

Exam Questions IIA-CIA-Part1

Certified Internal Auditor - Part 1, The Internal Audit Activity's Role in Governance, Risk, and Control

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NEW QUESTION 1

According to IIA guidance, which of the following best describes internal auditors' responsibility regarding fraud?

- A. Internal auditors should take a leading role in investigating all fraud-related cases.
- B. Internal auditors must have sufficient knowledge to evaluate the risk of fraud.
- C. Internal auditors should report all fraud cases to law enforcement agents, in accordance with the Code of Ethics.
- D. Internal auditors are responsible for ensuring that fraud does not occur.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 2

Which of the following statements accurately describes the responsibility of the internal audit activity regarding IT governance?

- * 1. The internal audit activity does not have any responsibility because IT governance is the responsibility of the board and senior management of the organization.
- * 2. The internal audit activity must assess whether the IT governance of the organization supports the organization's strategies and objectives.
- * 3. The internal audit activity may assess whether the IT governance of the organization supports the organization's strategies and objectives.
- * 4. The internal audit activity may accept requests from management to perform advisory services regarding how the IT governance of the organization supports the organization's strategies and objectives.

- A. 1 only.
- B. 4 only.
- C. 2 and 4.
- D. 3 and 4.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 3

Which two of the following are preventive controls in a check disbursement process?

- * 1. Daily reconciliation of the bank account used for check disbursements and prompt follow-up of un-reconciled items.
- * 2. Segregation of the following duties: establishing new vendors, approving checks, and reconciling the bank account.
- * 3. An activity report detailing who accesses the check disbursement system and the nature of any action taken in the system.
- * 4. Evidence of strong access controls ensuring that authorized individuals have access only to the functions related to their responsibilities.

- A. 1 and 3.
- B. 1 and 4.
- C. 2 and 3.
- D. 2 and 4.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 4

According to IIA guidance, which of the following external groups is most likely to represent a liability risk, based on activities associated with the organization's corporate social responsibility program?

- A. Consumers.
- B. Activists.
- C. Suppliers.
- D. Investors.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 5

With regard To IT governance, which of the following is the most effective and appropriate role for the internal audit activity?

- A. Independently evaluate the skills and experience of potential chief information officer candidates to assess the best fit based on the organization's risk appetite.
- B. Evaluate the organization's governance standards and assess IT-related activities to identify gaps and develop policies, ensuring alignment with the organization's risk appetite.
- C. Assist management in interpreting complex IT-related privacy and security risk exposures and evaluating potential mitigation strategies.
- D. Assess whether governance activities are aligned with the organization's risk appetite and take into consideration emerging risks.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 6

According to IIA guidance, which of the following are considerations of due professional care when an internal auditor conducts a formal consulting engagement?

- * 1. The complexity of the work required.
- * 2. The needs and expectations of the client.
- * 3. The potential value of the engagement compared to the effort.
- * 4. Information regarding assumptions and procedures to be employed.

- A. 1 and 4 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1, 2, and 3 only
- D. 1, 2, 3, and 4

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 7

According to the COSO enterprise risk management (ERM) framework, which of the following is not part of the new paradigm in ERM?

- A. Assessing the risk factors.
- B. Aligning risk appetite and strategy.
- C. Enhancing risk response decisions.
- D. Reducing operational surprises and losses.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 8

A chief audit executive (CAE) is reviewing the internal audit activity's performance and is concerned that the average number of revisions to findings is steadily rising, making it increasingly difficult to trace the finding to the supporting evidence and workpapers. According to MA guidance, which of the following elements of the internal audit activity's quality assurance and improvement program would provide the CAE with the most helpful insight into the cause of this problem?

- A. The overall effectiveness of the internal audit activity's periodic self assessments.
- B. The type of audit productivity and performance statistics reported.
- C. The adequacy of the day-to-day supervision and review process.
- D. The scope and frequency of external assessments.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 9

Which of the following control activities is the most effective to ensure users' levels of access are appropriate for their current roles?

- A. The human resources department generates a monthly list of terminated and transferred employees and requests IT to update the user access as required.
- B. Standardized user access profiles are developed and the appropriate access profiles are automatically assigned to new or transferred employees.
- C. System administrator rights are assigned to one user in each department who can update user access of terminated or transferred employees immediately.
- D. Department managers are required to perform periodic user access reviews of relevant systems and applications.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 10

According to IIA guidance, which of the following statements about working papers is false?

- A. They assist in the implementation of recommendations.
- B. They provide support for communication to third parties.
- C. They demonstrate compliance with auditing standards.
- D. They contribute to development of the internal audit staff.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 10

Evidence discovered during the course of an engagement suggests that multiple incidents of fraud have occurred. There do not appear to be sufficient controls in place to prevent reoccurrence. Which of the following is the internal auditor's most appropriate next step?

- A. Immediately notify management of the area under review and the other internal auditors involved in the engagement.
- B. Discuss the situation with the engagement supervisor to determine whether fraud investigation experts are required to investigate the matter properly.
- C. Fully document in the workpapers the evidence that has been discovered and recommend appropriate controls to address the fraud.
- D. Provide the evidence that was discovered to local law enforcement for possible prosecution of the suspected fraud.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 14

Which of the following behaviors could represent a significant ethical risk if exhibited by an organization's board?

- A. Requesting a private meeting with senior management, without the presence of the chief audit executive.
- B. Intervening during an audit involving ethical wrongdoing.
- C. Discussing periodic reports of ethical breaches.
- D. Authorizing an investigation of an unsafe product.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 18

What is the additional advantage of facilitated workshops, in comparison with structured interviews, used when testing the effectiveness of entity-level controls?

- A. During facilitated workshops, people more openly say things to internal auditors than during private interviews.
- B. Internal auditors do not need other sources of information, as the data gathered during facilitated workshops is sufficient.
- C. Facilitated workshops create a synergy of discussion that can bring multiple perspectives to the same issue.
- D. The testimonial evidence obtained during facilitated workshops is generally considered more reliable.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 19

An internal audit team is performing an audit of workplace accident claims.

Which of the following actions by the audit team best demonstrates due professional care?

- A. Having an occupational health officer on the engagement team.
- B. Determining that the claims have been classified properly.
- C. Placing reliance on medical reports from the injured worker's doctor.
- D. Reviewing claims to ensure all accidents actually occurred in the workplace.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 23

Which of the following describes a key characteristic related to effective organizational communication?

- A. Comprehensive supervisory and verification procedures.
- B. A well-designed system of internal controls.
- C. A culture of integrity and transparency.
- D. Unique operating environments with varying complexity.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 24

An internal auditor is using a spreadsheet application to review a cash flow forecast prepared by management. Which of the following correctly identifies the type of evidence this information represents?

- A. Competent, corroborative evidence of future working capital requirements.
- B. Sufficient, analytical evidence of the cash flow position at a given point of time in the future.
- C. Competent, documentary evidence of future cash flow changes within the organization.
- D. Sufficient, circumstantial evidence of the future solvency of the organization.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 28

Which of the following types of social responsibilities is voluntary and guided purely by the organization's desire to make social contributions?

- A. The bottom of the pyramid responsibility.
- B. Innovative responsibility.
- C. Ethical responsibility.
- D. Discretionary responsibility.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 31

According to The IIA's Code of Ethics, which of the following actions violates the principle of confidentiality?

- A. Accepting a consulting request in the IT department without possessing the requisite experience.
- B. Providing personal tax preparation services for a fee for several employees during the lunch hour.
- C. Providing a friend with the marketing strategic plan, which she will use to prepare her university thesis.
- D. Agreeing to reword an observation to avoid the client complaining directly to the auditor's supervisor.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 35

Which of the following statements accurately describes an internal auditor's responsibility with regard to due professional care?

- A. An internal auditor should express an opinion only when consensus with top management has been achieved.
- B. An internal auditor's opinion should be based on experience and free of all bias.
- C. An internal auditor's opinion should be based on factual evidence.
- D. An internal auditor's opinion should be limited to the effectiveness of internal controls.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 39

Which of the following is an example of collusion?

- A. An employee includes a faked receipt in his expense claim, and the claim is signed by the employee's manager.
- B. A vendor inflates the price of an item and remits a portion of the excess to the purchasing manager.
- C. A vendor sends a duplicate invoice with a new invoice number, and the accounts payable system fails to detect the duplication.
- D. An employee works with the IT manager to develop a program for identifying duplicate invoice payments.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 42

A headquarters-based internal auditor has been sent to a major overseas subsidiary to conduct various engagements. Initially, the internal auditor spends time to become familiar with local customs and organization's practices while embarking on the first engagement. Which of the following competencies does the internal auditor exercise?

- A. Communication.
- B. Persuasion and collaboration.
- C. Business acumen.
- D. Governance, risk, and control.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 45

During an audit, the client questions the internal audit activity's authority to perform procedures over fraud allegations. According to IA guidance, which of the following would provide the most relevant support to respond to the client's concerns?

- A. Definition of Internal Auditing.
- B. IA Standards.
- C. Internal audit charter.
- D. The IA's Code of Ethics.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 50

According to COSO, which of the following describes a principle related to the control environment?

- A. The organization identifies and assesses changes that could significantly impact the system of internal control.
- B. The organization establishes appropriate authorities and responsibilities in the pursuit of objectives.
- C. The organization selects and develops control activities that contribute to the mitigation of risks.
- D. The organization performs evaluations to ascertain whether internal control components are present and functioning.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 54

Which of the following combinations of conditions is most likely a red flag for fraud?

- A. The practice of surprise audits and the implementation of an employee support program.
- B. Hiring an employee with a prior fraud conviction and yearly management review.
- C. Occasional accounting department overrides and discontinuation of the anonymous fraud hotline due to infrequent use.
- D. A veteran employee in upper management experiencing financial difficulties and recently implemented enhanced controls.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 59

An internal auditor is performing analytical reviews as part of an audit of a supermarket's merchandising department. Because the economy has declined since midyear, the auditor can expect to encounter which of the following?

- A. Higher inventory turnover.
- B. Higher operating margin.
- C. Lower obsolete stock disposal.
- D. Lower sales volume.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 60

Which of the following is not an objective of internal control?

- A. Compliance.
- B. Accuracy.
- C. Efficiency.
- D. Validation.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 64

Which of the following is the primary engagement responsibility of an entry-level internal auditor?

- A. Leadership.
- B. Documentation.
- C. Analysis.
- D. Reporting.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 69

Which of the following scenarios best illustrates the principle of due professional care?

- A. An internal auditor evaluates the significant risks arising from a consulting engagement.
- B. An internal auditor declares that he would have a conflict of interest in providing planned audit support.
- C. An internal auditor has been given sufficient authority to access documents needed to make an appraisal of an issue.

D. An internal auditor uses technology-based audit techniques to ensure that all significant risks are identified.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 73

Which of the following is an example of a directive control?

- A. Segregation of duties.
- B. Exception reports.
- C. Incentive compensation plans.
- D. Automated reconciliations.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 74

According to IIA guidance, which of the following scenarios demonstrates an internal auditor exercising due professional care?

When auditing investments, the auditor identified instruments with which he was unfamiliar. He decided not to select that type of investment in his sample, as he did not have the knowledge needed to

- A. perform a proper assessment.
- B. An auditor was reviewing inventory counts conducted by the warehouse staf
- C. One truck containing an immaterial amount of inventory was off-site and wasn't verified by the auditor.
- D. An auditor visited a plant that produces a significant portion of the organization's inventor
- E. The day he arrived, the plant manager was out sick, so the auditor issued the report without interviewing the manager.
- F. An auditor in charge needed to have testing completed by the end of the month, but was behind schedul
- G. He identified a junior auditor to conduct the work for him on a complex area of the organization.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 76

Upon joining the internal audit activity, each new auditor receives a copy of the audit handbook. Which of the following handbook policies has the greatest risk of compromising audit objectivity?

- A. Internal auditors should obtain 80 hours of continuing professional education every two years, 20 of which should be audit-related, and the remainder may be operations-related.
- B. Internal auditors should rotate to other areas of the organization for nonaudit assignments to gain an understanding of the organization's operations.
- C. Internal auditors should have direct and unrestricted access to personnel and information throughout the organization and the governing board.
- D. Internal auditors should undergo annual performance appraisals conducted by the chief audit executive, who reports administratively to the chief financial officer.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 80

Which of the following items should the chief audit executive disclose to senior management regarding the results of the internal audit activity's quality assessments?

- A. The internal audit activity's plan for resource allocation.
- B. The amount of the organization's potential loss prevented by the risk-based auditing of the internal audit activity.
- C. The number of audits from the annual internal audit plan that were completed last year.
- D. The qualifications and independence of the assessment Team.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 84

Which of the following is an example of a risk avoidance strategy?

- A. Hedging against exchange rate variations.
- B. Limiting access to an organization's data center.
- C. Selling a nonstrategic business unit.
- D. Outsourcing a high-risk activity.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 86

Which of the following statements describes impairment to the internal auditor's objectivity?

- A. An internal auditor reviews a purchasing agent's contract drafts prior to their execution.
- B. An internal auditor reduces the scope of an audit engagement due to budget restrictions.
- C. An internal auditor receives a promotional gift that is available to the organization's employees.
- D. An internal auditor performs an assessment of the operations for which he was recently responsible.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 90

Which of the following is an example of a management control technique?

- A. A budget.
- B. A risk assessment.
- C. The board of directors.
- D. The control environment.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 94

According to The MA Global Internal Audit Competency Framework, which of the following areas of training would best assist the internal audit activity in improving its use of tools and techniques?

- A. Negotiation and conflict resolution.
- B. Project management.
- C. Financial accounting.
- D. Ethics and fraud.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 96

Which segregation of duties would best reduce the risk of payroll fraud?

- A. Human resources personnel add employees, and payroll personnel process hours and enter employee bank account number
- B. Paychecks are automatically deposited in the employee's bank account.
- C. Human resources personnel add employees, payroll personnel process hours, and human resources personnel deliver paychecks to employees.
- D. Human resources personnel add employees, review and submit payroll hours to the payroll department for processing, and deliver paychecks to employees.
- E. Human resources personnel add employees and enter employee bank informatio
- F. Payroll personnel process hours, and paychecks are automatically deposited in the employee's bank account.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 99

An internal auditor completed an audit of a bank's loan department and found all significant risks to be managed adequately through effective internal controls. Which of the following would be an appropriate conclusion to report to management?

- A. The residual risk is lower than or equal to the risk appetite.
- B. The residual risk is higher than or equal to the risk appetite.
- C. The inherent risk is lower than or equal to the risk tolerance.
- D. The inherent risk is higher than or equal to the risk tolerance.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 100

In which of the following scenarios would the chief audit executive (CAE) be required to decline the assignment?

- A. The CAE would need to procure external services to deliver the internal audit assurance program.
- B. There is no expertise within the internal audit team for detecting and investigating fraud.
- C. There is no expertise within the internal audit team for auditing an IT engagement.
- D. There is no available expertise on the internal audit team to perform a consulting engagement.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 103

An IT contractor applied for an internal audit position at a bank. The contractor worked for the bank's IT security manager two years ago. If the audit manager interviewed the contractor and wants to extend a job offer, which of the following actions should the chief audit executive pursue?

- A. Allow the audit manager to hire the contractor and state that the individual is free to perform IT audits, including security.
- B. Not allow the audit manager to hire the contractor, as it would be a conflict of interest.
- C. Allow the audit manager to hire the contractor, but state that the individual is not allowed to work on IT security audits for one year.
- D. Not allow the audit manager to hire the contractor and ask the individual to apply again in one year.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 105

Which of the following actions would be characterized as a preventive control to safeguard inventory from the risk of theft?

- * 1. Locking doors and physically securing inventory items.
- * 2. Independently observing the receipt of materials.
- * 3. Conducting monthly inventory counts.
- * 4. Requiring the use of employee ID badges at all times.

- A. 1 and 3.
- B. 1 and 4.
- C. 2 and 3.
- D. 2 and 4.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 110

In which of the following functions would fraud be most likely to occur?

- A. Maintaining custody of inventory records.
- B. Collecting payments on accounts.
- C. Approving changes to employee records.
- D. Preparing customer statements.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 112

Given the highly technical and legal nature of privacy issues, which of the following statements best describes the internal audit activity's responsibility with regard to assessing an organization's privacy framework?

- A. If an organization does not have a mature privacy framework, the internal audit activity should assist in developing and implementing an appropriate privacy framework.
- B. Because the audit committee is ultimately responsible for ensuring that appropriate control processes are in place to mitigate risks associated with personal information, the internal audit activity is
- C. required to conduct privacy assessments.
- D. The internal audit activity may delegate to nonaudit IT specialists the responsibility of determining whether personal information has been secured adequately and data protection controls are sufficient.
- E. The internal audit activity should have appropriate knowledge and competence to conduct an asses.....framework.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 117

An internal audit activity is using the auditing-by-element approach to audit the organization's controls around corporate social responsibility. Which of the following would be an element for the internal audit activity to consider?

- A. Working conditions.
- B. Employees' families.
- C. Marketplace competition.
- D. Shareholders and investors.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 121

While performing an accounts payable engagement, a senior auditor wants to conduct several tests of controls for travel expenses. Which of the following actions are most appropriate for the senior auditor to undertake?

- * 1. Ensure all tests use a random sampling technique.
- * 2. Consider a judgmental approach for the sample size.
- * 3. Assess testing errors through root cause analysis.
- * 4. Ensure that the entire data set is tested.

- A. 1 and 2.
- B. 1 and 3.
- C. 2 and 3.
- D. 2 and 4.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 126

Which of the following best describes the details that must be included in the quality assurance and improvement program (QAIP) report to senior management and the board?

- A. The scope and frequency of internal and external assessments as well as the qualifications and independence of the assessor.
- B. The scope and cost of the QAI
- C. frequency of internal and external assessments, and conclusions of the assessor.
- D. The scope, findings, risks, recommendations, and agreed-upon improvement actions.
- E. The number and types of people involved in the assessment, costs, and duration of the QAIP

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 129

Which of the following professional development approaches would offer internal auditors the most opportunities to broaden their engagement experiences?

- A. Assign more experienced internal auditors to mentor the less experienced auditors.
- B. Send internal auditors to external trainings in advanced internal audit topics.
- C. Appraise internal auditors' performance and competencies at least annually and issue constructive feedback.
- D. Rotate internal auditors among different engagement assignments.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 131

To fill a critical vacancy, an internal auditor is assigned temporarily to a nonaudit role in the purchasing department, where she worked previously before joining the internal audit activity. According to IIA guidance, which of the following statements is true regarding these circumstances?

- A. The chief audit executive (CAE) should review all work performed by the auditor during her temporary assignment to ensure no impairments.
- B. The CAE may conduct audits in the purchasing department during the auditor's temporary assignment.
- C. The auditor should obtain the CAE's approval as to the nature and scope of the duties she is permitted to perform during her temporary assignment.
- D. Any work performed by the auditor during her temporary assignment must conform to the internal audit charter.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 133

A large sales organization maintains a system of internal control according to the COSO model and has updated its code of conduct. This change relates to which component of the COSO framework?

- A. Control activities.
- B. Information and communication.
- C. Commitment.
- D. Control environment.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 138

According to IIA guidance, which of the following is least compliant with the requirements regarding an internal auditor's need for objectivity?

- A. An internal auditor assessed the effectiveness of controls over payroll software, which he had helped implement with a previous employer.
- B. An internal auditor participated in an audit of controls around absenteeism, despite providing some consultation on controls in this area earlier in the year.
- C. An internal auditor performed an assurance engagement for the effectiveness of accounts payable access controls, one of which he previously helped to design.
- D. An internal auditor, previously employed in the quality assurance operations area, performed a consulting engagement for the operations manager.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 141

According to IIA guidance, which of the following statements is true regarding the reporting of results from an external quality assessment of the internal audit activity?

- A. The external assessment results are reported upon completion in confidence directly to the board, and senior management is advised only of the recommendations and improvement action plans.
- B. The results of self-assessments with independent external validation are shared with the board upon completion, and monitoring of recommended improvements must be reported monthly.
- C. The external assessment results are communicated upon completion to senior management and the board, but action plans for recommended improvements do not have to be reported.
- D. The requirements for reporting quality assessment results are the same for external assessments and self-assessments with independent external validation.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 146

An organization decides to take no action on one of its financial risks because the cost of implementing the control outweighs the value of the asset being protected. Which of the following best describes this risk strategy?

- A. Risk avoidance.
- B. Risk-benefit analysis.
- C. Risk sharing.
- D. Risk acceptance.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 147

According to IIA guidance, which of the following practices by the chief audit executive (CAE) best enhances the organizational independence of the internal audit activity?

- A. CAE reviews and approves the annual audit plan.
- B. CAE meets privately with The CEO at least annually.
- C. CAE meets privately with The board at least annually.
- D. CAE reports to the board regarding audit staff performance evaluation and compensation.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 149

Which of the following statements is true regarding assurance services provided to clients outside of the organization?

- A. Assurance services for outside clients are not covered under the internal audit charter.
- B. Assurance services for outside clients must be approved on a case-by-case basis by the board of directors.
- C. The nature of assurance services for outside clients should be defined in the internal audit charter.
- D. The nature of assurance services for outside clients is the same as for internal clients.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 154

Which of the following is most likely to be considered a control weakness?

- A. Vendor invoice payment requests are accompanied by a purchase order and receiving report.
- B. Purchase orders are typed by the purchasing department using prenumbered forms.
- C. Buyers promptly update the official vendor listing as new supplier sources become known.
- D. Department managers initiate purchase requests that must be approved by the plant superintendent.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 155

An internal audit charter should do which of the following?

- A. Outline the schedule of future audits.
- B. Define the scope of internal audit activities.
- C. Establish the size of the internal audit activity.
- D. Communicate the internal audit activity's goals.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 158

If appropriate safeguards exist, which of the following is considered a legitimate internal audit role within risk management at an organization?

- A. Imposing risk management processes.
- B. Providing consolidated reporting on risks.
- C. Taking accountability for risk management.
- D. Making decisions on risk responses.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 162

The manager for an organization's accounts payable department resigned her post in that capacity. Three months later, she was recruited to the internal audit activity and has been working with the audit team for the last eight months. Which of the following assignments would the newly hired internal auditor be able to execute without any impairments to independence or objectivity?

- A. An operations audit of the accounts payable department.
- B. A consulting engagement related to a new accounts payable optimization initiative.
- C. A review of the employees' sports club finances, which are overseen by the chief audit executive.
- D. An assurance review for a sales program on which she previously provided consultation.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 167

A former line supervisor from the Financial Services Department has completed six months of a two-year development opportunity with the internal audit activity (IAA). She is assigned to a team that will audit the organization's payroll function, which is managed by the Human Resources Department. Which of the following statements is most relevant regarding her independence and objectivity with respect to the payroll audit?

- A. She may participate, but only after she has completed one year with the IAA.
- B. She may participate, because she did not previously work in the Human Resources Department.
- C. She may participate, but she must be supervised by the auditor in charge.
- D. She may participate for training purposes, to build her knowledge of the IAA.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 168

Management would like to self-assess the overall effectiveness of the controls in place for its 200-person manufacturing department. Which of the following client-facilitated approaches is likely to be the most efficient way to accomplish this objective?

- A. Workshops.
- B. Surveys.
- C. Interviews.
- D. Observation.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 170

According to IIA guidance, which of the following is an area in which the internal auditor should be proficient?

- A. Management principles.
- B. Computerized information systems.
- C. Internal audit standards, procedures, and techniques.
- D. Fundamentals of accounting, economics, and finance.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 174

Which of the following is considered a violation of The IIA's Code of Ethics?

- A. An auditor conveys public information about an organization's financial condition.
- B. An auditor reports a manager's illegal activity to senior management, rather than reporting the incident to the appropriate external authority.
- C. An auditor receives allegations of fraud from a whistleblower and immediately reports the allegations to senior management.
- D. An auditor reports material deficiencies, despite the fact that management is already aware of the defects.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 176

While auditing an organization's credit approval process, an internal auditor learns that the organization has made a large loan to another auditor's relative. Which course of action should the auditor take?

- A. Proceed with the audit engagement, but do not include the relative's information.
- B. Have the chief audit executive and management determine whether the auditor should continue with the audit engagement.
- C. Disclose in the engagement final communication that the relative is a customer.
- D. Immediately withdraw from the audit engagement.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 178

Which of the following are generally recognized as essential elements of a corporate social responsibility program?

- A. Human rights and the environment.
- B. Organizational governance and financial reporting.
- C. Fair operating practices and government regulation.
- D. Consumer issues and return on investment.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 181

An assurance mapping exercise helps an organization do which of the following?

- * 1. Provide assurance to stakeholders that risks are managed and reported, and regulatory and legal obligations are met.
- * 2. Fulfill best practices in the industry.
- * 3. Identify and address any gaps in the risk management process.
- * 4. Identify fraud.

- A. 1 and 4.
- B. 1 and 3.
- C. 2 and 3.
- D. 3 and 4.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 186

Which of the following best demonstrates the authority of the internal audit activity?

- A. Suggesting alternatives to decision makers.
- B. Improving the integrity of information.
- C. Determining the scope of internal audit services.
- D. Achieving engagement objectives.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 190

An auditor in charge was reviewing the workpapers submitted by a newly hired internal auditor. She noted that the new auditor's analytical work did not include any rating or quantification of the risk assessment results, and she returned the workpapers for correction. Which section of the workpapers will the new auditor need to modify?

- A. Condition section.
- B. Criteria section.
- C. Effect section.
- D. Cause section.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 192

When auditing the award of a major contract, which of the following should an internal auditor suspect as a red flag for a bidding fraud scheme?

- * 1. Subsequent change orders increase requirements for low-bid items.
- * 2. Material contract requirements are different on the actual contract than on the request for bids.
- * 3. A high percentage of employees are charged to indirect accounts.
- * 4. Losing bidders are hired as subcontractors.

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. 1 and 3.
- D. 2 and 4.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 194

According to IIA guidance, which of the following should be formally documented in the internal audit charter?

- A. The internal audit activity's responsibility for imposing risk management processes.
- B. The internal audit activity's responsibility for the organization's governance framework.
- C. The nature of consulting services provided by the internal audit activity.
- D. The budgeting process for the internal audit activity.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 198

According to IIA guidance, which of the following are macro-level audit activities performed for an assurance engagement of the purchasing department?

- * 1. Obtain and review all purchasing-related audit reports issued within the past year.
- * 2. Meet with the quality assurance group to discuss its previous reports of any purchasing-related findings.
- * 3. Review a memo written by the purchasing manager that outlines ongoing problems with the purchasing software.
- * 4. Request a copy of the report from a purchasing audit conducted last year by an external service provider.

- A. 1 and 2.
- B. 1 and 3.
- C. 2 and 4.
- D. 3 and 4.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 203

While preparing for an audit of senior management expenses, the chief audit executive (CAE) learns that management is unable to locate a number of original expense claims to support the related disbursements. She decides to defer the engagement until they can be located. Which of the following principles likely guided the CAE's decision?

- A. Objectivity.
- B. Proficiency.
- C. Independence.
- D. Due professional care.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 206

Forty-five percent of an organization's customer payments are submitted online. Eight percent of online payments are rejected. Executive management decides to outsource its online payment services to a contractor that will assume 75 percent of the total value of rejected payments. The organization estimates \$1.25 million customer payments due during the contract period.

Which of the following represents the organization's residual risk for online customer payments due?

- A. \$11, 250
- B. \$25, 000
- C. \$33, 750
- D. \$45, 000

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 209

Which of the following best explains why integrity is a necessary personal quality for internal auditors at all levels?

- A. Internal auditor integrity enables stakeholders to constantly question the work of the internal audit activity.
- B. Internal auditor integrity enables the internal auditor to avoid being challenged by any party in the organization.
- C. Internal auditor integrity enables the internal audit activity to be able to demonstrate independence.
- D. Internal auditor integrity enables users of internal auditors' work to make important business decisions.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 213

The chief audit executive (CAE) is planning to conduct an internal assessment of the internal audit activity (IAA). Part of this assessment will include benchmarking. According to IIA guidance, which of the following qualitative metrics would be appropriate for the CAE to use?

- * 1. Average client customer satisfaction score for a given year.
- * 2. Client survey comments on how to improve the IAA.
- * 3. Auditor interviews once an audit has been completed.
- * 4. Percentage of audits completed within 90 days.

- A. 1 and 2.
- B. 1 and 3.
- C. 2 and 3.
- D. 3 and 4.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 214

The security department uncovered what appears to be a complex fraud in the accounting department. The CEO has requested the internal audit activity to investigate the fraud. If the internal audit staff lacks the expertise to conduct the investigation, how should the chief audit executive proceed?

- A. Disclose the deficiency, and request that the investigation be reassigned to the first line of defense.
- B. Proceed with the investigation, as internal auditors are not required to have fraud expertise.
- C. Outsource the sensitive investigation to a third-party consultant with fraud expertise.
- D. Select a member of the accounting department who is not involved in the fraud to join the investigation team in a consulting capacity.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 216

Which of the following is most likely to function as a directive control?

- A. Security dogs.
- B. Alert employees.
- C. Insurance claims.
- D. Cycle counts.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 219

What is the primary benefit to the internal audit activity for undertaking an internal quality assessment?

- A. To help the internal audit activity complete its annual assurance plan.
- B. To identify inefficiencies within the internal audit team.
- C. To help improve the overall quality of the internal audit activity's work.
- D. To identify key risks and areas of concern within the organization.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 224

Which of the following options is the most cost-effective and efficient way for internal auditors to keep current with the latest developments in the internal audit profession?

- A. Attending annual professional conferences and seminars.
- B. Participating in on-the-job training in various departments of the organization.
- C. Pursuing as many professional certifications as possible.
- D. Maintaining membership in The IIA and similar professional organizations and subscribing to relevant email updates or news feeds.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 227

According to IIA guidance, which of the following statements is true regarding periodic internal assessments of the internal audit activity?

- A. Internal assessments are conducted to benchmark the internal audit activity's performance against industry best practices.
- B. Internal assessments must be performed at least once every five years by a qualified assessor.
- C. An internal auditor may perform a peer review of a colleague's workpapers, as long as the auditor wasn't involved in the audit under review.
- D. Follow-up to ensure appropriate improvements are implemented is a recommended, but not mandatory, element of internal assessments.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 229

Faced with a complex, highly technical construction audit engagement, the chief audit executive (CAE) considered complementing the current internal audit resources by engaging the services of a civil engineer.

Which of the following should the CAE consider in determining whether the engineer possesses the necessary skills to perform the engagement?

- * 1. Professional certification, license, or other recognition of the engineer's competence in the relevant discipline.
- * 2. Experience of the engineer in the type of work being considered.
- * 3. Compensation or other incentives that the engineer may receive.
- * 4. The extent of other ongoing services that the engineer may be performing for the organization.

- A. 1 and 4 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 3 and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, and 4 only

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 234

Which of the following responsibilities would fall under the role of the chief audit executive, rather than internal audit staff or the audit manager?

- A. Manage and support a quality assurance and improvement program.
- B. Maintain industry-specific knowledge appropriate to the audit engagements
- C. Set clear performance standards for internal auditors and the internal audit activity.
- D. Apply problem-solving techniques for routine situations.

Answer:

C

NEW QUESTION 239

An internal auditor needs to recommend a policy element to be included in an organization's code of ethics. Which of the following recommendations would be most effective?

- A. Ethics should vary with local customs in the organization's foreign operations.
- B. Whistleblowing should be discouraged because it can cause distrust among employees.
- C. Ethical behavior should be incorporated into performance evaluations.
- D. Senior management should be granted specific exemptions to the code of ethics.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 241

Which of the following is the most common method of fraud detection?

- A. Analytical reviews of high-risk areas.
- B. Detective controls built into the daily processes.
- C. Unannounced audits or reviews of programs or departments.
- D. Tips received from employees or citizens.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 242

A chief audit executive (CAE) is selecting an internal audit team to perform an audit engagement that requires a high level of knowledge in the areas of finance, investment portfolio management, and taxation. If neither the CAE nor the existing internal audit staff possess the required knowledge, which of the following actions should the CAE take?

- A. Postpone the audit until the CAE hires internal audit staff with the required knowledge.
- B. Ask the audit committee to decide the course of action.
- C. Select the most experienced auditors in the department to perform the engagement.
- D. Hire consultants who possess the required knowledge to perform the engagement.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 244

An organization has implemented a software system that requires a supervisor to approve transactions that would cause treasury dealers to exceed their authorized limit. This is an example of which of the following types of controls?

- A. Preventive controls.
- B. Detective controls.
- C. Soft controls.
- D. Directive controls.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 247

According to The IIA's Code of Ethics, which of the following statements is true?

- A. When an internal auditor releases required information to a regulator, resulting in a significant loss through fines and penalties for the organization, he fails to add value.
- B. When an internal auditor limits the scope of the audit engagement after learning that management is hiding relevant information, he demonstrates integrity.
- C. When an internal auditor disagrees with the treatment received by workers in the organization's foreign subsidiary and alters the audit program to highlight the issue, he fails to demonstrate objectivity.
- D. When an internal auditor continues with an audit engagement, despite the audit client's claims that the work performed is unnecessary and redundant he fails to demonstrate competency.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 250

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