erroneous response.

NEW QUESTION 205

- (Exam Topic 4)

In the cloud motif, the data processor is usually:

- A. The cloud customer
- B. The cloud provider
- C. The cloud access security broker
- D. The party that assigns access rights

Answer: B

Explanation:

In legal terms, when “data processor” is defined, it refers to anyone who stores, handles, moves, or manipulates data on behalf of the data owner or controller. In the cloud computing realm, this is the cloud provider.

NEW QUESTION 209

- (Exam Topic 4)

What must SOAP rely on for security since it does not provide security as a built-in capability?

- A. Encryption
- B. Tokenization
- C. TLS
- D. SSL

Answer: A

Explanation:

Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP) uses Extensible Markup Language (XML) for data passing, and it must rely on the encryption of those data packages for security. TLS and SSL (before it was deprecated) represent two commons approaches to using encryption for protection of data transmissions. However, they are only two possible options and do not encapsulate the overall concept the question is looking for. Tokenization, which involves the replacement of sensitive data with opaque values, would not be appropriate for use with SOAP because the actual data is needed by the services.

NEW QUESTION 210

- (Exam Topic 4)

Which of the following is a valid risk management metric?

- A. KPI
- B. KRI
- C. SOC
- D. SLA

Answer: B

Explanation:

KRI stands for key risk indicator. KRIs are the red flags if you will in the world of risk management. When these change, they indicate something is amiss and should be looked at quickly to determine if the change is minor or indicative of something important.

NEW QUESTION 213

- (Exam Topic 4)

Which of the following types of data would fall under data rights management (DRM) rather than information rights management (IRM)?

- A. Personnel data
- B. Security profiles
- C. Publications
- D. Financial records

Answer: C

Explanation:

Whereas IRM is used to protect a broad range of data, DRM is focused specifically on the protection of consumer media, such as publications, music, movies, and so on. IRM is used to protect general institution data, so financial records, personnel data, and security profiles would all fall under the auspices of IRM.

NEW QUESTION 215

- (Exam Topic 4)

Which of the following is not a risk management framework?

- A. COBIT
- B. Hex GBL
- C. ISO 31000:2009
- D. NIST SP 800-37

Answer: B

Explanation:

Hex GBL is a reference to a computer part in Terry Pratchett's fictional Discworld universe. The rest are not.

NEW QUESTION 218

- (Exam Topic 4)

Your IT steering committee has, at a high level, approved your project to begin using cloud services. However, the committee is concerned with getting locked into a single cloud provider and has flagged the ability to easily move between cloud providers as a top priority. It also wants to save costs by reusing components.

Which cross-cutting aspect of cloud computing would be your primary focus as your project plan continues to develop and you begin to evaluate cloud providers?

- A. Interoperability
- B. Resiliency
- C. Scalability
- D. Portability

Answer: A

Explanation:

Interoperability is ability to easily move between cloud providers, by either moving or reusing components and services. This can pertain to any cloud deployment model, and it gives organizations the ability to constantly evaluate costs and services as well as move their business to another cloud provider as needed or desired. Portability relates to the wholesale moving of services from one cloud provider to another, not necessarily the reuse of components or services for other purposes. Although resiliency is not an official concept within cloud computing, it certainly would be found throughout other topics such as elasticity, auto-scaling, and resource pooling. Scalability pertains to changing resource allocations to a service to meet current demand, either upward or downward in scope.

NEW QUESTION 219

- (Exam Topic 4)

Being in a cloud environment, cloud customers lose a lot of insight and knowledge as to how their data is stored and their systems are deployed.

Which concept from the ISO/IEC cloud standards relates to the necessity of the cloud provider to inform the cloud customer on these issues?

- A. Disclosure
- B. Transparency
- C. Openness
- D. Documentation

Answer: B

Explanation:

Transparency is the official process by which a cloud provider discloses insight and information into its configurations or operations to the appropriate audiences. Disclosure, openness, and documentation are all terms that sound similar to the correct answer, but none of them is the correct term in this case.

NEW QUESTION 222

- (Exam Topic 4)

Every security program and process should have which of the following?

- A. Severe penalties
- B. Multifactor authentication
- C. Foundational policy
- D. Homomorphic encryption

Answer: C

Explanation:

Policy drives all programs and functions in the organization; the organization should not conduct any operations that don't have a policy governing them. Penalties may or may not be an element of policy, and severity depends on the topic. Multifactor authentication and homomorphic encryption are red herrings here.

NEW QUESTION 227

- (Exam Topic 4)

In addition to whatever audit results the provider shares with the customer, what other mechanism does the customer have to ensure trust in the provider's performance and duties?

- A. HIPAA

- B. The contract
- C. Statutes
- D. Security control matrix

Answer: B

Explanation:

The contract between the provider and customer enhances the customer's trust by holding the provider financially liable for negligence or inadequate service (although the customer remains legally liable for all inadvertent disclosures). Statutes, however, largely leave customers liable. The security control matrix is a tool for ensuring compliance with regulations. HIPAA is a statute.

NEW QUESTION 230

- (Exam Topic 4)

Which of the following terms is NOT a commonly used category of risk acceptance?

- A. Moderate
- B. Critical
- C. Minimal
- D. Accepted

Answer: D

Explanation:

Accepted is not a risk acceptance category. The risk acceptance categories are minimal, low, moderate, high, and critical.

NEW QUESTION 233

- (Exam Topic 4)

Whereas a contract articulates overall priorities and requirements for a business relationship, which artifact enumerates specific compliance requirements, metrics, and response times?

- A. Service level agreement
- B. Service level contract
- C. Service compliance contract
- D. Service level amendment

Answer: A

Explanation:

The service level agreement (SLA) articulates minimum requirements for uptime, availability, processes, customer service and support, security controls, auditing requirements, and any other key aspect or requirement of the contract. Although the other choices sound similar to the correct answer, none is the proper term for this concept.

NEW QUESTION 237

- (Exam Topic 4)

Which of the following is the primary purpose of an SOC 3 report?

- A. HIPAA compliance
- B. Absolute assurances
- C. Seal of approval
- D. Compliance with PCI/DSS

Answer: C

Explanation:

The SOC 3 report is more of an attestation than a full evaluation of controls associated with a service provider.

NEW QUESTION 239

- (Exam Topic 4)

Which of the following best describes a sandbox?

- A. An isolated space where untested code and experimentation can safely occur separate from the production environment.
- B. A space where you can safely execute malicious code to see what it does.
- C. An isolated space where transactions are protected from malicious software
- D. An isolated space where untested code and experimentation can safely occur within the production environment.

Answer: A

Explanation:

Options C and B are also correct, but A is more general and incorporates them both. D is incorrect, because sandboxing does not take place in the production environment.

NEW QUESTION 240

- (Exam Topic 4)

Tokenization requires two distinct _____.

- A. Authentication factors

- B. Personnel
- C. Databases
- D. Encryption

Answer: C

Explanation:

In order to implement tokenization, there will need to be two databases: the database containing the raw, original data, and the token database containing tokens that map to original data. Having two-factor authentication is nice, but certainly not required. Encryption keys are not necessary for tokenization. Two-person integrity does not have anything to do with tokenization.

NEW QUESTION 242

- (Exam Topic 3)

What is a serious complication an organization faces from the compliance perspective with international operations?

- A. Multiple jurisdictions
- B. Different certifications
- C. Different operational procedures
- D. Different capabilities

Answer: A

Explanation:

When operating within a global framework, a security professional runs into a multitude of jurisdictions and requirements, which often may not be clearly applicable or may be in contention with each other. These requirements can involve the location of the users and the type of data they enter into systems, the laws governing the organization that owns the application and any regulatory requirements they may have, and finally the appropriate laws and regulations for the jurisdiction housing the IT resources and where the data is actually stored, which may be multiple jurisdictions as well. Different certifications would not come into play as a challenge because the major IT and data center certifications are international and would apply to any cloud provider. Different capabilities and different operational procedures would be mitigated by the organization's selection of a cloud provider and would not be a challenge if an appropriate provider was chosen, regardless of location.

NEW QUESTION 246

- (Exam Topic 3)

Which of the following is considered an internal redundancy for a data center?

- A. Power feeds
- B. Chillers
- C. Network circuits
- D. Generators

Answer: B

Explanation:

Chillers and cooling systems are internal to a data center and its operations, and as such they are considered an internal redundancy. Power feeds, network circuits, and generators are all external to a data center and provide utility services to them, which makes them an external redundancy.

NEW QUESTION 250

- (Exam Topic 3)

With finite resources available within a cloud, even the largest cloud providers will at times need to determine which customers will receive additional resources first.

What is the term associated with this determination?

- A. Weighting
- B. Prioritization
- C. Shares
- D. Scoring

Answer: C

Explanation:

Shares are used within a cloud environment to prioritize resource allocation when customer requests exceed the available resources. Cloud providers utilize shares by assigning a priority score to each customer and allocating resources to those with the highest scores first. Scoring is a component of shares that determines the actual order in which to allocate resources. Neither weighting nor prioritization is the correct term in this case.

NEW QUESTION 251

- (Exam Topic 3)

An SLA contains the official requirements for contract performance and satisfaction between the cloud provider and cloud customer. Which of the following would NOT be a component with measurable metrics and requirements as part of an SLA?

- A. Network
- B. Users
- C. Memory
- D. CPU

Answer: B

Explanation:

Dealing with users or user access would not be an appropriate item for inclusion in an SLA specifically. However, user access and user experience would be

covered indirectly through other metrics. Memory, CPU, and network resources are all typically included within an SLA for availability and response times when dealing with any incidents.

NEW QUESTION 256

- (Exam Topic 3)

Which of the following systems is used to employ a variety of different techniques to discover and alert on threats and potential threats to systems and networks?

- A. IDS
- B. IPS
- C. Firewall
- D. WAF

Answer: A

Explanation:

An intrusion detection system (IDS) is implemented to watch network traffic and operations, using predefined criteria or signatures, and alert administrators if anything suspect is found. An intrusion prevention system (IPS) is similar to an IDS but actually takes action against suspect traffic, whereas an IDS just alerts when it finds anything suspect. A firewall works at the network level and only takes into account IP addresses, ports, and protocols; it does not inspect the traffic for patterns or content. A web application firewall (WAF) works at the application layer and provides additional security via proxying, filtering service requests, or blocking based on additional factors such as the client and requests.

NEW QUESTION 260

- (Exam Topic 3)

A DLP solution/implementation has three main components. Which of the following is NOT one of the three main components?

- A. Monitoring
- B. Enforcement
- C. Auditing
- D. Discovery and classification

Answer: C

Explanation:

Auditing, which can be supported to varying degrees by DLP solutions, is not a core component of them. Data loss prevention (DLP) solutions have core components of discovery and classification, enforcement, and monitoring. Discovery and classification are concerned with determining which data should be applied to the DLP policies, and then determining its classification level. Monitoring is concerned with the actual watching of data and how it's used through its various stages. Enforcement is the actual application of policies determined from the discovery stage and then triggered during the monitoring stage.

NEW QUESTION 262

- (Exam Topic 3)

Which cloud deployment model is MOST likely to offer free or very cheap services to users?

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

Answer: C

Explanation:

Public clouds offer services to anyone, regardless of affiliation, and are the most likely to offer free services to users. Examples of public clouds with free services include iCloud, Dropbox, and OneDrive. Private cloud models are designed for specific customers and for their needs, and would not offer services to the public at large, for free or otherwise. A community cloud is specific to a group of similar organizations and would not offer free or widely available public services. A hybrid cloud model would not fit the specifics of the question.

NEW QUESTION 264

- (Exam Topic 3)

Where is an XML firewall most commonly and effectively deployed in the environment?

- A. Between the application and data layers
- B. Between the presentation and application layers
- C. Between the IPS and firewall
- D. Between the firewall and application server

Answer: D

Explanation:

An XML firewall is most commonly deployed in line between the firewall and application server to validate XML code before it reaches the application. An XML firewall is intended to validate XML before it reaches the application. Placing the XML firewall between the presentation and application layers, between the firewall and IPS, or between the application and data layers would not serve the intended purpose.

NEW QUESTION 266

- (Exam Topic 3)

During which phase of the cloud data lifecycle is it possible for the classification of data to change?

- A. Use
- B. Archive
- C. Create

D. Share

Answer: C

Explanation:

The create phase encompasses any time data is created, imported, or modified. With any change in the content or value of data, the classification may also change. It must be continually reevaluated to ensure proper security. During the use, share, and archive phases, the data is not modified in any way, so the original classification is still relevant.

NEW QUESTION 270

- (Exam Topic 3)

Which cloud storage type is typically used to house virtual machine images that are used throughout the environment?

- A. Structured
- B. Unstructured
- C. Volume
- D. Object

Answer: D

Explanation:

Object storage is typically used to house virtual machine images because it is independent from other systems and is focused solely on storage. It is also the most appropriate for handling large individual files. Volume storage, because it is allocated to a specific host, would not be appropriate for the storing of virtual images. Structured and unstructured are storage types specific to PaaS and would not be used for storing items used throughout a cloud environment.

NEW QUESTION 273

- (Exam Topic 3)

In order to prevent cloud customers from potentially consuming enormous amounts of resources within a cloud environment and thus having a negative impact on other customers, what concept is commonly used by a cloud provider?

- A. Limit
- B. Cap
- C. Throttle
- D. Reservation

Answer: A

Explanation:

A limit puts a maximum value on the amount of resources that may be consumed by either a system, a service, or a cloud customer. It is commonly used to prevent one entity from consuming enormous amounts of resources and having an operational impact on other tenants within the same cloud system. Limits can either be hard or somewhat flexible, meaning a customer can borrow from other customers while still having their actual limit preserved. A reservation is a guarantee to a cloud customer that a certain level of resources will always be available to them, regardless of what operational demands are currently placed on the cloud environment. Both cap and throttle are terms that sound similar to limit, but they are not the correct terms in this case.

NEW QUESTION 274

- (Exam Topic 3)

If a key feature of cloud computing that your organization desires is the ability to scale and expand without limit or concern about available resources, which cloud deployment model would you MOST likely be considering?

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

Answer: A

Explanation:

Public clouds, such as AWS and Azure, are massive systems run by major corporations, and they account for a significant share of Internet traffic and services. They are always expanding, offer enormous resources to customers, and are the least likely to run into resource constraints compared to the other deployment models. Private clouds would likely have the resources available for specific uses and could not be assumed to have a large pool of resources available for expansion. A community cloud would have the same issues as a private cloud, being targeted to similar organizations. A hybrid cloud, because it spans multiple clouds, would not fit the bill either, without the use of individual cloud models.

NEW QUESTION 276

- (Exam Topic 3)

Within a federated identity system, which of the following would you be MOST likely to use for sending information for consumption by a relying party?

- A. XML
- B. HTML
- C. WS-Federation
- D. SAML

Answer: D

Explanation:

The Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML) is the most widely used method for encoding and sending attributes and other information from an identity provider to a relying party. WS-Federation, which is used by Active Directory Federation Services (ADFS), is the second most used method for sending information to a relying party, but it is not a better choice than SAML. XML is similar to SAML in the way it encodes and labels data, but it does not have all of the required

extensions that SAML does. HTML is not used within federated systems at all.

NEW QUESTION 279

- (Exam Topic 3)

Which data state would be most likely to use digital signatures as a security protection mechanism?

- A. Data in use
- B. Data in transit
- C. Archived
- D. Data at rest

Answer: A

Explanation:

During the data-in-use state, the information has already been accessed from storage and transmitted to the service, so reliance on a technology such as digital signatures is imperative to ensure security and complement the security methods used during previous states. Data in transit relies on technologies such as TLS to encrypt network transmission of packets for security. Data at rest primarily uses encryption for stored file objects. Archived data would be the same as data at rest.

NEW QUESTION 284

- (Exam Topic 3)

With software-defined networking (SDN), which two types of network operations are segregated to allow for granularity and delegation of administrative access and functions?

- A. Filtering and forwarding
- B. Filtering and firewalling
- C. Firewalling and forwarding
- D. Forwarding and protocol

Answer: A

Explanation:

With SDN, the filtering and forwarding capabilities and administration are separated. This allows the cloud provider to build interfaces and management tools for administrative delegation of filtering configuration, without having to allow direct access to underlying network equipment. Firewalling and protocols are both terms related to networks, but they are not components SDN is concerned with.

NEW QUESTION 286

- (Exam Topic 3)

DNSSEC was designed to add a layer of security to the DNS protocol. Which type of attack was the DNSSEC extension designed to mitigate?

- A. Account hijacking
- B. Snooping
- C. Spoofing
- D. Data exposure

Answer: C

Explanation:

DNSSEC is an extension to the regular DNS protocol that utilizes digital signing of DNS query results, which can be verified to come from an authoritative source. This verification mitigates the ability for a rogue DNS server to be used to spoof query results and to direct users to malicious sites. DNSSEC provides for the verification of the integrity of DNS queries. It does not provide any protection from snooping or data exposure. Although it may help lessen account hijacking by preventing users from being directed to rogue sites, it cannot by itself eliminate the possibility.

NEW QUESTION 288

- (Exam Topic 3)

Which of the following actions will NOT make data part of the create phase of the cloud data lifecycle?

- A. Modify data
- B. Modify metadata
- C. New data
- D. Import data

Answer: B

Explanation:

Modifying the metadata does not change the actual data. Although this initial phase is called "create," it can also refer to modification. In essence, any time data is considered "new," it is in the create phase. This can come from data that is newly created, data that is imported into a system and is new to that system, or data that is already present and is modified into a new form or value.

NEW QUESTION 289

- (Exam Topic 3)

Which of the following roles would be responsible for managing memberships in federations and the use and integration of federated services?

- A. Inter-cloud provider
- B. Cloud service business manager
- C. Cloud service administrator
- D. Cloud service integrator

Answer:

A

Explanation:

The inter-cloud provider is responsible for peering with other cloud services and providers, as well as overseeing and managing federations and federated services. A cloud service administrator is responsible for testing, monitoring, and securing cloud services, as well as providing usage reporting and dealing with service problems. The cloud service integrator is responsible for connecting existing systems and services with a cloud. The cloud service business manager is responsible for overseeing the billing, auditing, and purchasing of cloud services.

NEW QUESTION 294

- (Exam Topic 3)

Which cloud storage type requires special consideration on the part of the cloud customer to ensure they do not program themselves into a vendor lock-in situation?

- A. Unstructured
- B. Object
- C. Volume
- D. Structured

Answer: D

Explanation:

Structured storage is designed, maintained, and implemented by a cloud service provider as part of a PaaS offering. It is specific to that cloud provider and the way they have opted to implement systems, so special care is required to ensure that applications are not designed in a way that will lock the cloud customer into a specific cloud provider with that dependency. Unstructured storage for auxiliary files would not lock a customer into a specific provider. With volume and object storage, because the cloud customer maintains their own systems with IaaS, moving and replicating to a different cloud provider would be very easy.

NEW QUESTION 296

- (Exam Topic 3)

Most APIs will support a variety of different data formats or structures.

However, the SOAP API will only support which one of the following data formats?

- A. XML
- B. XSLT
- C. JSON
- D. SAML

Answer: A

Explanation:

The Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP) protocol only supports the Extensible Markup Language (XML) data format. Although the other options are all data formats or data structures, they are not supported by SOAP.

NEW QUESTION 298

- (Exam Topic 3)

Which data state would be most likely to use TLS as a protection mechanism?

- A. Data in use
- B. Data at rest
- C. Archived
- D. Data in transit

Answer: D

Explanation:

TLS would be used with data in transit, when packets are exchanged between clients or services and sent across a network. During the data-in-use state, the data is already protected via a technology such as TLS as it is exchanged over the network and then relies on other technologies such as digital signatures for protection while being used. The data-at-rest state primarily uses encryption for stored file objects. Archived data would be the same as data at rest.

NEW QUESTION 302

- (Exam Topic 3)

Which of the following is not a risk management framework?

- A. COBIT
- B. Hex GBL
- C. ISO 31000:2009
- D. NIST SP 800-37

Answer: B

Explanation:

Hex GBL is a reference to a computer part in Terry Pratchett's fictional Discworld universe. The rest are not.

NEW QUESTION 303

- (Exam Topic 3)

Which of the following threat types involves leveraging a user's browser to send untrusted data to be executed with legitimate access via the user's valid credentials?

- A. Injection
- B. Missing function-level access control
- C. Cross-site scripting
- D. Cross-site request forgery

Answer: D

Explanation:

Cross-site scripting (XSS) is an attack where a malicious actor is able to send untrusted data to a user's browser without going through any validation or sanitization processes, or perhaps the code is not properly escaped from processing by the browser. The code is then executed on the user's browser with their own access and permissions, allowing the attacker to redirect the user's web traffic, steal data from their session, or potentially access information on the user's own computer that their browser has the ability to access. Missing function-level access control exists where an application only checks for authorization during the initial login process and does not further validate with each function call. An injection attack is where a malicious actor sends commands or other arbitrary data through input and data fields with the intent of having the application or system execute the code as part of its normal processing and queries. Cross-site request forgery occurs when an attack forces an authenticated user to send forged requests to an application running under their own access and credentials.

NEW QUESTION 304

- (Exam Topic 3)

With IaaS, what is responsible for handling the security and control over the volume storage space?

- A. Management plane
- B. Operating system
- C. Application
- D. Hypervisor

Answer: B

Explanation:

Volume storage is allocated via a LUN to a system and then treated the same as any traditional storage. The operating system is responsible for formatting and securing volume storage as well as controlling all access to it. Applications, although they may use volume storage and have permissions to write to it, are not responsible for its formatting and security. Both a hypervisor and the management plane are outside of an individual system and are not responsible for managing the files and storage within that system.

NEW QUESTION 308

- (Exam Topic 3)

Which one of the following threat types to applications and services involves the sending of requests that are invalid and manipulated through a user's client to execute commands on the application under the user's own credentials?

- A. Injection
- B. Missing function-level access control
- C. Cross-site scripting
- D. Cross-site request forgery

Answer: D

Explanation:

A cross-site request forgery (CSRF) attack forces a client that a user has used to authenticate to an application to send forged requests under the user's own credentials to execute commands and requests that the application thinks are coming from a trusted client and user. Although this type of attack cannot be used to steal data directly because the attacker has no way of seeing the results of the commands, it does open other ways to compromise an application. Missing function-level access control exists where an application only checks for authorization during the initial login process and does not further validate with each function call. Cross-site scripting occurs when an attacker is able to send untrusted data to a user's browser without going through validation processes. An injection attack is where a malicious actor sends commands or other arbitrary data through input and data fields with the intent of having the application or system execute the code as part of its normal processing and queries.

NEW QUESTION 311

- (Exam Topic 3)

Where is a DLP solution generally installed when utilized for monitoring data in use?

- A. Application server
- B. Database server
- C. Network perimeter
- D. User's client

Answer: D

Explanation:

To monitor data in use, the DLP solution's optimal location would be on the user's client or workstation, where the data would be used or processed, and where it would be most vulnerable to access or exposure. The network perimeter is most appropriate for data in transit, and an application server would serve as middle stage between data at rest and data in use, but is a less correct answer than a user's client. A database server would be an example of a location appropriate for monitoring data at rest.

NEW QUESTION 313

- (Exam Topic 3)

Where is a DLP solution generally installed when utilized for monitoring data at rest?

- A. Network firewall
- B. Host system
- C. Application server
- D. Database server

Answer: B

Explanation:

To monitor data at rest appropriately, the DLP solution would be installed on the host system where the data resides. A database server, in some situations, may be an appropriate answer, but the host system is the best answer because a database server is only one example of where data could reside. An application server processes data and typically sits between the data and presentation zones, and as such, does not store data at rest. A network firewall would be more appropriate for data in transit because it is not a place where data would reside.

NEW QUESTION 316

- (Exam Topic 3)

Three central concepts define what type of data and information an organization is responsible for pertaining to eDiscovery.

Which of the following are the three components that comprise required disclosure?

- A. Possession, ownership, control
- B. Ownership, use, creation
- C. Control, custody, use
- D. Possession, custody, control

Answer: D

Explanation:

Data that falls under the purview of an eDiscovery request is that which is in the possession, custody, or control of the organization. Although this is an easy concept in a traditional data center, it can be difficult to distinguish who actually possesses and controls the data in a cloud environment due to multitenancy and resource pooling. Although these options provide similar-sounding terms, they are ultimately incorrect.

NEW QUESTION 319

- (Exam Topic 3)

Many different common threats exist against web-exposed services and applications. One attack involves attempting to leverage input fields to execute queries in a nested fashion that is unintended by the developers.

What type of attack is this?

- A. Injection
- B. Missing function-level access control
- C. Cross-site scripting
- D. Cross-site request forgery

Answer: A

Explanation:

An injection attack is where a malicious actor sends commands or other arbitrary data through input and data fields with the intent of having the application or system execute the code as part of its normal processing and queries. This can trick an application into exposing data that is not intended or authorized to be exposed, or it can potentially allow an attacker to gain insight into configurations or security controls. Missing function-level access control exists where an application only checks for authorization during the initial login process and does not further validate with each function call. Cross-site request forgery occurs when an attack forces an authenticated user to send forged requests to an application running under their own access and credentials. Cross-site scripting occurs when an attacker is able to send untrusted data to a user's browser without going through validation processes.

NEW QUESTION 320

- (Exam Topic 3)

Which of the following threat types involves the sending of invalid and manipulated requests through a user's client to execute commands on the application under their own credentials?

- A. Injection
- B. Cross-site request forgery
- C. Missing function-level access control
- D. Cross-site scripting

Answer: B

Explanation:

A cross-site request forgery (CSRF) attack forces a client that a user has used to authenticate to an application to send forged requests under the user's own credentials to execute commands and requests that the application thinks are coming from a trusted client and user. Although this type of attack cannot be used to steal data directly because the attacker has no way to see the results of the commands, it does open other ways to compromise an application. Missing function-level access control exists where an application only checks for authorization during the initial login process and does not further validate with each function call. An injection attack is where a malicious actor sends commands or other arbitrary data through input and data fields with the intent of having the application or system execute the code as part of its normal processing and queries. Cross-site scripting occurs when an attacker is able to send untrusted data to a user's browser without going through validation processes.

NEW QUESTION 322

- (Exam Topic 3)

With a cloud service category where the cloud customer is responsible for deploying all services, systems, and components needed for their applications, which of the following storage types are MOST likely to be available to them?

- A. Structured and hierarchical
- B. Volume and object
- C. Volume and database
- D. Structured and unstructured

Answer: B

Explanation:

The question is describing the Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS) cloud offering, and as such, the volume and object storage types will be available to the customer. Structured and unstructured are storage types associated with PaaS, and although the other answers present similar-sounding storage types, they are a mix of real and fake names.

NEW QUESTION 324

- (Exam Topic 3)

Data center and operations design traditionally takes a tiered, topological approach.

Which of the following standards is focused on that approach and is prevalently used throughout the industry?

- A. IDCA
- B. NFPA
- C. BICSI
- D. Uptime Institute

Answer: D

Explanation:

The Uptime Institute publishes the most widely known and used standard for data center topologies and tiers. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) publishes a broad range of fire safety and design standards for many different types of facilities. Building Industry Consulting Services International (BICSI) issues certifications for data center cabling. The International Data Center Authority (IDCA) offers the Infinity Paradigm, which takes a macro-level approach to data center design.

NEW QUESTION 326

- (Exam Topic 3)

When dealing with PII, which category pertains to those requirements that can carry legal sanctions or penalties for failure to adequately safeguard the data and address compliance requirements?

- A. Contractual
- B. Jurisdictional
- C. Regulated
- D. Legal

Answer: C

Explanation:

Regulated PII pertains to data that is outlined in law and regulations. Violations of the requirements for the protection of regulated PII can carry legal sanctions or penalties. Contractual PII involves required data protection that is determined by the actual service contract between the cloud provider and cloud customer, rather than outlined by law. Violations of the provisions of contractual PII carry potential financial or contractual implications, but not legal sanctions. Legal and jurisdictional are similar terms to regulated, but neither is the official term used.

NEW QUESTION 329

- (Exam Topic 3)

Which aspect of cloud computing pertains to cloud customers only paying for the resources and services they actually use?

- A. Metered service
- B. Measured billing
- C. Metered billing
- D. Measured service

Answer: D

Explanation:

Measured service is the aspect of cloud computing that pertains to cloud services and resources being billed in a metered way, based only on the level of consumption and duration of the cloud customer. Although they sound similar to the correct answer, none of the other choices is the actual cloud terminology.

NEW QUESTION 331

- (Exam Topic 3)

When an API is being leveraged, it will encapsulate its data for transmission back to the requesting party or service.

What is the data encapsulation used with the SOAP protocol referred to as?

- A. Packet
- B. Payload
- C. Object
- D. Envelope

Answer: D

Explanation:

Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP) encapsulates its information in what is known as a SOAP envelope. It then leverages common communications protocols for transmission. Object is a type of cloud storage, but also a commonly used term with certain types of programming languages. Packet and payload are terms that sound similar to envelope but are not correct in this case.

NEW QUESTION 336

- (Exam Topic 3)

Digital investigations have adopted many of the same methodologies and protocols as other types of criminal or scientific inquiries.

What term pertains to the application of scientific norms and protocols to digital investigations?

- A. Scientific
- B. Investigative
- C. Methodological
- D. Forensics

Answer: D

Explanation:

Forensics refers to the application of scientific methods and protocols to the investigation of crimes. Although forensics has traditionally been applied to well-known criminal proceedings and investigations, the term equally applies to digital investigations and methods. Although the other answers provide similar-sounding terms and ideas, none is the appropriate answer in this case.

NEW QUESTION 340

- (Exam Topic 3)

ISO/IEC has established international standards for many aspects of computing and any processes or procedures related to information technology. Which ISO/IEC standard has been established to provide a framework for handling eDiscovery processes?

- A. ISO/IEC 27001
- B. ISO/IEC 27002
- C. ISO/IEC 27040
- D. ISO/IEC 27050

Answer: D

Explanation:

ISO/IEC 27050 strives to establish an internationally accepted standard for eDiscovery processes and best practices. It encompasses all steps of the eDiscovery process, including the identification, preservation, collection, processing, review, analysis, and the final production of the requested data archive. ISO/IEC 27001 is a general security specification for an information security management system. ISO/IEC 27002 gives best practice recommendations for information security management. ISO/IEC 27040 is focused on the security of storage systems.

NEW QUESTION 344

- (Exam Topic 3)

Humidity levels for a data center are a prime concern for maintaining electrical and computing resources properly as well as ensuring that conditions are optimal for top performance.

Which of the following is the optimal humidity level, as established by ASHRAE?

- A. 20 to 40 percent relative humidity
- B. 50 to 75 percent relative humidity
- C. 40 to 60 percent relative humidity
- D. 30 to 50 percent relative humidity

Answer: C

Explanation:

The American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) recommends 40 to 60 percent relative humidity for data centers. None of these options is the recommendation from ASHRAE.

NEW QUESTION 347

- (Exam Topic 3)

Which of the following is NOT one of the main intended goals of a DLP solution?

- A. Showing due diligence
- B. Preventing malicious insiders
- C. Regulatory compliance
- D. Managing and minimizing risk

Answer: B

Explanation:

Data loss prevention (DLP) extends the capabilities for data protection beyond the standard and traditional security controls that are offered by operating systems, application containers, and network devices. DLP is not specifically implemented to counter malicious insiders, and would not be particularly effective in doing so, because a malicious insider with legitimate access would have other ways to obtain data. DLP is a set of practices and controls to manage and minimize risk, comply with regulatory requirements, and show due diligence with the protection of data.

NEW QUESTION 349

- (Exam Topic 3)

Which of the following tasks within a SaaS environment would NOT be something the cloud customer would be responsible for?

- A. Authentication mechanism
- B. Branding
- C. Training
- D. User access

Answer: A

Explanation:

The authentication mechanisms and implementations are the responsibility of the cloud provider because they are core components of the application platform and service. Within a SaaS implementation, the cloud

customer will provision user access, deploy branding to the application interface (typically), and provide or procure training for its users.

NEW QUESTION 354

- (Exam Topic 3)

Implementing baselines on systems would take an enormous amount of time and resources if the staff had to apply them to each server, and over time, it would be almost impossible to keep all the systems in sync on an ongoing basis.

Which of the following is NOT a package that can be used for implementing and maintaining baselines across an enterprise?

- A. Puppet
- B. SCCM
- C. Chef
- D. GitHub

Answer: D

Explanation:

GitHub is a software development platform that serves as a code repository and versioning system. It is solely used for software development and would not be appropriate for applying baselines to systems. Puppet is an open-source configuration management tool that runs on many platforms and can be used to apply and maintain baselines. The Software Center Configuration Manager (SCCM) was developed by Microsoft for managing systems across large groups of servers. Chef is also a system for maintaining large groups of systems throughout an enterprise.

NEW QUESTION 357

- (Exam Topic 3)

With an API, various features and optimizations are highly desirable to scalability, reliability, and security. What does the REST API support that the SOAP API does NOT support?

- A. Acceleration
- B. Caching
- C. Redundancy
- D. Encryption

Answer: B

Explanation:

The Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP) does not support caching, whereas the Representational State Transfer (REST) API does. The other options are all capabilities that are either not supported by SOAP or not supported by any API and must be provided by external features.

NEW QUESTION 362

- (Exam Topic 3)

Many tools and technologies are available for securing or monitoring data in transit within a data center, whether it is a traditional data center or a cloud.

Which of the following is NOT a technology for securing data in transit?

- A. VPN
- B. TLS
- C. DNSSEC
- D. HTTPS

Answer: C

Explanation:

DNSSEC is an extension of the normal DNS protocol that enables a system to verify the integrity of a DNS query resolution by signing it from the authoritative source and verifying the signing chain. It is not used for securing data transmissions or exchanges. HTTPS is the most common method for securing web service and data calls within a cloud, and TLS is the current standard for encrypting HTTPS traffic. VPNs are widely used for securing data transmissions and service access.

NEW QUESTION 367

- (Exam Topic 3)

Configurations and policies for a system can come from a variety of sources and take a variety of formats. Which concept pertains to the application of a set of configurations and policies that is applied to all systems or a class of systems?

- A. Hardening
- B. Leveling
- C. Baselines
- D. Standards

Answer: C

Explanation:

Baselines are a set of configurations and policies applied to all new systems or services, and they serve as the basis for deploying any other services on top of them. Although standards often form the basis for baselines, the term is applicable in this case. Hardening is the process of securing a system, often through the application of baselines. Leveling is an extraneous but similar term to baselining.

NEW QUESTION 372

- (Exam Topic 3)

Which aspect of SaaS will alleviate much of the time and energy organizations spend on compliance (specifically baselines)?

- A. Maintenance
- B. Licensing

- C. Standardization
- D. Development

Answer: C

Explanation:

With the entire software platform being controlled by the cloud provider, the standardization of configurations and versioning is done automatically for the cloud customer. This alleviates the customer's need to track upgrades and releases for its own systems and development; instead, the onus is on the cloud provider. Although licensing is the responsibility of the cloud customer within SaaS, it does not have an impact on compliance requirements. Within SaaS, development and maintenance of the system are solely the responsibility of the cloud provider.

NEW QUESTION 376

- (Exam Topic 3)

Which phase of the cloud data lifecycle would be the MOST appropriate for the use of DLP technologies to protect the data?

- A. Use
- B. Store
- C. Share
- D. Create

Answer: C

Explanation:

During the share phase, data is allowed to leave the application for consumption by other vendors, systems, or services. At this point, as the data is leaving the security controls of the application, the use of DLP technologies is appropriate to control how the data is used or to force expiration. During the use, create, and store phases, traditional security controls are available and are more appropriate because the data is still internal to the application.

NEW QUESTION 381

- (Exam Topic 3)

From the perspective of compliance, what is the most important consideration when it comes to data center location?

- A. Natural disasters
- B. Utility access
- C. Jurisdiction
- D. Personnel access

Answer: C

Explanation:

Jurisdiction will dictate much of the compliance and audit requirements for a data center. Although all the aspects listed are very important to security, from a strict compliance perspective, jurisdiction is the most important. Personnel access, natural disasters, and utility access are all important operational considerations for selecting a data center location, but they are not related to compliance issues like jurisdiction is.

NEW QUESTION 384

- (Exam Topic 3)

Which of the following aspects of cloud computing would make it more likely that a cloud provider would be unwilling to satisfy specific certification requirements?

- A. Regulation
- B. Multitenancy
- C. Virtualization
- D. Resource pooling

Answer: B

Explanation:

With cloud providers hosting a number of different customers, it would be impractical for them to pursue additional certifications based on the needs of a specific customer. Cloud environments are built to a common denominator to serve the greatest number of customers. Especially within a public cloud model, it is not possible or practical for a cloud provider to alter its services for specific customer demands. Resource pooling and virtualization within a cloud environment would be the same for all customers, and would not impact certifications that a cloud provider might be willing to pursue. Regulations would form the basis for certification problems and would be a reason for a cloud provider to pursue specific certifications to meet customer requirements.

NEW QUESTION 389

- (Exam Topic 2)

Which of the following is a widely used tool for code development, branching, and collaboration?

- A. GitHub
- B. Maestro
- C. Orchestrator
- D. Conductor

Answer: A

Explanation:

GitHub is an open source tool that developers leverage for code collaboration, branching, and versioning.

NEW QUESTION 394

- (Exam Topic 2)

Which OSI layer does IPsec operate at?

- A. Network
- B. transport
- C. Application
- D. Presentation

Answer: A

Explanation:

A major difference between IPsec and other protocols such as TLS is that IPsec operates at the Internet network layer rather than the application layer, allowing for complete end-to-end encryption of all communications and traffic.

NEW QUESTION 396

- (Exam Topic 2)

What changes are necessary to application code in order to implement DNSSEC?

- A. Adding encryption modules
- B. Implementing certificate validations
- C. Additional DNS lookups
- D. No changes are needed.

Answer: D

Explanation:

To implement DNSSEC, no additional changes are needed to applications or their code because the integrity checks are all performed at the system level.

NEW QUESTION 400

- (Exam Topic 2)

What does the "SOC" acronym refer to with audit reports?

- A. Service Origin Confidentiality
- B. System Organization Confidentiality
- C. Service Organizational Control
- D. System Organization Control

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 404

- (Exam Topic 2)

What concept does the "I" represent with the STRIDE threat model?

- A. Integrity
- B. Information disclosure
- C. IT security
- D. Insider threat

Answer: B

Explanation:

Perhaps the biggest concern for any user is having their personal and sensitive information disclosed by an application. There are many aspects of an application to consider with security and protecting this information, and it is very difficult for any application to fully ensure security from start to finish. The obvious focus is on security within the application itself, as well as protecting and storing the data.

NEW QUESTION 407

- (Exam Topic 2)

Which of the cloud cross-cutting aspects relates to the requirements placed on a system or application by law, policy, or requirements from standards?

- A. regulatory requirements
- B. Auditability
- C. Service-level agreements
- D. Governance

Answer: A

Explanation:

Regulatory requirements are those imposed upon businesses and their operations either by law, regulation, policy, or standards and guidelines. These requirements are specific either to the locality in which the company or application is based or to the specific nature of the data and transactions conducted.

NEW QUESTION 411

- (Exam Topic 2)

Which type of audit report is considered a "restricted use" report for its intended audience?

- A. SAS-70
- B. SSAE-16
- C. SOC Type 1
- D. SOC Type 2

Answer: C

Explanation:

SOC Type 1 reports are considered "restricted use" reports. They are intended for management and stakeholders of an organization, clients of the service organization, and auditors of the organization. They are not intended for release beyond those audiences.

NEW QUESTION 412

- (Exam Topic 2)

Which approach is typically the most efficient method to use for data discovery?

- A. Metadata
- B. Content analysis
- C. Labels
- D. ACLs

Answer: A

Explanation:

Metadata is data about data. It contains information about the type of data, how it is stored and organized, or information about its creation and use.

NEW QUESTION 415

- (Exam Topic 2)

What concept does the "T" represent in the STRIDE threat model?

- A. TLS
- B. Testing
- C. Tampering with data
- D. Transport

Answer: C

Explanation:

Any application that sends data to the user will face the potential that the user could manipulate or alter the data, whether it resides in cookies, GET or POST commands, or headers, or manipulates client-side validations. If the user receives data from the application, it is crucial that the application validate and verify any data that is received back from the user.

NEW QUESTION 419

- (Exam Topic 2)

Which of the following is a commonly used tool for maintaining system configurations?

- A. Maestro
- B. Orchestrator
- C. Puppet
- D. Conductor

Answer: C

Explanation:

Puppet is a commonly used tool for maintaining system configurations based on policies, and done so from a centralized authority.

NEW QUESTION 423

- (Exam Topic 2)

Which of the following is the sole responsibility of the cloud customer, regardless of which cloud model is used?

- A. Platform
- B. Infrastructure
- C. Governance
- D. Application

Answer: C

Explanation:

Regardless of which cloud-hosting model is used, the cloud customer always has sole responsibility for the governance of systems and data.

NEW QUESTION 424

- (Exam Topic 2)

Which of the following is NOT a function performed by the record protocol of TLS?

- A. Encryption
- B. Acceleration
- C. Authentication
- D. Compression

Answer: B

Explanation:

The record protocol of TLS performs the authentication and encryption of data packets, and in some cases compression as well. It does not perform any acceleration functions.

NEW QUESTION 428

- (Exam Topic 2)

Which of the cloud cross-cutting aspects relates to the requirements placed on the cloud provider by the cloud customer for minimum performance standards and requirements that must be met?

- A. Regulatory requirements
- B. SLAs
- C. Auditability
- D. Governance

Answer: B

Explanation:

Whereas a contract spells out general terms and costs for services, the SLA is where the real meat of the business relationship and concrete requirements come into play. The SLA spells out in clear terms the minimum requirements for uptime, availability, processes, customer service and support, security controls and requirements, auditing and reporting, and potentially many other areas that define the business relationship and the success of it.

NEW QUESTION 433

- (Exam Topic 2)

Which of the following is NOT a factor that is part of a firewall configuration?

- A. Encryption
- B. Port
- C. Protocol
- D. Source IP

Answer: A

Explanation:

Firewalls take into account source IP, destination IP, the port the traffic is using, as well as the network protocol (UDP/TCP). Whether or not the traffic is encrypted is not something a firewall is concerned with.

NEW QUESTION 435

- (Exam Topic 2)

Which of the cloud cross-cutting aspects relates to the assigning of jobs, tasks, and roles, as well as to ensuring they are successful and properly performed?

- A. Service-level agreements
- B. Governance
- C. Regulatory requirements
- D. Auditability

Answer: B

Explanation:

Governance at its core is the idea of assigning jobs, takes, roles, and responsibilities and ensuring they are satisfactory performed.

NEW QUESTION 437

- (Exam Topic 2)

Other than cost savings realized due to measured service, what is another facet of cloud computing that will typically save substantial costs in time and money for an organization in the event of a disaster?

- A. Broad network access
- B. Interoperability
- C. Resource pooling
- D. Portability

Answer: A

Explanation:

With a typical BCDR solution, an organization would need some number of staff to quickly travel to the location of the BCDR site to configure systems and applications for recovery. With a cloud environment, everything is done over broad network access, with no need (or even possibility) to travel to a remote site at any time.

NEW QUESTION 440

- (Exam Topic 2)

What provides the information to an application to make decisions about the authorization level appropriate when granting access?

- A. User
- B. Relying party
- C. Federation
- D. Identity Provider

Answer: D

Explanation:

Upon successful user authentication, the identity provider gives information about the user to the relying party that it needs to make authorization decisions for granting access as well as the level of access needed.

NEW QUESTION 442

- (Exam Topic 2)

Which of the cloud cross-cutting aspects relates to the ability to easily move services and applications between different cloud providers?

- A. Reversibility
- B. Availability
- C. Portability
- D. Interoperability

Answer: C

Explanation:

Portability is the ease with which a service or application can be moved between different cloud providers. Maintaining portability gives an organization great flexibility between cloud providers and the ability to shop for better deals or offerings.

NEW QUESTION 446

- (Exam Topic 2)

Which of the following is the MOST important requirement and guidance for testing during an audit?

- A. Stakeholders
- B. Shareholders
- C. Management
- D. Regulations

Answer: D

Explanation:

During any audit, regulations are the most important factor and guidelines for what must be tested. Although the requirements from management, stakeholders, and shareholders are also important, regulations are not negotiable and pose the biggest risk to any organization for compliance failure.

NEW QUESTION 447

- (Exam Topic 2)

Over time, what is a primary concern for data archiving?

- A. Size of archives
- B. Format of archives
- C. Recoverability
- D. Regulatory changes

Answer: C

Explanation:

Over time, maintaining the ability to restore and read archives is a primary concern for data archiving. As technologies change and new systems are brought in, it is imperative for an organization to ensure they are still able to restore and access archives for the duration of the required retention period.

NEW QUESTION 449

- (Exam Topic 2)

At which stage of the BCDR plan creation phase should security be included in discussions?

- A. Define scope
- B. Analyze
- C. Assess risk
- D. Gather requirements

Answer: A

Explanation:

Security should be included in discussions from the very first phase when defining the scope. Adding security later is likely to incur additional costs in time and money, or will result in an incomplete or inadequate plan.

NEW QUESTION 450

- (Exam Topic 2)

What process is used within a clustered system to provide high availability and load balancing?

- A. Dynamic balancing
- B. Dynamic clustering
- C. Dynamic optimization
- D. Dynamic resource scheduling

Answer: D

Explanation:

Dynamic resource scheduling (DRS) is used within all clustering systems as the method for clusters to provide high availability, scaling, management, and

workload distribution and balancing of jobs and processes. From a physical infrastructure perspective, DRS is used to balance compute loads between physical hosts in a cloud to maintain the desired thresholds and limits on the physical hosts.

NEW QUESTION 452

- (Exam Topic 2)

Which of the following can be useful for protecting cloud customers from a denial-of-service (DoS) attack against another customer hosted in the same cloud?

- A. Reservations
- B. Measured service
- C. Limits
- D. Shares

Answer: A

Explanation:

Reservations ensure that a minimum level of resources will always be available to a cloud customer for them to start and operate their services. In the event of a DoS attack against one customer, they can guarantee that the other customers will still be able to operate.

NEW QUESTION 455

- (Exam Topic 2)

Which of the cloud deployment models offers the most control and input to the cloud customer as to how the overall cloud environment is implemented and configured?

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

Answer: D

Explanation:

A private cloud model, and the specific contractual relationships involved, will give a cloud customer the most level of input and control over how the overall cloud environment is designed and implemented. This would be even more so in cases where the private cloud is owned and operated by the same organization that is hosting services within it.

NEW QUESTION 460

- (Exam Topic 2)

Which entity requires all collection and storing of data on their citizens to be done on hardware that resides within their borders?

- A. Russia
- B. France
- C. Germany
- D. United States

Answer: A

Explanation:

Signed into law and effective starting on September 1, 2015, Russian Law 526-FZ establishes that any collecting, storing, or processing of personal information or data on Russian citizens must be done from systems and databases that are physically located with the Russian Federation.

NEW QUESTION 463

- (Exam Topic 2)

Which of the following is NOT one of five principles of SOC Type 2 audits?

- A. Privacy
- B. Processing integrity
- C. Financial
- D. Security

Answer: C

Explanation:

The SOC Type 2 audits include five principles: security, privacy, processing integrity, availability, and confidentiality.

NEW QUESTION 467

- (Exam Topic 2)

What does static application security testing (SAST) offer as a tool to the testers?

- A. Production system scanning
- B. Injection attempts
- C. Source code access
- D. Live testing

Answer: C

Explanation:

Static application security testing (SAST) is conducted with knowledge of the system, including source code, and is done against offline systems.

NEW QUESTION 471

- (Exam Topic 2)

What must SOAP rely on for security?

- A. Encryption
- B. Tokenization
- C. TLS
- D. SSL

Answer: A

Explanation:

Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP) uses Extensible Markup Language (XML) for passing data, and it must rely on the encryption of those data packages for security.

NEW QUESTION 473

- (Exam Topic 2)

Which data point that auditors always desire is very difficult to provide within a cloud environment?

- A. Access policy
- B. Systems architecture
- C. Baselines
- D. Privacy statement

Answer: B

Explanation:

Cloud environments are constantly changing and often span multiple physical locations. A cloud customer is also very unlikely to have knowledge and insight into the underlying systems architecture in a cloud environment. Both of these realities make it very difficult, if not impossible, for an organization to provide a comprehensive systems design document.

NEW QUESTION 476

- (Exam Topic 2)

Which of the following would NOT be a reason to activate a BCDR strategy?

- A. Staffing loss
- B. Terrorism attack
- C. Utility disruptions
- D. Natural disaster

Answer: A

Explanation:

The loss of staffing would not be a reason to declare a BCDR situation because it does not impact production operations or equipment, and the same staff would be needed for a BCDR situation.

NEW QUESTION 479

- (Exam Topic 2)

Which of the cloud cross-cutting aspects relates to the ability to reuse or move components of an application or service?

- A. Availability
- B. Interoperability
- C. Reversibility
- D. Portability

Answer: B

Explanation:

Interoperability is the ease with which one can move or reuse components of an application or service. This is maximized when services are designed without specific dependencies on underlying platforms, operating systems, locations, or cloud providers.

NEW QUESTION 482

- (Exam Topic 2)

What is the minimum regularity for testing a BCDR plan to meet best practices?

- A. Once year
- B. Once a month
- C. Every six months
- D. When the budget allows it

Answer: A

Explanation:

Best practices and industry standards dictate that a BCDR solution should be tested at least once a year, though specific regulatory requirements may dictate more regular testing. The BCDR plan should also be tested whenever a major modification to a system occurs.

NEW QUESTION 484

- (Exam Topic 2)

Which aspect of cloud computing makes data classification even more vital than in a traditional data center?

- A. Interoperability
- B. Virtualization
- C. Multitenancy
- D. Portability

Answer: C

Explanation:

With multiple tenants within the same hosting environment, any failure to properly classify data may lead to potential exposure to other customers and applications within the same environment.

NEW QUESTION 486

- (Exam Topic 1)

What type of PII is controlled based on laws and carries legal penalties for noncompliance with requirements?

- A. Contractual
- B. Regulated
- C. Specific
- D. Jurisdictional

Answer: B

Explanation:

Regulated PII involves those requirements put forth by specific laws or regulations, and unlike contractual PII, where a violation can lead to contractual penalties, a violation of regulated PII can lead to fines or even criminal charges in some jurisdictions. PII regulations can depend on either the jurisdiction that applies to the hosting location or application or specific legislation based on the industry or type of data used.

NEW QUESTION 487

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