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#### NEW QUESTION 1

You have an application running in Google Kubernetes Engine. The application invokes multiple services per request but responds too slowly. You need to identify which downstream service or services are causing the delay. What should you do?

- A. Analyze VPC flow logs along the path of the request.
- B. Investigate the Liveness and Readiness probes for each service.
- C. Create a Dataflow pipeline to analyze service metrics in real time.
- D. Use a distributed tracing framework such as OpenTelemetry or Stackdriver Trace.

**Answer: C**

#### NEW QUESTION 2

Your company follows Site Reliability Engineering principles. You are writing a postmortem for an incident, triggered by a software change, that severely affected users. You want to prevent severe incidents from happening in the future. What should you do?

- A. Identify engineers responsible for the incident and escalate to their senior management.
- B. Ensure that test cases that catch errors of this type are run successfully before new software releases.
- C. Follow up with the employees who reviewed the changes and prescribe practices they should follow in the future.
- D. Design a policy that will require on-call teams to immediately call engineers and management to discuss a plan of action if an incident occurs.

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 3

You encountered a major service outage that affected all users of the service for multiple hours. After several hours of incident management, the service returned to normal, and user access was restored. You need to provide an incident summary to relevant stakeholders following the Site Reliability Engineering recommended practices. What should you do first?

- A. Call individual stakeholders to explain what happened.
- B. Develop a post-mortem to be distributed to stakeholders.
- C. Send the Incident State Document to all the stakeholders.
- D. Require the engineer responsible to write an apology email to all stakeholders.

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 4

You are running an application on Compute Engine and collecting logs through Stackdriver. You discover that some personally identifiable information (PII) is leaking into certain log entry fields. All PII entries begin with the text userinfo. You want to capture these log entries in a secure location for later review and prevent them from leaking to Stackdriver Logging. What should you do?

- A. Create a basic log filter matching userinfo, and then configure a log export in the Stackdriver console with Cloud Storage as a sink.
- B. Use a Fluentd filter plugin with the Stackdriver Agent to remove log entries containing userinfo, and then copy the entries to a Cloud Storage bucket.
- C. Create an advanced log filter matching userinfo, configure a log export in the Stackdriver console with Cloud Storage as a sink, and then configure a log exclusion with userinfo as a filter.
- D. Use a Fluentd filter plugin with the Stackdriver Agent to remove log entries containing userinfo, create an advanced log filter matching userinfo, and then configure a log export in the Stackdriver console with Cloud Storage as a sink.

**Answer: B**

#### Explanation:

<https://medium.com/google-cloud/fluentd-filter-plugin-for-google-cloud-data-loss-prevention-api-42bbb1308e7>

#### NEW QUESTION 5

Your application runs on Google Cloud Platform (GCP). You need to implement Jenkins for deploying application releases to GCP. You want to streamline the release process, lower operational toil, and keep user data secure. What should you do?

- A. Implement Jenkins on local workstations.
- B. Implement Jenkins on Kubernetes on-premises
- C. Implement Jenkins on Google Cloud Functions.
- D. Implement Jenkins on Compute Engine virtual machines.

**Answer: D**

#### Explanation:

Your application runs on Google Cloud Platform (GCP). You need to implement Jenkins for deploying application releases to GCP. You want to streamline the release process, lower operational toil, and keep user data secure. What should you do?

<https://plugins.jenkins.io/google-compute-engine/>

#### NEW QUESTION 6

You support an application deployed on Compute Engine. The application connects to a Cloud SQL instance to store and retrieve data. After an update to the application, users report errors showing database timeout messages. The number of concurrent active users remained stable. You need to find the most probable cause of the database timeout. What should you do?

- A. Check the serial port logs of the Compute Engine instance.
- B. Use Stackdriver Profiler to visualize the resources utilization throughout the application.
- C. Determine whether there is an increased number of connections to the Cloud SQL instance.
- D. Use Cloud Security Scanner to see whether your Cloud SQL is under a Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attack.

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 7

You currently store the virtual machine (VM) utilization logs in Stackdriver. You need to provide an easy-to-share interactive VM utilization dashboard that is updated in real time and contains information aggregated on a quarterly basis. You want to use Google Cloud Platform solutions. What should you do?

- A. \* 1. Export VM utilization logs from Stackdriver to BigQuery.\* 2. Create a dashboard in Data Studio.\* 3. Share the dashboard with your stakeholders.
- B. \* 1. Export VM utilization logs from Stackdriver to Cloud Pub/Sub.\* 2. From Cloud Pub/Sub, send the logs to a Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) system.\* 3. Build the dashboards in the SIEM system and share with your stakeholders.
- C. \* 1. Export VM utilization logs (rom Stackdriver to BigQuery.\* 2. From BigQuer
- D. export the logs to a CSV file.\* 3. Import the CSV file into Google Sheets.\* 4. Build a dashboard in Google Sheets and share it with your stakeholders.
- E. \* 1. Export VM utilization logs from Stackdriver to a Cloud Storage bucket.\* 2. Enable the Cloud Storage API to pull the logs programmatically.\* 3. Build a custom data visualization application.\* 4. Display the pulled logs in a custom dashboard.

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 8

You are running an application on Compute Engine and collecting logs through Stackdriver. You discover that some personally identifiable information (PII) is leaking into certain log entry fields. You want to prevent these fields from being written in new log entries as quickly as possible. What should you do?

- A. Use the filter-record-transformer Fluentd filter plugin to remove the fields from the log entries in flight.
- B. Use the fluent-plugin-record-reformer Fluentd output plugin to remove the fields from the log entries in flight.
- C. Wait for the application developers to patch the application, and then verify that the log entries are no longer exposing PII.
- D. Stage log entries to Cloud Storage, and then trigger a Cloud Function to remove the fields and write the entries to Stackdriver via the Stackdriver Logging API.

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 9

You are on-call for an infrastructure service that has a large number of dependent systems. You receive an alert indicating that the service is failing to serve most of its requests and all of its dependent systems with hundreds of thousands of users are affected. As part of your Site Reliability Engineering (SRE) incident management protocol, you declare yourself Incident Commander (IC) and pull in two experienced people from your team as Operations Lead (OLJ and Communications Lead (CL). What should you do next?

- A. Look for ways to mitigate user impact and deploy the mitigations to production.
- B. Contact the affected service owners and update them on the status of the incident.
- C. Establish a communication channel where incident responders and leads can communicate with each other.
- D. Start a postmortem, add incident information, circulate the draft internally, and ask internal stakeholders for input.

**Answer:** A

#### Explanation:

<https://sre.google/sre-book/managing-incidents/>

#### NEW QUESTION 10

You support an application that stores product information in cached memory. For every cache miss, an entry is logged in Stackdriver Logging. You want to visualize how often a cache miss happens over time. What should you do?

- A. Link Stackdriver Logging as a source in Google Data Studi
- B. Filler (he logs on the cache misses.
- C. Configure Stackdriver Profiler to identify and visualize when the cache misses occur based on the logs.
- D. Create a logs-based metric in Stackdriver Logging and a dashboard for that metric in Stackdriver Monitoring.
- E. Configure BigQuery as a sink for Stackdriver Loggin
- F. Create a scheduled query to filter the cache miss logs and write them to a separate table

**Answer:** C

#### Explanation:

<https://cloud.google.com/logging/docs/logs-based-metrics#counter-metric>

#### NEW QUESTION 10

Your team uses Cloud Build for all CI/CO pipelines. You want to use the kubectl builder for Cloud Build to deploy new images to Google Kubernetes Engine (GKE). You need to authenticate to GKE while minimizing development effort. What should you do?

- A. Assign the Container Developer role to the Cloud Build service account.
- B. Specify the Container Developer role for Cloud Build in the cloudbuild.yaml file.
- C. Create a new service account with the Container Developer role and use it to run Cloud Build.
- D. Create a separate step in Cloud Build to retrieve service account credentials and pass these to kubectl.

**Answer:** A

#### Explanation:

<https://cloud.google.com/build/docs/deploying-builds/deploy-gke> <https://cloud.google.com/build/docs/securing-builds/configure-user-specified-service-accounts>

#### NEW QUESTION 11

Your company follows Site Reliability Engineering practices. You are the Incident Commander for a new. customer-impacting incident. You need to immediately assign two incident management roles to assist you in an effective incident response. What roles should you assign?

Choose 2 answers

- A. Operations Lead
- B. Engineering Lead
- C. Communications Lead
- D. Customer Impact Assessor
- E. External Customer Communications Lead

**Answer:** AC

**Explanation:**

<https://sre.google/workbook/incident-response/>

"The main roles in incident response are the Incident Commander (IC), Communications Lead (CL), and Operations or Ops Lead (OL)."

**NEW QUESTION 16**

You are responsible for the reliability of a high-volume enterprise application. A large number of users report that an important subset of the application's functionality – a data intensive reporting feature – is consistently failing with an HTTP 500 error. When you investigate your application's dashboards, you notice a strong correlation between the failures and a metric that represents the size of an internal queue used for generating reports. You trace the failures to a reporting backend that is experiencing high I/O wait times. You quickly fix the issue by resizing the backend's persistent disk (PD). How you need to create an availability Service Level Indicator (SLI) for the report generation feature. How would you define it?

- A. As the I/O wait times aggregated across all report generation backends
- B. As the proportion of report generation requests that result in a successful response
- C. As the application's report generation queue size compared to a known-good threshold
- D. As the reporting backend PD throughout capacity compared to a known-good threshold

**Answer:** B

**Explanation:**

According to SRE Workbook, one of potential SLI is as below:

\* Type of service: Request-driven

\* Type of SLI: Availability

\* Description: The proportion of requests that resulted in a successful response. <https://sre.google/workbook/implementing-slos/>

**NEW QUESTION 20**

Your company follows Site Reliability Engineering practices. You are the person in charge of Communications for a large, ongoing incident affecting your customer-facing applications. There is still no estimated time for a resolution of the outage. You are receiving emails from internal stakeholders who want updates on the outage, as well as emails from customers who want to know what is happening. You want to efficiently provide updates to everyone affected by the outage. What should you do?

- A. Focus on responding to internal stakeholders at least every 30 minute
- B. Commit to "next update" times.
- C. Provide periodic updates to all stakeholders in a timely manne
- D. Commit to a "next update" time in all communications.
- E. Delegate the responding to internal stakeholder emails to another member of the Incident Response Tea
- F. Focus on providing responses directly to customers.
- G. Provide all internal stakeholder emails to the Incident Commander, and allow them to manage internal communication
- H. Focus on providing responses directly to customers.

**Answer:** B

**Explanation:**

When disaster strikes, the person who declares the incident typically steps into the IC role and directs the high-level state of the incident. The IC concentrates on the 3Cs and does the following: Commands and coordinates the incident response, delegating roles as needed. By default, the IC assumes all roles that have not been delegated yet. Communicates effectively. Stays in control of the incident response. Works with other responders to resolve the incident. <https://sre.google/workbook/incident-response/>

**NEW QUESTION 22**

You are creating and assigning action items in a postmodern for an outage. The outage is over, but you need to address the root causes. You want to ensure that your team handles the action items quickly and efficiently. How should you assign owners and collaborators to action items?

- A. Assign one owner for each action item and any necessary collaborators.
- B. Assign multiple owners for each item to guarantee that the team addresses items quickly
- C. Assign collaborators but no individual owners to the items to keep the postmortem blameless.
- D. Assign the team lead as the owner for all action items because they are in charge of the SRE team.

**Answer:** A

**Explanation:**

<https://devops.com/when-it-disaster-strikes-part-3-conducting-a-blameless-post-mortem/>

**NEW QUESTION 23**

You support a stateless web-based API that is deployed on a single Compute Engine instance in the europe-west2-a zone . The Service Level Indicator (SLI) for service availability is below the specified Service Level Objective (SLO). A postmortem has revealed that requests to the API regularly time out. The time outs are due to the API having a high number of requests and running out memory. You want to improve service availability. What should you do?

- A. Change the specified SLO to match the measured SLI.



- B. Move the service to higher-specification compute instances with more memory.
- C. Set up additional service instances in other zones and load balance the traffic between all instances.
- D. Set up additional service instances in other zones and use them as a failover in case the primary instance is unavailable.

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 25

You support a large service with a well-defined Service Level Objective (SLO). The development team deploys new releases of the service multiple times a week. If a major incident causes the service to miss its SLO, you want the development team to shift its focus from working on features to improving service reliability. What should you do before a major incident occurs?

- A. Develop an appropriate error budget policy in cooperation with all service stakeholders.
- B. Negotiate with the product team to always prioritize service reliability over releasing new features.
- C. Negotiate with the development team to reduce the release frequency to no more than once a week.
- D. Add a plugin to your Jenkins pipeline that prevents new releases whenever your service is out of SLO.

**Answer:** A

#### Explanation:

Reason : Incident has not occurred yet, even when development team is already pushing new features multiple times a week. The option A says, to define an error budget "policy", not to define error budget(It is already present). Just simple means to bring in all stakeholders, and decide how to consume the error budget effectively that could bring balance between feature deployment and reliability.

The goals of this policy are to: -- Protect customers from repeated SLO misses -- Provide an incentive to balance reliability with other features

<https://sre.google/workbook/error-budget-policy/>

#### NEW QUESTION 29

You created a Stackdriver chart for CPU utilization in a dashboard within your workspace project. You want to share the chart with your Site Reliability Engineering (SRE) team only. You want to ensure you follow the principle of least privilege. What should you do?

- A. Share the workspace Project ID with the SRE tea
- B. Assign the SRE team the Monitoring Viewer IAM role in the workspace project.
- C. Share the workspace Project ID with the SRE tea
- D. Assign the SRE team the Dashboard Viewer IAM role in the workspace project.
- E. Click "Share chart by URL" and provide the URL to the SRE tea
- F. Assign the SRE team the Monitoring Viewer IAM role in the workspace project.
- G. Click "Share chart by URL" and provide the URL to the SRE tea
- H. Assign the SRE team the Dashboard Viewer IAM role in the workspace project.

**Answer:** C

#### Explanation:

<https://cloud.google.com/monitoring/access-control>

#### NEW QUESTION 31

You are managing the production deployment to a set of Google Kubernetes Engine (GKE) clusters. You want to make sure only images which are successfully built by your trusted CI/CD pipeline are deployed to production. What should you do?

- A. Enable Cloud Security Scanner on the clusters.
- B. Enable Vulnerability Analysis on the Container Registry.
- C. Set up the Kubernetes Engine clusters as private clusters.
- D. Set up the Kubernetes Engine clusters with Binary Authorization.

**Answer:** D

#### Explanation:

<https://cloud.google.com/binary-authorization/docs/overview>

#### NEW QUESTION 35

Your team has recently deployed an NGINX-based application into Google Kubernetes Engine (GKE) and has exposed it to the public via an HTTP Google Cloud Load Balancer (GCLB) ingress. You want to scale the deployment of the application's frontend using an appropriate Service Level Indicator (SLI). What should you do?

- A. Configure the horizontal pod autoscaler to use the average response time from the Liveness and Readiness probes.
- B. Configure the vertical pod autoscaler in GKE and enable the cluster autoscaler to scale the cluster as pods expand.
- C. Install the Stackdriver custom metrics adapter and configure a horizontal pod autoscaler to use the number of requests provided by the GCLB.
- D. Expose the NGINX stats endpoint and configure the horizontal pod autoscaler to use the request metrics exposed by the NGINX deployment.

**Answer:** C

#### Explanation:

<https://cloud.google.com/kubernetes-engine/docs/tutorials/autoscaling-metrics>

#### NEW QUESTION 40

You deploy a new release of an internal application during a weekend maintenance window when there is minimal user traffic. After the window ends, you learn that one of the new features isn't working as expected in the production environment. After an extended outage, you roll back the new release and deploy a fix. You want to modify your release process to reduce the mean time to recovery so you can avoid extended outages in the future. What should you do? Choose 2 answers

- A. Before merging new code, require 2 different peers to review the code changes.
- B. Adopt the blue/green deployment strategy when releasing new code via a CD server.
- C. Integrate a code linting tool to validate coding standards before any code is accepted into the repository.
- D. Require developers to run automated integration tests on their local development environments before release.
- E. Configure a CI server
- F. Add a suite of unit tests to your code and have your CI server run them on commit and verify any changes.

**Answer:** BE

#### NEW QUESTION 44

You manage an application that is writing logs to Stackdriver Logging. You need to give some team members the ability to export logs. What should you do?

- A. Grant the team members the IAM role of logging.configWriter on Cloud IAM.
- B. Configure Access Context Manager to allow only these members to export logs.
- C. Create and grant a custom IAM role with the permissions logging.sinks.list and logging.sink.get.
- D. Create an Organizational Policy in Cloud IAM to allow only these members to create log exports.

**Answer:** A

#### Explanation:

<https://cloud.google.com/logging/docs/access-control>

#### NEW QUESTION 49

You need to deploy a new service to production. The service needs to automatically scale using a Managed Instance Group (MIG) and should be deployed over multiple regions. The service needs a large number of resources for each instance and you need to plan for capacity. What should you do?

- A. Use the n1-highcpu-96 machine type in the configuration of the MIG.
- B. Monitor results of Stackdriver Trace to determine the required amount of resources.
- C. Validate that the resource requirements are within the available quota limits of each region.
- D. Deploy the service in one region and use a global load balancer to route traffic to this region.

**Answer:** C

#### Explanation:

[https://cloud.google.com/compute/quotas#understanding\\_quotas](https://cloud.google.com/compute/quotas#understanding_quotas) <https://cloud.google.com/compute/quotas>

#### NEW QUESTION 54

You support a service that recently had an outage. The outage was caused by a new release that exhausted the service memory resources. You rolled back the release successfully to mitigate the impact on users. You are now in charge of the post-mortem for the outage. You want to follow Site Reliability Engineering practices when developing the post-mortem. What should you do?

- A. Focus on developing new features rather than avoiding the outages from recurring.
- B. Focus on identifying the contributing causes of the incident rather than the individual responsible for the cause.
- C. Plan individual meetings with all the engineers involved
- D. Determine who approved and pushed the new release to production.
- E. Use the Git history to find the related code commit
- F. Prevent the engineer who made that commit from working on production services.

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 56

You support an e-commerce application that runs on a large Google Kubernetes Engine (GKE) cluster deployed on-premises and on Google Cloud Platform. The application consists of microservices that run in containers. You want to identify containers that are using the most CPU and memory. What should you do?

- A. Use Stackdriver Kubernetes Engine Monitoring.
- B. Use Prometheus to collect and aggregate logs per container, and then analyze the results in Grafana.
- C. Use the Stackdriver Monitoring API to create custom metrics, and then organize your containers using groups.
- D. Use Stackdriver Logging to export application logs to BigQuery
- E. aggregate logs per container, and then analyze CPU and memory consumption.

**Answer:** A

#### Explanation:

<https://cloud.google.com/anthos/clusters/docs/on-prem/1.7/concepts/logging-and-monitoring>

#### NEW QUESTION 59

You support a user-facing web application. When analyzing the application's error budget over the previous six months, you notice that the application has never consumed more than 5% of its error budget in any given time window. You hold a Service Level Objective (SLO) review with business stakeholders and confirm that the SLO is set appropriately. You want your application's SLO to more closely reflect its observed reliability. What steps can you take to further that goal while balancing velocity, reliability, and business needs? (Choose two.)

- A. Add more serving capacity to all of your application's zones.
- B. Have more frequent or potentially risky application releases.
- C. Tighten the SLO to match the application's observed reliability.
- D. Implement and measure additional Service Level Indicators (SLIs) from the application.
- E. Announce planned downtime to consume more error budget, and ensure that users are not depending on a tighter SLO.

**Answer:**

DE

**Explanation:**

<https://sre.google/sre-book/service-level-objectives/>

You want the application's SLO to more closely reflect it's observed reliability. The key here is error budget never goes over 5%. This means they can have additional downtime and still stay within their budget.

**NEW QUESTION 64**

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