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NEW QUESTION 1

An analyst is participating in the solution analysis process for a cloud-hosted SIEM platform to centralize log monitoring and alerting capabilities in the SOC. Which of the following is the BEST approach for supply chain assessment when selecting a vendor?

- A. Gather information from providers, including datacenter specifications and copies of audit reports.
- B. Identify SLA requirements for monitoring and logging.
- C. Consult with senior management for recommendations.
- D. Perform a proof of concept to identify possible solutions.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 2

After receiving reports latency, a security analyst performs an Nmap scan and observes the following output:

```
Port      State  Service  Version
80/tcp    open   http      Apache httpd 2.2.14
111/udp   open   rpcbind
443/tcp   filtered https     Apache httpd 2.2.14
2222/tcp  open   ssh       OpenSSH 5.3p1 Debian
3306/tcp  open   mysql     5.5.40-0ubuntu0.14.1
```

Which of the following suggests the system that produced output was compromised?

- A. Secure shell is operating of compromise on this system.
- B. There are no indicators of compromise on this system.
- C. MySQL services is identified on a standard PostgreSQL port.
- D. Standard HTP is open on the system and should be closed.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 3

Which of the following should be found within an organization's acceptable use policy?

- A. Passwords must be eight characters in length and contain at least one special character.
- B. Customer data must be handled properly, stored on company servers, and encrypted when possible
- C. Administrator accounts must be audited monthly, and inactive accounts should be removed.
- D. Consequences of violating the policy could include discipline up to and including termination.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 4

A human resources employee sends out a mass email to all employees that contains their personnel records. A security analyst is called in to address the concern of the human resources director on how to prevent this from happening in the future.

Which of the following would be the BEST solution to recommend to the director?

- A. Install a data loss prevention system, and train human resources employees on its us
- B. Provide PII training to all employees at the compan
- C. Encrypt PII information.
- D. Enforce encryption on all emails sent within the compan
- E. Create a PII program and policy on how to handle dat
- F. Train all human resources employees.
- G. Train all employee
- H. Encrypt data sent on the company networ
- I. Bring in privacy personnel to present a plan on how PII should be handled.
- J. Install specific equipment to create a human resources policy that protects PII dat
- K. Train company employees on how to handle PII dat
- L. Outsource all PII to another compan
- M. Send the human resources director to training for PII handling.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 5

A security analyst received an email with the following key: Xj3XJ3LLc

A second security analyst received an email with following key: 3XJ3xjcLLC

The security manager has informed the two analysts that the email they received is a key that allows access to the company's financial segment for maintenance. This is an example of:

- A. dual control
- B. private key encryption
- C. separation of duties
- D. public key encryption
- E. two-factor authentication

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 6

A web developer wants to create a new web part within the company website that aggregates sales from individual team sites. A cybersecurity analyst wants to ensure security measurements are implemented during this process. Which of the following remediation actions should the analyst take to implement a

vulnerability management process?

- A. Personnel training
- B. Vulnerability scan
- C. Change management
- D. Sandboxing

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 7

The security team at a large corporation is helping the payment-processing team to prepare for a regulatory compliance audit and meet the following objectives:

- Reduce the number of potential findings by the auditors.
- Limit the scope of the audit to only devices used by the payment-processing team for activities directly impacted by the regulations.
- Prevent the external-facing web infrastructure used by other teams from coming into scope.
- Limit the amount of exposure the company will face if the systems used by the payment-processing team are compromised.

Which of the following would be the MOST effective way for the security team to meet these objectives?

- A. Limit the permissions to prevent other employees from accessing data owned by the business unit.
- B. Segment the servers and systems used by the business unit from the rest of the network.
- C. Deploy patches to all servers and workstations across the entire organization.
- D. Implement full-disk encryption on the laptops used by employees of the payment-processing team.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 8

A security analyst is investigating malicious traffic from an internal system that attempted to download proxy avoidance software as identified from the firewall logs but the destination IP is blocked and not captured. Which of the following should the analyst do?

- A. Shut down the computer
- B. Capture live data using Wireshark
- C. Take a snapshot
- D. Determine if DNS logging is enabled.
- E. Review the network logs.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 9

An organization developed a comprehensive incident response policy. Executive management approved the policy and its associated procedures. Which of the following activities would be MOST beneficial to evaluate personnel's familiarity with incident response procedures?

- A. A simulated breach scenario involving the incident response team
- B. Completion of annual information security awareness training by all employees
- C. Tabletop activities involving business continuity team members
- D. Completion of lessons-learned documentation by the computer security incident response team
- E. External and internal penetration testing by a third party

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 10

A company was recently awarded several large government contracts and wants to determine its current risk from one specific APT. Which of the following threat modeling methodologies would be the MOST appropriate to use during this analysis?

- A. Attack vectors
- B. Adversary capability
- C. Diamond Model of Intrusion Analysis
- D. Kill chain
- E. Total attack surface

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 10

A security analyst suspects a malware infection was caused by a user who downloaded malware after clicking `http://<malwaresource>/a.php` in a phishing email. To prevent other computers from being infected by the same malware variation, the analyst should create a rule on the.

- A. email server that automatically deletes attached executables.
- B. IDS to match the malware sample.
- C. proxy to block all connections to `<malwaresource>`.
- D. firewall to block connection attempts to dynamic DNS hosts.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 11

A Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) is concerned the development team, which consists of contractors, has too much access to customer data. Developers use personal workstations, giving the company little to no visibility into the development activities.

Which of the following would be BEST to implement to alleviate the CISO's concern?

- A. DLP
- B. Encryption
- C. Test data
- D. NDA

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 14

A company's Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) is concerned about the integrity of some highly confidential files. Any changes to these files must be tied back to a specific authorized user's activity session. Which of the following is the BEST technique to address the CISO's concerns?

- A. Configure DLP to reject all changes to the files without pre-authorization
- B. Monitor the files for unauthorized changes.
- C. Regularly use SHA-256 to hash the directory containing the sensitive information
- D. Monitor the files for unauthorized changes.
- E. Place a legal hold on the file
- F. Require authorized users to abide by a strict time context access policy. Monitor the files for unauthorized changes.
- G. Use Wireshark to scan all traffic to and from the directory
- H. Monitor the files for unauthorized changes.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 17

A monthly job to install approved vendor software updates and hot fixes recently stopped working. The security team performed a vulnerability scan, which identified several hosts as having some critical OS vulnerabilities, as referenced in the common vulnerabilities and exposures (CVE) database. Which of the following should the security team do NEXT to resolve the critical findings in the most effective manner? (Choose two.)

- A. Patch the required hosts with the correct updates and hot fixes, and rescan them for vulnerabilities.
- B. Remove the servers reported to have high and medium vulnerabilities.
- C. Tag the computers with critical findings as a business risk acceptance.
- D. Manually patch the computers on the network, as recommended on the CVE website.
- E. Harden the hosts on the network, as recommended by the NIST framework.
- F. Resolve the monthly job issues and test them before applying them to the production network.

Answer: CE

NEW QUESTION 18

A security analyst at a technology solutions firm has uncovered the same vulnerabilities on a vulnerability scan for a long period of time. The vulnerabilities are on systems that are dedicated to the firm's largest client. Which of the following is MOST likely inhibiting the remediation efforts?

- A. The parties have an MOU between them that could prevent shutting down the systems
- B. There is a potential disruption of the vendor-client relationship
- C. Patches for the vulnerabilities have not been fully tested by the software vendor
- D. There is an SLA with the client that allows very little downtime

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 19

As a proactive threat-hunting technique, hunters must develop situational cases based on likely attack scenarios derived from the available threat intelligence information. After forming the basis of the scenario, which of the following may the threat hunter construct to establish a framework for threat assessment?

- A. Critical asset list
- B. Threat vector
- C. Attack profile
- D. Hypothesis

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 23

An analyst has been asked to provide feedback regarding the control required by a revised regulatory framework. At this time, the analyst only needs to focus on the technical controls. Which of the following should the analyst provide an assessment of?

- A. Tokenization of sensitive data
- B. Establishment of data classifications
- C. Reporting on data retention and purging activities
- D. Formal identification of data ownership
- E. Execution of NDAs

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 25

Ann, a user, reports to the security team that her browser began redirecting her to random sites while using her Windows laptop. Ann further reports that the OS shows the C: drive is out of space despite having plenty of space recently. Ann claims she not downloaded anything. The security team obtains the laptop and begins to investigate, noting the following:

- File access auditing is turned off.
- When clearing up disk space to make the laptop functional, files that appear to be cached web pages are immediately created in a temporary directory, filling up the available drive space.
- All processes running appear to be legitimate processes for this user and machine.
- Network traffic spikes when the space is cleared on the laptop.
- No browser is open.

Which of the following initial actions and tools would provide the BEST approach to determining what is happening?

- A. Delete the temporary files, run an Nmap scan, and utilize Burp Suite.
- B. Disable the network connection, check Sysinternals Process Explorer, and review netstat output.
- C. Perform a hard power down of the laptop, take a dd image, and analyze with FTK.
- D. Review logins to the laptop, search Windows Event Viewer, and review Wireshark captures.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 27

A security analyst is reviewing a web application. If an unauthenticated user tries to access a page in the application, the user is redirected to the login page. After successful authentication, the user is then redirected back to the original page. Some users have reported receiving phishing emails with a link that takes them to the application login page but then redirects to a fake login page after successful authentication.

Which of the following will remediate this software vulnerability?

- A. Enforce unique session IDs for the application.
- B. Deploy a WAF in front of the web application.
- C. Check for and enforce the proper domain for the redirect.
- D. Use a parameterized query to check the credentials.
- E. Implement email filtering with anti-phishing protection.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 28

An organization needs to limit its exposure to accidental disclosure when employees send emails that contain personal information to recipients outside the company. Which of the following technical controls would BEST accomplish this goal?

- A. DLP
- B. Encryption
- C. Data masking
- D. SPF

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 30

An information security analyst is working with a data owner to identify the appropriate controls to preserve the confidentiality of data within an enterprise environment. One of the primary concerns is exfiltration of data by malicious insiders. Which of the following controls is the MOST appropriate to mitigate risks?

- A. Data deduplication
- B. OS fingerprinting
- C. Digital watermarking
- D. Data loss prevention

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 35

A development team is testing a new application release. The team needs to import existing client PHI data records from the production environment to the test environment to test accuracy and functionality.

Which of the following would BEST protect the sensitivity of this data while still allowing the team to perform the testing?

- A. Deidentification
- B. Encoding
- C. Encryption
- D. Watermarking

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 36

A finance department employee has received a message that appears to have been sent from the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) asking the employee to perform a wire transfer. Analysis of the email shows the message came from an external source and is fraudulent. Which of the following would work BEST to improve the likelihood of employees quickly recognizing fraudulent emails?

- A. Implementing a sandboxing solution for viewing emails and attachments
- B. Limiting email from the finance department to recipients on a pre-approved whitelist
- C. Configuring email client settings to display all messages in plaintext when read
- D. Adding a banner to incoming messages that identifies the messages as external

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 41

Which of the following technologies can be used to store digital certificates and is typically used in high-security implementations where integrity is paramount?

- A. HSM
- B. eFuse
- C. UEFI
- D. Self-encrypting drive

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 44

A security analyst receives an alert that highly sensitive information has left the company's network. Upon investigation, the analyst discovers an outside IP range has had connections from three servers more than 100 times in the past month. The affected servers are virtual machines. Which of the following is the BEST course of action?

- A. Shut down the servers as soon as possible, move them to a clean environment, restart, run a vulnerability scanner to find weaknesses, determine the root cause, remediate, and report.
- B. Report the data exfiltration to management, take the affected servers offline, conduct an antivirus scan, remediate all threats found, and return the servers to service.
- C. Disconnect the affected servers from the network, use the virtual machine console to access the systems, determine which information has left the network, find the security weakness, and remediate.
- D. Determine if any other servers have been affected, snapshot any servers found, determine the vector that was used to allow the data exfiltration, and report.
- E. Fix any vulnerabilities, remediate, and report.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 49

A small organization has proprietary software that is used internally. The system has not been well maintained and cannot be updated with the rest of the environment. Which of the following is the BEST solution?

- A. Virtualize the system and decommission the physical machine.
- B. Remove it from the network and require air gapping.
- C. Only allow access to the system via a jumpbox.
- D. Implement MFA on the specific system.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 52

A security analyst was alerted to a file integrity monitoring event based on a change to the `vhost-payments.conf` file. The output of the `diff` command against the known-good backup reads as follows:

```
SecRule ARGS:Card "@rx ([0-9]+)" "id:123456,pass,capture,proxy:https://10.0.0.128/%{matched_var},nolog,noauditlog"
```

Which of the following MOST likely occurred?

- A. The file was altered to accept payments without charging the cards.
- B. The file was altered to avoid logging credit card information.
- C. The file was altered to verify the card numbers are valid.
- D. The file was altered to harvest credit card numbers.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 53

A user receives a potentially malicious email that contains spelling errors and a PDF document. A security analyst reviews the email and decides to download the attachment to a Linux sandbox for review.

Which of the following commands would MOST likely indicate if the email is malicious?

- A. `sha256sum ~/Desktop/file.pdf`
- B. `file ~/Desktop/file.pdf`
- C. `strings ~/Desktop/file.pdf | grep "<script"`
- D. `cat < ~/Desktop/file.pdf | grep -i .exe`

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 55

A company's incident response team is handling a threat that was identified on the network. Security analysts have assets at remote sites. Which of the following is the MOST appropriate next step in the incident response plan?

- A. Quarantine the web server.
- B. Deploy virtual firewalls.
- C. Capture a forensic image of the memory and disk.
- D. Enable web server containerization.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 60

A malicious hacker wants to gather guest credentials on a hotel 802.11 network. Which of the following tools is the malicious hacker going to use to gain access to

information found on the hotel network?

- A. Nikto
- B. Aircrack-ng
- C. Nessus
- D. tcpdump

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 64

A security analyst is investigating a malware infection that occurred on a Windows system. The system was not connected to a network and had no wireless capability. Company policy prohibits using portable media or mobile storage. The security analyst is trying to determine which user caused the malware to get onto the system. Which of the following registry keys would MOST likely have this information?

- A)
`HKEY_USERS\\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run`
- B)
`HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run`
- C)
`HKEY_USERS\\Software\Microsoft\Windows\explorer\MountPoints2`
- D)
`HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\ControlSet001\services\eventlog\System\iusb3hub`

- A. Option A
- B. Option B
- C. Option C
- D. Option D

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 65

Which of the following policies would state an employee should not disable security safeguards, such as host firewalls and antivirus on company systems?

- A. Code of conduct policy
- B. Account management policy
- C. Password policy
- D. Acceptable use policy

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 70

A security analyst is reviewing vulnerability scan results and notices new workstations are being flagged as having outdated antivirus signatures. The analyst observes the following plugin output:

Antivirus is installed on the remote host:

Installation path: C:\Program Files\AVProduct\Win32\ Product Engine: 14.12.101

Engine Version: 3.5.71

Scanner does not currently have information about AVProduct version 3.5.71. It may no longer be supported.

The engine version is out of date. The oldest supported version from the vendor is 4.2.11. The analyst uses the vendor's website to confirm the oldest supported version is correct. Which of the following BEST describes the situation?

- A. This is a false positive, and the scanning plugin needs to be updated by the vendor.
- B. This is a true negative, and the new computers have the correct version of the software.
- C. This is a true positive, and the new computers were imaged with an old version of the software.
- D. This is a false negative, and the new computers need to be updated by the desktop team.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 75

A network attack that is exploiting a vulnerability in the SNMP is detected. Which of the following should the cybersecurity analyst do FIRST?

- A. Apply the required patches to remediate the vulnerability.
- B. Escalate the incident to senior management for guidance.
- C. Disable all privileged user accounts on the network.
- D. Temporarily block the attacking IP address.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 76

Which of the following technologies can be used to house the entropy keys for task encryption on desktops and laptops?

- A. Self-encrypting drive
- B. Bus encryption
- C. TPM
- D. HSM

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 79

A new on-premises application server was recently installed on the network. Remote access to the server was enabled for vendor support on required ports, but recent security reports show large amounts of data are being sent to various unauthorized networks through those ports. Which of the following configuration changes must be implemented to resolve this security issue while still allowing remote vendor access?

- A. Apply a firewall application server rule.
- B. Whitelist the application server.
- C. Sandbox the application server.
- D. Enable port security.
- E. Block the unauthorized networks.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 84

An audit has revealed an organization is utilizing a large number of servers that are running unsupported operating systems. As part of the management response phase of the audit, which of the following would BEST demonstrate senior management is appropriately aware of and addressing the issue?

- A. Copies of prior audits that did not identify the servers as an issue
- B. Project plans relating to the replacement of the servers that were approved by management
- C. Minutes from meetings in which risk assessment activities addressing the servers were discussed
- D. ACLs from perimeter firewalls showing blocked access to the servers
- E. Copies of change orders relating to the vulnerable servers

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 89

The help desk noticed a security analyst that emails from a new email server are not being sent out. The new email server was recently to the existing ones. The analyst runs the following command on the new server.

```
nslookup -type=txt exampledomain.org
"v=spf1 ip4:72.56.48.0/28 -all"
...
```

Given the output, which of the following should the security analyst check NEXT?

- A. The DNS name of the new email server
- B. The version of SPF that is being used
- C. The IP address of the new email server
- D. The DMARC policy

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 94

During an investigation, a security analyst identified machines that are infected with malware the antivirus was unable to detect. Which of the following is the BEST place to acquire evidence to perform data carving?

- A. The system memory
- B. The hard drive
- C. Network packets
- D. The Windows Registry

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 98

A security analyst is investigating a compromised Linux server. The analyst issues the ps command and receives the following output.

```
1286  ?  Ss  0:00  /usr/sbin/cupsd -f
1287  ?  Ss  0:00  /usr/sbin/httpd
1297  ?  SsL 0:00  /usr/bin/libvirtd
1301  ?  Ss  0:00  ./usr/sbin/sshd -D
1308  ?  Ss  0:00  /usr/sbin/atd -f
```

Which of the following commands should the administrator run NEXT to further analyze the compromised system?

- A. strace /proc/1301
- B. rpm -V openash-server
- C. /bin/la -1 /proc/1301/exe
- D. kill -9 1301

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 99

An information security analyst is reviewing backup data sets as part of a project focused on eliminating archival data sets. Which of the following should be considered FIRST prior to disposing of the electronic data?

- A. Sanitization policy

- B. Data sovereignty
- C. Encryption policy
- D. Retention standards

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 104

A security analyst has received reports of very slow, intermittent access to a public-facing corporate server. Suspecting the system may be compromised, the analyst runs the following commands:

```
[root@www18 /tmp]# uptime
19:23:35 up 2:33, 1 user, load average: 87.22, 79.69, 72.17
[root@www18 /tmp]# crontab -l
* * * * * /tmp/.t/t
[root@www18 /tmp]# ps ax | grep tmp
1325 ? Ss 0:00 /tmp/.t/t
[root@www18 /tmp]# netstat -anlp
tcp 0 0 0.0.0.0:22 172.168.0.0:* ESTABLISHED 1204/sshd
tcp 0 0 127.0.0.1:631 0.0.0.0:* LISTEN 1214/cupsd
tcp 0 0 0.0.0.0:443 0.0.0.0:* LISTEN 1267/httpd
```

Based on the output from the above commands, which of the following should the analyst do NEXT to further the investigation?

- A. Run `crontab -r; rm -rf /tmp/.t` to remove and disable the malware on the system.
- B. Examine the server logs for further indicators of compromise of a web application.
- C. Run `kill -9 1325` to bring the load average down so the server is usable again.
- D. Perform a binary analysis on the `/tmp/.t` file, as it is likely to be a rogue SSHD server.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 107

An analyst performs a routine scan of a host using Nmap and receives the following output:

```
$ nmap -sS 10.0.3.1
Starting Nmap 8.9 (http://nmap.org) at 2019-01-19 12:03 PST
Nmap scan report for 10.0.3.1
Host is up (0.00098s latency).
Not shown: 979 closed ports

PORT      STATE      SERVICE
20/tcp    filtered  ftp-data
21/tcp    filtered  ftp
22/tcp    open      ssh
23/tcp    open      telnet
80/tcp    open      http

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.840 seconds
```

Which of the following should the analyst investigate FIRST?

- A. Port 21
- B. Port 22
- C. Port 23
- D. Port 80

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 112

A large amount of confidential data was leaked during a recent security breach. As part of a forensic investigation, the security team needs to identify the various types of traffic that were captured between two compromised devices.

Which of the following should be used to identify the traffic?

- A. Carving
- B. Disk imaging
- C. Packet analysis
- D. Memory dump
- E. Hashing

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 114

An organization suspects it has had a breach, and it is trying to determine the potential impact. The organization knows the following:

- The source of the breach is linked to an IP located in a foreign country.
- The breach is isolated to the research and development servers.
- The hash values of the data before and after the breach are unchanged.
- The affected servers were regularly patched, and a recent scan showed no vulnerabilities.

Which of the following conclusions can be drawn with respect to the threat and impact? (Choose two.)

- A. The confidentiality of the data is unaffected.
- B. The threat is an APT.
- C. The source IP of the threat has been spoofed.
- D. The integrity of the data is unaffected.
- E. The threat is an insider.

Answer: BD

NEW QUESTION 117

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