

# IIA

## Exam Questions IIA-CIA-Part1

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



#### NEW QUESTION 1

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 2

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 3

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 4

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 5

According to IIA guidance, which of the following roles would be appropriate for an internal auditor regarding fraud risk?

- \* 1. Identification.
- \* 2. Mitigation.
- \* 3. Remediation.
- \* 4. Reduction.

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

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 6

Which of the following is most likely to enhance an internal auditor's objectivity?

- A. An auditor is appropriately able to communicate results.
- B. An auditor performs his work free from interference.
- C. An auditor is unrestricted in determination of scope.
- D. An auditor avoids conflicts of interest.

Answer: D

#### NEW QUESTION 7

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 8

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 9

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 10

Who is responsible for setting the risk appetite?

- A. External auditors.
- B. Chief risk officer.
- C. Operations management.
- D. Board of directors.

Answer: D

#### NEW QUESTION 10

Which of the following activities should the chief audit executive perform to ensure compliance with an organization's code of conduct?

- A. Act as an adviser to the committee responsible for reviewing violations of the code.
- B. Review and adjudicate all violations of the code of conduct.
- C. Lead the committee responsible for the oversight of the code.
- D. Implement a system of procedures to inform all employees of the code.

Answer: A

#### NEW QUESTION 15

Which of the following factors should be considered when determining the appropriate combination of manual techniques and computer-assisted audit techniques (CAATs) to be used during an audit?

- \* 1. Acceptance of CAATs findings by entity management.
- \* 2. Computer knowledge and expertise of the auditor.
- \* 3. Time constraints.
- \* 4. Level of audit risk.

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

Answer: D

#### NEW QUESTION 16

Reviewing prior audit reports and supporting workpapers before an engagement starts enables an internal auditor to do which of the following?

- \* 1. To understand better the activity and processes that will be audited.
- \* 2. To identify the audit procedures that will be used during the engagement.
- \* 3. To ensure that matters of greatest vulnerability will be addressed.
- \* 4. To use the information obtained as evidence in the current engagement.

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

**Answer: B**

**NEW QUESTION 17**

According to IIA guidance, the results of a formal quality assessment should be reported to which of the following groups?

- A. The audit committee and senior management.
- B. The audit committee and the external auditors.
- C. Senior management and management of the audited area.
- D. Senior management and the external auditors.

**Answer: A**

**NEW QUESTION 19**

Which of the following actions should the audit committee take to promote organizational independence for the internal audit activity?

- A. Delegate final approval of the risk-based internal audit plan to the chief audit executive (CAE).
- B. Approve the annual budget and resource plan for the internal audit activity.
- C. Assist the CAE with hiring objective and competent internal audit staff.
- D. Encourage the CAE to communicate and coordinate with the external auditor.

**Answer: A**

**NEW QUESTION 20**

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 25**

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 28**

Which of the following actions best demonstrates that an internal auditor is exercising due professional care?

- A. The auditor performs thorough reviews and provides absolute assurance of regulatory compliance.
- B. The auditor is alert to the possibility of fraud and activities where irregularities are most likely to occur.
- C. The auditor recommends improvements for all of the organization's procedures and practices.
- D. The auditor is cognizant of reducing travel expenses by combining a personal vacation with a business trip.

**Answer: B**

**NEW QUESTION 29**

Which of the following activities is most likely to require a fraud specialist to supplement the knowledge and skills of the internal audit activity?

- A. Planning an engagement of the area in which fraud is suspected.
- B. Employing audit tests to detect fraud.
- C. Interrogating a suspected fraudster.
- D. Completing a process review to improve controls to prevent fraud.

**Answer: B**

**NEW QUESTION 33**

A snow removal company is conducting a scenario planning exercise where participating employees consider the potential impacts of a significant reduction in annual snowfall for the coming winter. Which of the following best describes this type of risk?

- A. Residual.
- B. Net.
- C. Inherent.
- D. Accepted.

Answer: C

**NEW QUESTION 34**

Sometimes, internal audit staff may partner with operating managers to rank risks. Which of the following outcomes may be the most beneficial aspects of this strategy?

- \* 1. Reappraising risks levels.
- \* 2. Providing accurate information to management.
- \* 3. Marketing the internal audit activity.
- \* 4. Planning safeguards for assets in high-risk areas.

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

Answer: B

**NEW QUESTION 36**

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 38**

As a matter of policy, the chief audit executive routinely rotates internal audit staff assignments and periodically interviews the staff to discuss the potential for conflicts of interest. These actions help fulfill which of the following internal audit mandates?

- A. Organizational independence.
- B. Professional objectivity.
- C. Due professional care.
- D. Individual proficiency.

Answer: B

**NEW QUESTION 43**

Which of the following are core responsibilities to be included in the internal audit charter?

- \* 1. Review reliability and integrity of financial and operating information and the means used to identify, measure, classify, and report such information.
- \* 2. Determine the adequacy and effectiveness of the organization's systems of internal accounting and operating controls.
- \* 3. Participate in the planning and performance of audits of potential acquisitions with the organization's outside accountants and other members of the corporate staff.
- \* 4. Report to those members of management who should be informed of results of audit examinations, the audit opinions formed, and the recommendations made.

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

Answer: A

**NEW QUESTION 48**

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 52**

When developing the organization's first risk universe, which of the following would the chief audit executive be least likely to consider?

- A. The amount of risk that an organization is willing to seek or accept.
- B. The extent and degree of interdependency for identified key risks.
- C. The boundaries established to manage the amount of risk taken.
- D. The exposure to risks following management's risk responses.

Answer: D

**NEW QUESTION 54**

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 55**

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 59**

According to IIA guidance, which of the following describes the primary reason to implement environmental and social safeguards within an organization?

- A. To enable Triple Bottom Line reporting capability.
- B. To facilitate the conduct of risk assessment.
- C. To achieve and maintain sustainable development.
- D. To fulfill regulatory and compliance requirements.

**Answer: C**

#### **NEW QUESTION 63**

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 67**

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 72**

An organization is beginning to implement an enterprise risk management program. One of the first steps is to develop a common risk language. Which of the following statements about a common risk language is true?

- A. Management will be able to reduce inherent risk because they will have a better understanding of risk.
- B. Internal auditors will be able to reduce their sample sizes because controls will be more consistent.
- C. Stakeholders will have more assurance that the risks are assessed consistently.
- D. Decision makers will understand that the likelihood of missing or ineffective controls will be reduced.

**Answer: C**

#### **NEW QUESTION 73**

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 75**

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 80

Which of the following are components of the ISO 31000 risk management process?

- \* 1. Setting the context.
- \* 2. Risk treatment.
- \* 3. Risk avoidance.
- \* 4. Communication.

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

**Answer: A**

#### NEW QUESTION 85

Which of the following is an activity that an internal auditor must not perform?

- A. Establish and provide continuing assurance on an anti-money laundering program for new hires.
- B. Survey employees for their understanding of anti-money laundering practices.
- C. Provide assurance for the effectiveness of anti-money laundering training.
- D. Assess the risk of being fined for ineffective anti-money laundering practices.

**Answer: A**

#### NEW QUESTION 86

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 87

Non-statistical sampling does not require which of the following?

- A. The sample to be representative of the population.
- B. The sample to be selected haphazardly.
- C. A smaller sample size than if selected using statistical sampling.
- D. Projecting the results to the population.

**Answer: C**

#### NEW QUESTION 92

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 97

A fraud investigation was completed by management, and a proven fraud was communicated to relevant authorities. According to MA guidance, which of the following roles would be most appropriate for the internal audit activity to undertake after the investigation?

- A. Plan employee sessions and team building strategies for the organization to improve awareness of fraud among employees.
- B. Review the investigation and implement any improvements to the process.
- C. Conduct lessons learned sessions to ascertain how the fraud occurred and which controls failed.
- D. Determine why The fraud was not detected earlier and design controls to strengthen early detection.

**Answer: C**

#### NEW QUESTION 101

Which of the following controls could an internal auditor reasonably conclude is effective by observing the physical controls of a large server room?

- A. Adequate signs are in place to assist in locating safety equipment.
- B. Servers are secured individually to their racks by locks.
- C. Foam fire extinguishers are operable to protect against electrical fires.
- D. Swipe card access is required to gain access to the server room.

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 102

An internal auditor wants to sample data to test an audit theory in a cost-effective way. Which of the following sampling strategies should she use?

- A. Statistical sampling only
- B. Nonstatistical sampling only
- C. A combination of both statistical and nonstatistical sampling.
- D. Neither approach to testing the audit theory would be cost effective.

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 105

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 110

An internal audit activity includes in its audit reports the assertion that its work is performed in conformance with the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing (Standards). A recent external quality assessment concluded that the internal audit activity had substantial deficiencies that impact its overall operations. According to IIA guidance, which of the following is the most appropriate action for issuing future audit reports?

- A. Refrain from indicating that the internal audit activity operates in conformance with the Standards until the chief audit executive confirms that the internal audit activity has addressed all areas of nonconformance and the audit committee has been notified.
- B. Refrain from indicating that the internal audit activity operates in conformance with the Standards until another external assessment confirms that the significant areas of nonconformance have been addressed.
- C. Indicate that the internal audit activity operates in partial conformance with the Standards, as the internal audit activity has a quality assurance and improvement program in place to address deficiencies and has met the requirement for conducting an external assessment.
- D. Update and reissue previous audit reports, removing the assertion that the internal audit activity operates in conformance with the Standards, and distribute them to all parties who received the original reports.

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 115

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 118

Which of the following is a weakness of observation as audit evidence?

- A. It cannot be used to test the completeness assertion.
- B. It cannot be used to test the existence assertion.
- C. It cannot be used to test the occurrence assertion.
- D. It cannot be relied upon because the evidence is not persuasive.

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 119

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 124**

Which of the following best describes the misdirection of payments on accounts receivable to an employee's bank account?

- A. Fraud open on the books.
- B. Fraud hidden on the books.
- C. Fraud off the books.
- D. Fraud on the balance sheet.

**Answer: C**

**NEW QUESTION 128**

According to IIA guidance, which of the following must the internal auditor consider to meet the requirements for due professional care?

- A. The training courses necessary to enhance the internal auditor's knowledge, skills, and other competencies.
- B. The appropriateness of assurance procedures necessary to ensure all significant risks will be identified.
- C. The use of innovative technology and data analysis techniques.
- D. The extent of work needed to achieve the engagement's objectives.

**Answer: D**

**NEW QUESTION 133**

A new internal audit activity is creating its first charter. According to IIA guidance, which of the following objectives would be appropriate for inclusion in the charter?

- A. Continuously monitor the organization's overall risk activities in relation to its risk appetite.
- B. Evaluate the adequacy and effectiveness of the organization's governance activities.
- C. Oversee the establishment and administration of an effective risk management program.
- D. Assist management in implementing recommended control improvements.

**Answer: C**

**NEW QUESTION 136**

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 140**

A furniture manufacturer has installed a new fire sprinkler system at its central warehouse and canceled the existing fire insurance policy on that property. What change of risk response strategy does this course of action most likely reflect?

- A. From sharing to reduction.
- B. From acceptance to reduction.
- C. From sharing to avoidance.
- D. From acceptance to avoidance.

**Answer: A**

**NEW QUESTION 143**

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 147**

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 151**

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