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*To my girls*

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# Introduction

If you're picking up this book, there's a good chance that you want to pass the CompTIA A+ exam. It means that you're likely either an IT professional looking for certifications or someone who has a bit of computer knowledge and wants to start an IT career. The A+ exam was the first certification test I passed, and the knowledge I gained from studying for it still helps me more than 20 years later, even though much has changed.

While I'm confident that if you can answer all the questions in this book, you can pass the exam, I encourage you to go beyond memorizing questions and answers. One reason is that the questions on the actual exams will be different than the ones written for this book. Another (better) reason is that life isn't a multiple-choice exam. When you're in the field and trying to fix a computer, you won't have the answers given to you—you need to have a solid base of knowledge to work from.

*CompTIA A+ Practice Tests*, combined with the Sybex *CompTIA A+ Complete Study Guide* (both the Standard and Deluxe Editions), will help give you the foundation you need to pass the exams. Study them well, and they will also give you the tools you need to navigate a myriad of technical topics and make you more valuable to prospective employers.

## What Is A+ Certification?

The A+ certification program was developed by the Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA) to provide an industry-wide means of certifying the competency of computer service technicians. The A+ certification is granted to those who have attained the level of knowledge and troubleshooting skills that are needed to provide capable support in the field of personal computers and mobile devices. It is similar to other certifications in the computer industry, such as the Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) program and the Microsoft certification programs. The theory behind these certifications is that if you need to have service performed on any of their products, you would prefer to use a technician who has been certified in one of the appropriate certification programs rather than just the first “expert” that pops up in a Google search. The difference with A+ is that it’s an industry-wide certification and vendor agnostic. That means by passing it, you’re capable of handling different issues regardless of software or hardware vendor.

Everyone must take and pass two exams: 220-901 and 220-902. You don’t have to take the 220-901 exam and the 220-902 exam at the same time, but the A+ certification isn’t awarded until you’ve passed both tests.

Tests are administered by CompTIA’s global testing partner, Pearson VUE. For more information on taking the exam, visit the CompTIA website at [www.comptia.org](http://www.comptia.org). You can also visit Pearson VUE at [www.pearsonvue.com](http://www.pearsonvue.com).

## Who Should Buy This Book?

If you want to pass the A+ exam, this book is definitely for you. The nature of this book is an exam prep book. If you're an experienced computer professional, a book like this may be all you need to pass the exam.

However, a book of exam questions isn't designed to give you all the background you need to truly understand the basics of personal computers and mobile devices. If you're newer to the industry, I encourage you to buy a study guide as well, such as the Sybex *CompTIA A+ Complete Study Guide*. The study guide will provide more depth and context to help you acquire the skills and knowledge you need to be successful. This book then becomes a great companion as you prepare to take the exam.

# How to Use This Book and the Interactive Online Learning Environment and Test Bank

This book includes 1,200 practice test questions, which will help you get ready to pass the A+ exam. The interactive online learning environment that accompanies the CompTIA A+ Practice Tests provides a robust test bank to help you prepare for the certification exams and increase your chances of passing them the first time! By using this test bank, you can identify weak areas up front and then develop a solid studying strategy using each of these testing features.

The test bank also offers two practice exams. Take these practice exams just as if you were taking the actual exam (without any reference material). When you've finished the first exam, move on to the next one to solidify your test-taking skills. If you get more than 90 percent of the answers correct, you're ready to take the certification exams.



You can access the Sybex interactive online test bank at <http://www.wiley.com/go/Sybextestprep>.



## Tips for Taking the A+ Exams

Here are some general tips for taking your exams successfully:

- Bring two forms of ID with you. One must be a photo ID, such as a driver's license. The other can be a major credit card or a passport. Both forms must include a signature.
- Arrive early at the exam center so you can relax and review your study materials, particularly tables and lists of exam-related information.
- Read the questions carefully. Don't be tempted to jump to an early conclusion. Make sure you know exactly what the question is asking.
- Don't leave any unanswered questions. Unanswered questions are scored against you.
- There will be questions with multiple correct responses. When there is more than one correct answer, a message at the bottom of the screen will prompt you to either "Choose two" or "Choose all that apply." Be sure to read the messages displayed to know how many correct answers you must choose.
- When answering multiple-choice questions you're not sure about, use a process of elimination to get rid of the obviously incorrect answers first. Doing so will improve your odds if you need to make an educated guess.
- On form-based tests (nonadaptive), because the hard questions will eat up the most time, save them for last. You can move forward and backward through the exam.
- For the latest pricing on the exams and updates to the registration procedures, visit CompTIA's website at [www.comptia.org](http://www.comptia.org).

## **Exam Objectives**

CompTIA goes to great lengths to ensure that its certification programs accurately reflect the IT industry's best practices. The company does this by establishing Cornerstone Committees for each of its exam programs. Each committee comprises a small group of IT professionals, training providers, and publishers who are responsible for establishing the exam's baseline competency level and who determine the appropriate target audience level.

Once these factors are determined, CompTIA shares this information with a group of hand-selected subject-matter experts (SMEs). These folks are the true brainpower behind the certification program. They review the committee's findings, refine them, and shape them into the objectives you see before you. CompTIA calls this process a Job Task Analysis (JTA).

Finally, CompTIA conducts a survey to ensure that the objectives and weightings truly reflect the job requirements. Only then can the SMEs go to work writing the hundreds of questions needed for the exam. And, in many cases, they have to go back to the drawing board for further refinements before the exam is ready to go live in its final state. So, rest assured, the content you're about to learn will serve you long after you take the exam.

# A+ Certification Exam Objectives: 220-901

The following table lists the domains measured by this examination and the extent to which they are represented on the exam:

Domain	Percentage of Exam
1.0 Hardware	34%
2.0 Networking	21%
3.0 Mobile Devices	17%
4.0 Hardware & Network Troubleshooting	28%
Total	100%

Objective	Chapter
<b>1.0 Hardware</b>	
1.1 Given a scenario, configure settings and use BIOS/UEFI tools on a PC	1, 10
Firmware upgrades/flash BIOS BIOS component information: RAM; hard drive; optical drive; CPU BIOS configurations: Boot sequence; enabling and disabling devices; date/time; clock speeds; virtualization support; BIOS security (passwords, drive encryption: TPM, LoJack, secure boot) Built-in diagnostics Monitoring: Temperature monitoring; fan speeds; intrusion detection/notification; voltage; clock; bus speed	1
1.2 Explain the importance of motherboard components, their purpose and properties	1, 10
Sizes: ATX; Micro-ATX; Mini-ITX; ITX Expansion slots: PCI; PCI-X; PCIe; miniPCI RAM slots CPU sockets Chipsets: Northbridge; Southbridge	1, 10

CMOS battery Power connections and types Fan connectors Front/Top panel connectors: USB; audio; power button; power light; drive activity lights Bus speeds Reset button	
1.3 Compare and contrast RAM types and their features	1, 10
Types: DDR; DDR2; DDR3; SODIMM; DIMM; parity vs. non-parity; ECC vs. non-ECC; RAM configurations (single channel vs. dual channel vs. triple channel); single sided vs. double sided; buffered vs. unbuffered; RAM compatibility	1, 10
1.4 Install and configure PC expansion cards	1, 10
Sound cards Video cards Network cards USB cards Firewire cards Thunderbolt cards Storage cards Modem cards Wireless/cellular cards TV tuner cards Video capture cards Riser cards	1, 10
1.5 Install and configure storage devices and use appropriate media	1, 10
Optical drives: CD-ROM/CD-RW; DVD-ROM/DVD-RW/DVD-RW DL; Blu-ray; BD-R; BD-RE Magnetic hard disk drives: 5400 rpm; 7200 rpm; 10,000 rpm Hot swappable drives Solid state/flash drives: Compact flash; SD; MicroSD; MiniSD; xD; SSD; hybrid; eMMC RAID types: 0; 1; 5; 10 Tape drive	1, 10

Media capacity: CD; CD-RW; DVD-RW; DVD; Blu-ray; tape; DVD DL	
1.6 Install various types of CPUs and apply the appropriate cooling methods	1, 10
Socket types: Intel (775, 1155, 1156, 1366, 1150, 2011); AMD (AM3, AM3+, FM1, FM2, FM2+) Characteristics: speeds; cores; cache size/type; hyperthreading; virtualization support; architecture (32-bit vs. 64-bit); integrated GPU; disable execute bit Cooling: heat sink; fans; thermal paste; liquid-based; fanless/passive	1, 10
1.7 Compare and contrast various PC connection interfaces, their characteristics and purpose	1, 10
Physical connections: USB 1.1 vs. 2.0 vs. 3.0 (Connector types: A, B, mini, micro) Firewire 400 vs. Firewire 800 SATA1 vs. SATA2 vs. SATA3, eSATA Other connector types: VGA; HDMI; DVI; Audio (analog, digital (optical connector)); RJ-45; RJ-11; Thunderbolt Wireless connections: Bluetooth; RF; IR; NFC Characteristics: analog; digital; distance limitations; data transfer speeds; quality; frequencies	1, 10
1.8 Install a power supply based on given specifications	1, 10
Connector types and their voltages: SATA; Molex; 4/8-pin 12v; PCIe 6/8-pin; 20-pin; 24-pin Specifications: wattage; dual rail; size; number of connectors; ATX; MicroATX; dual voltage options	1, 10
1.9 Given a scenario, select the appropriate components for a custom PC configuration to meet customer specifications or needs	1, 10
Graphic/CAD/CAM design workstation: multicore processor, high-end video, maximum RAM Audio/video editing workstation: specialized audio and video card, large fast hard drive, dual monitors Virtualization workstation: maximum RAM and CPU	1, 10

cores Gaming PC: multicore processor, high-end video/specialized GPU, high-definition sound card, high-end cooling Home theater PC: surround sound audio, HDMI output, HTPC compact form factor, TV tuner Standard thick client: desktop applications, meets recommended requirements for selected OS Thin client: basic applications, meets minimum requirements for selected OS; network connectivity Home server PC: media streaming, file sharing, print sharing, Gigabit NIC, RAID array	
1.10 Compare and contrast types of display devices and their features	1, 10
Types: LCD (TN vs. IPS; fluorescent vs. LED backlighting); plasma; projector; OLED Refresh/frame rates Resolution Native resolution Brightness/lumens Analog vs. digital Privacy/antiglare filters Multiple displays Aspect ratios: 16:9; 16:10; 4:3	1, 10
1.11 Identify common PC connector types and associated cables	1, 10
Display connector types: DVI-D; DVI-I; DVI-A; DisplayPort; RCA; HD15 (i.e. DE15 or DB15); BNC; miniHDMI; miniDin-6 Display cable types: HDMI; DVI; VGA; component; composite; coaxial Device cables and connectors: SATA; eSATA; USB; Firewire (IEEE1394); PS/2; audio Adapters and converters: DVI to HDMI; USB A to USB B; USB to Ethernet; DVI to VGA; Thunderbolt to DVI; PS/2 to USB; HDMI to VGA	1, 10

1.12 Install and configure common peripheral devices	1, 10
Input devices: mouse; keyboard; scanner; barcode reader; biometric devices; game pads; joysticks; digitizer; motion sensor; touch pads; smart card readers; digital cameras; microphone; webcam; camcorder Output devices: printers; speakers; display devices Input & output devices: touch screen; KVM; smart TV; set-top box; MIDI-enabled devices	1, 10
1.13 Install SOHO multifunction device/printers and configure appropriate settings	1, 10
Use appropriate drivers for a given operating system: Configuration settings (duplex; collate; orientation; quality) Device sharing: wired (USB; serial; Ethernet); wireless (Bluetooth; 802.11(a/b/g/n/ac); infrastructure vs. ad hoc); integrated print server (hardware); cloud printing/remote printing Public/shared devices: sharing local/networked device via operating system settings (TCP/Bonjour/AirPrint); data privacy (user authentication on the device; hard drive caching)	1, 10
1.14 Compare and contrast differences between the various print technologies and the associated imaging process	1, 10
Laser: imaging drum, fuser assembly, transfer belt, transfer roller, pickup rollers, separate pads, duplexing assembly. Imaging process: processing, charging, exposing, developing, transferring, fusing and cleaning Inkjet: ink cartridge, print head, roller, feeder, duplexing assembly, carriage and belt; calibration Thermal: Feed assembly, heating element; special thermal paper Impact: Print head, ribbon, tractor feed; impact paper Virtual: print to file; print to PDF; print to XPS; print to image	1, 10
1.15 Given a scenario, perform appropriate printer maintenance	1, 10

<p>Laser: replacing toner, applying maintenance kit, calibration, cleaning</p> <p>Thermal: replace paper, clean heating element, remove debris</p> <p>Impact: replace ribbon, replace print head, replace paper</p> <p>Inkjet: clean heads, replace cartridges, calibration, clear jams</p>	1, 10
<b>2.0 Networking</b>	
2.1 Identify the various types of network cables and connectors	2, 10
<p>Fiber: Connectors: SC, ST, and LC</p> <p>Twisted Pair: Connectors: RJ-11, RJ-45; wiring standards: T568A, T568B</p> <p>Coaxial: Connectors: BNC, F-connector</p>	2, 10
2.2 Compare and contrast the characteristics of connectors and cabling	2, 10
<p>Fiber: Types (single-mode vs. multi-mode); speed and transmission limitations</p> <p>Twisted pair: Types: STP, UTP, CAT3, CAT5, CAT5e, CAT6, CAT6e, CAT7, plenum, PVC; speed and transmission limitations; splitters and effects on signal quality</p> <p>Coaxial: Types: RG-6, RG-59; speed and transmission limitations; splitters and effects on signal quality</p>	2, 10
2.3 Explain the properties and characteristics of TCP/IP	2, 10
<p>IPv4 vs. IPv6</p> <p>Public vs. private vs. APIPA/link local</p> <p>Static vs. dynamic</p> <p>Client-side DNS settings</p> <p>Client-side DHCP</p> <p>Subnet mask vs. CIDR</p> <p>Gateway</p>	2, 10
2.4 Explain common TCP and UDP ports, protocols, and their purpose	2, 10
Ports: 21 – FTP; 22 – SSH; 23 – TELNET; 25 – SMTP;	2, 10



53 – DNS; 80 – HTTP; 110 – POP3; 143 – IMAP; 443 – HTTPS; 3389 – RDP; 137–139 – NetBIOS/NetBT, 445 – SMB/CIFS; 427 – SLP; 548 – AFP Protocols: DHCP; DNS; LDAP; SNMP; SMB; CIFS; SSH; AFP TCP vs. UDP	
2.5 Compare and contrast various WiFi networking standards and encryption types	2, 10
Standards: 802.11 (a/b/g/n/ac); speeds, distances and frequencies Encryption types: WEP; WPA; WPA2; TKIP; AES	2, 10
2.6 Given a scenario, install and configure SOHO wireless/wired router and apply appropriate settings	2, 10
Channels Port forwarding, port triggering DHCP (on/off) DMZ NAT/DNAT Basic QoS Firmware UPnP	2, 10
2.7 Compare and contrast Internet connection types, network types and their features	2, 10
Internet connection types: cable; DSL; dial-up; fiber; satellite; ISDN; cellular (tethering; mobile hotspot); line-of-sight wireless Internet service Network types: LAN; WAN; PAN; MAN	2, 10
2.8 Compare and contrast network architecture devices, their functions and features	2, 10
Hub Switch Router Access point Bridge Modem Firewall	2, 10

Patch panel Repeaters/extenders Ethernet over Power Power over Ethernet injector	
2.9 Given a scenario, use appropriate networking tools	2, 10
Crimper Cable stripper Multimeter Toner generator and probe Cable tester Loopback plug Punchdown tool WiFi analyzer	2, 10
<b>3.0 Mobile Devices</b>	
3.1 Install and configure laptop hardware and components	3, 10
Expansion options: express card /34; express card /54; SODIMM; Flash; ports/adapters (Thunderbolt; DisplayPort; USB to RJ-45 dongle; USB to WiFi dongle; USB to Bluetooth; USB optical drive) Hardware/device replacement: keyboard; hard drive (SSD vs. hybrid vs. magnetic disk; 1.8in vs. 2.5in); memory; smart card reader; optical drive; wireless card; Mini-PCIe; screen; DC jack; battery; touchpad; plastics/frames; speaker; system board; CPU	3, 10
3.2 Explain the functions of components within the display of a laptop	3, 10
Types: LCD (TN vs. IPS; fluorescent vs. LED backlighting); OLED WiFi antenna connector/placement Webcam Microphone Inverter Digitizer	3, 10
3.3 Given a scenario, use appropriate laptop features	3, 10
Special function keys: dual displays; wireless (on/off);	3, 10

cellular (on/off); volume settings; screen brightness; Bluetooth (on/off); keyboard backlight; touch pad (on/off); screen orientation; media options (fast forward/rewind); GPS (on/off); airplane mode Docking station Physical laptop lock and cable lock Rotating/removable screens	
3.4 Explain the characteristics of various types of other mobile devices	3, 10
Tablets Smartphones Wearable technology devices: smart watches; fitness monitors; glasses and headsets Phablets e-Readers Smart camera GPS	3, 10
3.5 Compare and contrast accessories and ports of other mobile devices	3, 10
Connection types: NFC; proprietary vendor-specific ports (communication/ power); microUSB/miniUSB; Lightning; Bluetooth; IR; hotspot/tethering Accessories: headsets; speakers; game pads; docking stations; extra battery packs/battery chargers; protective covers/water proofing; credit card readers; memory/MicroSD	3, 10
<b>4.0 Hardware and Network Troubleshooting</b>	
4.1 Given a scenario, troubleshoot common problems related to motherboards, RAM, CPU and power with appropriate tools	4, 10
Common symptoms: unexpected shutdowns; system lockups; POST code beeps; blank screen on bootup; BIOS time and settings resets; attempts to boot to incorrect device; continuous reboots; no power; overheating; loud noise; intermittent device failure; fans spin—no power to other devices;	4, 10

indicator lights; smoke; burning smell; proprietary crash screens (BSOD/pin wheel); distended capacitors Tools: multimeter; power supply tester; loopback plugs; POST card/USB	
4.2 Given a scenario, troubleshoot hard drives and RAID arrays with appropriate tools	4, 10
Common symptoms: read/write failure; slow performance; loud clicking noise; failure to boot; drive not recognized; OS not found; RAID not found; RAID stops working; proprietary crash screens (BSOD/pin wheel); S.M.A.R.T. errors Tools: screwdriver; external enclosures; CHKDSK; FORMAT; file recovery software; bootrec; diskpart; defragmentation tool	4, 10
4.3 Given a scenario, troubleshoot common video, projector and display issues	4, 10
Common symptoms: VGA mode; no image on screen; overheat shutdown; dead pixels; artifacts; color patterns incorrect; dim image; flickering image; distorted image; distorted geometry; burn-in; oversized images and icons	4, 10
4.4 Given a scenario, troubleshoot wired and wireless networks with appropriate tools	4, 10
Common symptoms: no connectivity; APIPA/link local address; limited connectivity; local connectivity; intermittent connectivity; IP conflict; slow transfer speeds; low RF signal; SSID not found Hardware tools: cable tester; loopback plug; punchdown tools; tone generator and probe; wire strippers; crimper; wireless locator Command line tools: PING; IPCONFIG/IFCONFIG; TRACERT; NETSTAT; NBTSTAT; NET; NETDOM; NSLOOKUP	4, 10
4.5 Given a scenario, troubleshoot and repair common mobile device issues while adhering to the appropriate procedures	4, 10
Common symptoms: no display; dim display; flickering	4, 10

display; sticking keys; intermittent wireless; battery not charging; ghost cursor/pointer drift; no power; num lock indicator lights; no wireless connectivity; no Bluetooth connectivity; cannot display to external monitor; touchscreen non-responsive; apps not loading; slow performance; unable to decrypt email; extremely short battery life; overheating; frozen system; no sound from speakers; GPS not functioning; swollen battery Disassembling processes for proper re-assembly: document and label cable and screw locations; organize parts; refer to manufacturer resources; use appropriate hand tools	
4.6 Given a scenario, troubleshoot printers with appropriate tools	4, 10
Common symptoms: streaks; faded prints; ghost images; toner not fused to the paper; creased paper; paper not feeding; paper jam; no connectivity; garbled characters on paper; vertical lines on page; backed up print queue; low memory errors; access denied; printer will not print; color prints in wrong print color; unable to install printer; error codes; printing blank pages; no image on printer display Tools: maintenance kit; toner vacuum; compressed air; printer spooler	4, 10

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The following table lists the domains measured by this examination and the extent to which they are represented on the exam.

Domain	Percentage of Exam
1.0 Windows Operating Systems	29%
2.0 Other Operating Systems & Technologies	12%
3.0 Security	22%
4.0 Software Troubleshooting	24%
5.0 Operational Procedures	13%
Total	100%

Objective	Chapter
<b>1.0 Windows Operating Systems</b>	
1.1 Compare and contrast various features and requirements of Microsoft Operating Systems (Windows Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8, Windows 8.1)	5, 11
Features: 32-bit vs. 64-bit; Aero, gadgets, user account control, BitLocker, shadow copy, system restore, ready boost, sidebar, compatibility mode, virtual XP mode, easy transfer, administrative tools, defender, Windows firewall, security center, event viewer, file structure and paths, category view vs. classic view, side-by-side apps, Metro UI, pinning, One Drive, Windows store, multimonitor task bars, charms, start screen, PowerShell, Live sign in, Action Center Upgrade paths—differences between in place upgrades; compatibility tools; Windows upgrade OS advisor	5, 11
1.2 Given a scenario, install Windows PC operating systems using appropriate methods	5, 11
Boot methods: USB; CD-ROM; DVD; PXE; solid	5, 11

<p>state/flash drives; netboot; external/hot swappable drive; internal hard drive (partition)</p> <p>Type of installations: unattended installation; upgrade; clean install; repair installation; multiboot; remote network installation; image deployment; recovery partition; refresh/restore</p> <p>Partitioning: dynamic; basic; primary; extended; logical; GPT</p> <p>File system types/formatting: exFAT; FAT32; NTFS; CDFS; NFS; ext3, ext4; quick format vs. full format</p> <p>Load alternate third-party drivers when necessary</p> <p>Workgroup vs. domain setup</p> <p>Time/date/region/language settings</p> <p>Driver installation, software and windows updates</p> <p>Factory recovery partition</p> <p>Properly formatted boot drive with the correct partition/format</p>	
1.3 Given a scenario, apply appropriate Microsoft command line tools	5, 11
<p>TASKKILL; BOOTREC; SHUTDOWN; TASKLIST; MD; RD; CD; DEL; FORMAT; COPY; XCOPY; ROBOCOPY; DISKPART; SFC; CHKDSK; GPUPDATE; GPRESULT; DIR; EXIT; HELP; EXPAND; [command name] /?;</p> <p>commands available with standard privileges vs. administrative privileges</p>	5, 11
1.4 Given a scenario, use appropriate Microsoft operating system features and tools	5, 11
<p>Administrative: computer management; device manager; local users and groups; local security policy; performance monitor; services; system configuration; task scheduler; component services; data sources; print management; Windows memory diagnostics; Windows firewall; advanced security</p> <p>MSCONFIG: general; boot; services; startup; tools</p> <p>Task Manager: applications; processes; performance; networking; users</p> <p>Disk management: drive status; mounting; initializing;</p>	5, 11

<p>extending partitions; splitting partitions; shrink partitions; assigning/changing drive letters; adding drives; adding arrays; storage spaces</p> <p>Other: User State Migration tool (USMT); Windows Easy Transfer; Windows Upgrade Advisor</p> <p>System utilities: REGEDIT; COMMAND; SERVICES.MSC; MMC; MSTSC; NOTEPAD; EXPLORER; MSINFO32; DXDIAG; DEFRAG; System restore; Windows Update</p>	
1.5 Given a scenario, use Windows Control Panel utilities	5, 11
<p>Internet options: connections; security; general; privacy; programs; advanced</p> <p>Display/display settings: resolution; color depth; refresh rate</p> <p>User accounts</p> <p>Folder options: view hidden files; hide extensions; general options; view options</p> <p>System: performance (virtual memory); remote settings; system protection</p> <p>Windows firewall</p> <p>Power options: hibernate; power plans; sleep/suspend; standby</p> <p>Programs and features</p> <p>HomeGroup</p> <p>Devices and printers</p> <p>Sound</p> <p>Troubleshooting</p> <p>Network and Sharing Center</p> <p>Device Manager</p>	5, 11
1.6 Given a scenario, install and configure Windows networking on a client/desktop	5, 11
<p>HomeGroup vs. Workgroup</p> <p>Domain setup</p> <p>Network shares/administrative shares/mapping drives</p> <p>Printer sharing vs. network printer mapping</p> <p>Establish networking connections: VPN; dial-ups;</p>	5, 11



wireless; wired; WWAN (cellular) Proxy settings Remote Desktop Connection Remote Assistance Home vs. work vs. public network settings Firewall settings: exceptions; configuration; enabling/disabling Windows firewall Configuring an alternative IP address in Windows: IP addressing; subnet mask; DNS; gateway Network card properties: half duplex/full duplex/auto; speed; Wake-on-LAN; QoS; BIOS (on-board NIC)	
1.7 Perform common preventive maintenance procedures using the appropriate Windows OS tools	5, 11
Best practices: scheduled backups; scheduled disk maintenance; Windows updates; patch management; driver/firmware updates; antivirus/anti-malware updates Tools: Backup; system restore; recovery image; disk maintenance utilities	5, 11
<b>2.0 Other Operating Systems and Technologies</b>	
2.1 Identify common features and functionality of the Mac OS and Linux operating systems	6, 11
Best practices: Scheduled backups; scheduled disk maintenance; system updates/App Store; patch management; driver/firmware updates; antivirus/anti- malware updates Tools: Backup/Time Machine; restore/snapshot; image recovery; disk maintenance utilities; shell/terminal; screen sharing; force quit	6, 11
Features: Multiple desktops/Mission Control; Key Chain; Spot Light; iCloud; gestures; Finder; Remote Disc; Dock; Boot Camp Basic Linux commands: ls; grep; cd; shutdown; pwd vs. passwd; mv; cp; rm; chmod; chown; iwconfig/ifconfig; ps; su/sudo; apt-get; vi; dd	
2.2 Given a scenario, set up and use client-side	6, 11

virtualization	
Purpose of virtual machines Resource requirements Emulator requirements Security requirements Network requirements Hypervisor	6, 11
2.3 Identify basic cloud concepts	6, 11
SaaS IaaS PaaS Public vs. Private vs. Hybrid vs. Community Rapid elasticity On-demand Resource pooling Measured service	6, 11
2.4 Summarize the properties and purpose of services provided by networked hosts	6, 11
Server roles: Web server, file server; print server; DHCP server; DNS server; proxy server; mail server; authentication server Internet appliance: UTM; IDS; IPS Legacy/embedded systems	6, 11
2.5 Identify basic features of mobile operating systems	6, 11
Android vs. iOS vs. Windows Open source vs. closed source/vendor specific App source (Google Play Store, App Store, and Store) Screen orientation (accelerometer/gyroscope) Screen calibration GPS and geotracking WiFi calling Launcher/GUI Virtual assistant SDK/APK Emergency notification Mobile payment service	6, 11

2.6 Install and configure basic mobile device network connectivity and email	6, 11
Wireless/cellular data network (enable/disable): hotspot; tethering; airplane mode Bluetooth: enable Bluetooth; enable pairing; find device for pairing; enter appropriate pin code; test connectivity Corporate and ISP email configuration: POP3; IMAP; port and SSL settings; Exchange, S/MIME Integrated commercial provider email configuration: Google/Inbox; Yahoo; <a href="https://outlook.com">Outlook.com</a> ; iCloud PRI updates/PRL updates/baseband updates Radio firmware IMEI vs. IMSI VPN	6, 11
2.7 Summarize methods and data related to mobile device synchronization	6, 11
Types of data to synchronize: contacts; programs; email; pictures; music; videos; calendar; bookmarks; documents; location data; social media data; eBooks Synchronization methods: synchronize to the cloud; synchronize to the desktop Mutual authentication for multiple services (SSO) Software requirements to install the application on the PC Connection types to enable synchronization	6, 11
<b>3.0 Security</b>	
3.1 Identify common security threats and vulnerabilities	7, 11
Malware: spyware; viruses; worms; Trojans; rootkits; ransomware Phishing Spear phishing Spoofing Social engineering Shoulder surfing Zero-day attack Zombie/botnet	7, 11

Brute forcing Dictionary attacks Non-compliant systems Violations of security best practices Tailgating Man-in-the-middle	
3.2 Compare and contrast common prevention methods	7, 11
Physical security: lock doors; mantrap; cable locks; securing physical documents/passwords/shredding; biometrics; ID badges; key fobs; RFID badge; smart card; tokens; privacy filters; entry control roster Digital security: antivirus/anti-malware; firewalls; user authentication/strong passwords; multifactor authentication; directory permissions; VPN; DLP; disabling ports; access control lists; smart card; email filtering; trusted/untrusted software sources User education/AUP Principle of least privilege	7, 11
3.3 Compare and contrast differences of basic Windows OS security settings	7, 11
User and groups: administrator; power user; guest; standard user NTFS vs. share permissions: allow vs. deny; moving vs. copying folders and files; file attributes Shared files and folders: administrative shares vs. local shares; permission propagation; inheritance System files and folders User authentication: single sign-on Run as administrator vs. standard user BitLocker BitLocker-to-Go EFS	7, 11
3.4 Given a scenario, deploy and enforce security best practices to secure a workstation	7, 11
Password best practices: Setting strong passwords; password expiration; changing default user	7, 11

names/passwords; screensaver required password; BIOS/UEFI passwords; requiring passwords Account management: Restricting user permissions; login time restrictions; disabling guest account; failed attempts lockout; timeout/screen lock	
Disable autorun Data encryption Patch/update management	
3.5 Compare and contrast various methods for securing mobile devices	7, 11
Screen locks: fingerprint lock; face lock; swipe lock; passcode lock Remote wipes Locator applications Remote backup applications Failed login attempt restrictions Antivirus/anti-malware Patching/OS updates Biometric authentication Full device encryption Multifactor authentication Authenticator applications Trusted sources vs. untrusted sources Firewalls Policies and procedures: BYOD vs. corporate owned; profile security requirements	7, 11
3.6 Given a scenario, use appropriate data destruction and disposal methods	7, 11
Physical destruction: shredder; drill/hammer; electromagnetic (degaussing); incineration; certificate of destruction Recycling or repurposing best practices: low level format vs. standard format; overwrite; drive wipe	7, 11
3.7 Given a scenario, secure SOHO wired and wireless networks	7, 11
Wireless specific: changing default SSID; setting	7, 11

<p>encryption; disabling SSID broadcast; antenna and access point placement; radio power levels; WPS</p> <p>Change default usernames and passwords</p> <p>Enable MAC filtering</p> <p>Assign static IP addresses</p> <p>Firewall settings</p> <p>Port forwarding/mapping</p> <p>Disabling ports</p> <p>Content filtering/parental controls</p> <p>Update firmware</p> <p>Physical security</p>	
<b>4.0 Software Troubleshooting</b>	
4.1 Given a scenario, troubleshoot PC operating system problems with appropriate tools	8, 11
<p>Common symptoms: proprietary crash screens (BSOD/pinwheel); failure to boot; improper shutdown; spontaneous shutdown/restart; device fails to start/detected; missing DLL message; services fails to start; compatibility error; slow system performance; boots to safe mode; file fails to open; missing NTLDR; missing boot configuration data; missing operating system; missing graphical interface; missing GRUB/LILO; kernel panic; graphical interface fails to load; multiple monitor misalignment/orientation</p>	8, 11
<p>Tools: BIOS/UEFI; SFC; logs; System Recovery Options; repair disks; pre-installation environments; MSCONFIG; DEFRAG; REGSRV32; REGEDIT; event viewer; safe mode; command prompt; uninstall/reinstall/repair</p>	8, 11
4.2 Given a scenario, troubleshoot common PC security issues with appropriate tools and best practices	8, 11
<p>Common symptoms: pop-ups; browser redirection; security alerts; slow performance; Internet connectivity issues; PC/OS lock up; application crash; OS update failures; rogue antivirus; spam; renamed system files; files disappearing; file permission changes; hijacked email (responses from users regarding email;</p>	8, 11

<p>automated replies from unknown sent mail); access denied; invalid certificate (trusted root CA)</p> <p>Tools: antivirus software; anti-malware software; recovery console; terminal; system restore/snapshot; pre-installation environments; event viewer; refresh/restore; MSCONFIG/safe boot</p> <p>Best practices for malware removal: identify malware symptoms; quarantine infected system; disable system restore (in Windows); remediate infected systems (Update anti-malware software; scan and removal techniques (safe mode; pre-installation environment)); schedule scans and run updates; enable system restore and create restore point (in Windows); educate end user</p>	
4.3 Given a scenario, troubleshoot common mobile OS and application issues with appropriate tools	8, 11
<p>Common symptoms: dim display; intermittent wireless; no wireless connectivity; no Bluetooth connectivity; cannot broadcast to external monitor; touchscreen non-responsive; apps not loading; slow performance; unable to decrypt email; extremely short battery life; overheating; frozen system; no sound from speakers; inaccurate touch screen response; system lockout</p> <p>Tools: hard reset; soft reset; close running applications; reset to factory default; adjust configurations/settings; uninstall/reinstall apps; force stop</p>	8, 11
4.4 Given a scenario, troubleshoot common mobile OS and application security issues with appropriate tools	8, 11
<p>Common symptoms: signal drop/weak signal; power drain; slow data speeds; unintended WiFi connection; unintended Bluetooth pairing; leaked personal files/data; data transmission overlimit; unauthorized account access; unauthorized root access; unauthorized location tracking; unauthorized camera/microphone activation; high resource utilization</p> <p>Tools: anti-malware; app scanner; factory reset/clean install; uninstall/reinstall apps; WiFi analyzer; force stop; cell tower analyzer;</p>	8, 11

backup/restore (iTunes/iCloud/Apple Configurator; Google Sync; One Drive)	
<b>5.0 Operational Procedures</b>	
5.1 Given a scenario, use appropriate safety procedures	9, 11
Equipment grounding Proper component handling and storage: antistatic bags; ESD straps; ESD mats; self-grounding Toxic waste handling: batteries; toner; CRT Personal safety: disconnect power before repairing PC; remove jewelry; lifting techniques; weight limitations; electrical fire safety, cable management; safety goggles; air filter mask Compliance with local government regulations	9, 11
5.2 Given a scenario with potential environmental impacts, apply the appropriate controls	9, 11
MSDS documentation for handling and disposal Temperature, humidity level awareness and proper ventilation Power surges, brownouts, blackouts: battery backup; surge suppressor Protection from airborne particles: enclosures; air filters/mask Dust and debris: compressed air; vacuums Compliance to local government regulations	9, 11
5.3 Summarize the process of addressing prohibited content/activity, and explain privacy, licensing and policy concepts	9, 11
Incident response: first response (identify; report through proper channels; data/device preservation); use of documentation/documentation changes; chain of custody (tracking of evidence/documenting process) Licensing/DRM/EULA: open source vs. commercial license; personal license vs. enterprise licenses Personally Identifiable Information Follow corporate end-user policies and security best practices	9, 11



5.4 Demonstrate proper communication techniques and professionalism	9, 11
<p>Use proper language – avoid jargon, acronyms and slang when applicable</p> <p>Maintain a positive attitude/project confidence</p> <p>Actively listen (taking notes) and avoid interrupting the customer</p> <p>Be culturally sensitive: use appropriate professional titles, when applicable</p> <p>Be on time (if late contact the customer)</p> <p>Avoid distractions: personal calls; texting/social media sites; talking to co-workers while interacting with customers; personal interruptions</p> <p>Dealing with difficult customer or situation: do not argue with customers and/or be defensive; avoid dismissing customer problems; avoid being judgmental; clarify customer statements (ask open-ended questions to narrow the scope of the problem, restate the issue or question to verify understanding); do not disclose experiences via social media outlets</p> <p>Set and meet expectations/timeline and communicate status with the customer: offer different repair/replacement options if applicable; provide proper documentation on the services provided; follow up with customer/user at a later date to verify satisfaction</p> <p>Deal appropriately with customers confidential and private materials: located on a computer, desktop, printer, etc.</p>	9, 11
5.5 Given a scenario, explain the troubleshooting theory	9, 11
<p>Always consider corporate policies, procedures and impacts before implementing changes.</p> <p>Identify the problem: question the user and identify user changes to computer and perform backups before making changes</p> <p>Establish a theory of probable cause (question the obvious): if necessary, conduct external or internal research based on symptoms</p>	9, 11

Test the theory to determine cause: once theory is confirmed, determine next steps to resolve problem; if theory is not confirmed, re-establish new theory or escalate Establish a plan of action to resolve the problem and implement the solution Verify full system functionality and if applicable implement preventive measures Document findings, actions and outcomes	
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# Chapter 1

## Hardware

### THE COMPTIA A+ Exam 220–901 TOPICS COVERED IN THIS CHAPTER INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

#### 1.1 Given a scenario, configure settings and use BIOS/UEFI tools on a PC.

- Firmware upgrades – flash BIOS
- BIOS component information
  - RAM
  - Hard drive
  - Optical drive
  - CPU
- BIOS configurations
  - Boot sequence
  - Enabling and disabling devices
  - Date/time
  - Clock speeds
  - Virtualization support
  - BIOS security (passwords, drive encryption: TPM, LoJack, secure boot)
- Built-in diagnostics
- Monitoring
  - Temperature monitoring
  - Fan speeds
  - Intrusion detection/notification
  - Voltage

- Clock
- Bus speed

## **1.2 Explain the importance of motherboard components, their purpose, and properties.**

- Sizes
  - ATX
  - Micro-ATX
  - Mini-ITX
  - ITX
- Expansion slots
  - PCI
  - PCI-X
  - PCIe
  - miniPCI
- RAM slots
- CPU sockets
- Chipsets
  - Northbridge
  - Southbridge
- CMOS battery
- Power connections and types
- Fan connectors
- Front/top panel connectors
  - USB
  - Audio
  - Power button
  - Power light

- Drive activity lights
- Bus speeds
- Reset button

### **✓1.3 Compare and contrast various RAM types and their features.**

- Types
  - DDR
  - DDR2
  - DDR3
  - SODIMM
  - DIMM
  - Parity vs. non-parity
  - ECC vs. non-ECC
  - RAM configurations
    - Single channel vs. dual channel vs. triple channel
  - Single sided vs. double sided
  - Buffered vs. unbuffered
- RAM compatibility

### **✓1.4 Install and configure PC expansion cards.**

- Sound cards
- Video cards
- Network cards
- USB cards
- Firewire cards
- Thunderbolt cards
- Storage cards
- Modem cards

- Wireless/cellular cards
- TV tuner cards
- Video capture cards
- Riser cards

## **1.5 Install and configure storage devices and use appropriate media.**

- Optical drives
  - CD-ROM/CD-RW
  - DVD-ROM/DVD-RW/DVD-RW DL
  - Blu-ray
  - BD-R
  - BD-RE
- Magnetic hard disk drives
  - 5400 rpm
  - 7200 rpm
  - 10,000 rpm
- Hot swappable drives
- Solid state/flash drives
  - Compact flash
  - SD
  - MicroSD
  - MiniSD
  - xD
  - SSD
  - Hybrid
  - eMMC
- RAID types

- 0
- 1
- 5
- 10
- Tape drive
- Media capacity
  - CD
  - CD-RW
  - DVD-RW
  - DVD
  - Blu-ray
  - Tape
  - DVD DL

#### **1.6 Install various types of CPUs and apply the appropriate cooling methods.**

- Socket types
  - Intel: 775, 1155, 1156, 1366, 1150, 2011
  - AMD: AM3, AM3+, FM1, FM2, FM2+
- Characteristics
  - Speeds
  - Cores
  - Cache size/type
  - Hyperthreading
  - Virtualization support
  - Architecture (32-bit vs. 64-bit)
  - Integrated GPU
  - Disable execute bit

- Cooling
  - Heat sink
  - Fans
  - Thermal paste
  - Liquid-based
  - Fanless/passive

#### **1.7 Compare and contrast various PC connection interfaces, their characteristics and purpose.**

- Physical connections
  - USB 1.1 vs. 2.0 vs. 3.0
    - Connector types: A, B, mini, micro
  - Firewire 400 vs. Firewire 800
  - SATA1 vs. SATA2 vs. SATA3, eSATA
  - Other connector types
    - VGA
    - HDMI
    - DVI
    - Audio
      - Analog
      - Digital (Optical connector)
    - RJ-45
    - RJ-11
    - Thunderbolt
- Wireless connections
  - Bluetooth
  - RF
  - IR



- NFC
- Characteristics
  - Analog
  - Digital
  - Distance limitations
  - Data transfer speeds
  - Quality
  - 
  - Frequencies

### **1.8 Install a power supply based on given specifications.**

- Connector types and their voltages
  - SATA
  - Molex
  - 4/8-pin 12v
  - PCIe 6/8-pin
  - 20-pin
  - 24-pin
- Specifications
  - Wattage
  - Dual rail
  - Size
  - Number of connectors
  - ATX
  - MicroATX
  - Dual voltage options

### **1.9 Given a scenario, select the appropriate components for a custom PC configuration to meet**

## **customer specifications or needs.**

- Graphic/CAD/CAM design workstation
  - Multicore processor
  - High-end video
  - Maximum RAM
- Audio/video editing workstation
  - Specialized audio and video card
  - Large fast hard drive
  - Dual monitors
- Virtualization workstation
  - Maximum RAM and CPU cores
- Gaming PC
  - Multicore processor
  - High-end video/specialized GPU
  - High-definition sound card
  - High-end cooling
- Home theater PC
  - Surround sound audio
  - HDMI output
  - HTPC compact form factor
  - TV tuner
- Standard thick client
  - Desktop applications
  - Meets recommended requirements for selected OS
- Thin client
  - Basic applications
  - Meets minimum requirements for selected OS

- Network connectivity
- Home server PC
  - Media streaming
  - File sharing
  - Print sharing
  - Gigabit NIC
  - RAID array

#### **✓1.10 Compare and contrast types of display devices and their features.**

- Types
  - LCD
    - TN vs. IPS
    - Fluorescent vs. LED backlighting
  - Plasma
  - Projector
  - OLED
- Refresh/frame rates
- Resolution
- Native resolution
- Brightness/lumens
- Analog vs. digital
- Privacy/antiglare filters
- Multiple displays
- Aspect ratios
  - 16:9
  - 16:10
  - 4:3

### **1.11 Identify common PC connector types and associated cables.**

- Display connector types
  - DVI-D
  - DVI-I
  - DVI-A
  - DisplayPort
  - RCA
  - HD15 (i.e. DE15 or DB15)
  - BNC
  - miniHDMI
  - miniDin-6
- Display cable types
  - HDMI
  - DVI
  - VGA
  - Component
  - Composite
  - Coaxial
- Device cables and connectors
  - SATA
  - eSATA
  - USB
  - Firewire (IEEE1394)
  - PS/2
  - Audio
- Adapters and converters

- DVI to HDMI
- USB A to USB B
- USB to Ethernet
- DVI to VGA
- Thunderbolt to DVI
- PS/2 to USB
- HDMI to VGA

#### **✓1.12 Install and configure common peripheral devices.**

- Input devices
  - Mouse
  - Keyboard
  - Scanner
  - Barcode reader
  - Biometric devices
  - Game pads
  - Joysticks
  - Digitizer
  - Motion sensor
  - Touch pads
  - Smart card readers
  - Digital cameras
  - Microphone
  - Webcam
  - Camcorder
- Output devices
  - Printers
  - Speakers

- Display devices
- Input & output devices
  - Touch screen
  - KVM
  - Smart TV
  - Set-top Box
  - MIDI-enabled devices

### **✓1.13 Install SOHO multifunction device/printers and configure appropriate settings.**

- Use appropriate drivers for a given operating system
  - Configuration settings
    - Duplex
    - Collate
    - Orientation
    - Quality
- Device sharing
  - Wired
    - USB
    - Serial
    - Ethernet
  - Wireless
    - Bluetooth
    - 802.11 (a/b/g/n/ac)
    - Infrastructure vs. ad hoc
  - Integrated print server (hardware)
  - Cloud printing/remote printing
- Public/shared devices

- Sharing local/networked device via operating system settings
  - TCP/Bonjour/AirPrint
- Data privacy
  - User authentication on the device
  - Hard drive caching

**1.14 Compare and contrast differences between the various print technologies and the associated imaging process.**

- Laser
  - Imaging drum, fuser assembly, transfer belt, transfer roller, pickup rollers, separate pads, duplexing assembly
  - Imaging process: processing, charging, exposing, developing, transferring, fusing and cleaning
- Inkjet
  - Ink cartridge, print head, roller, feeder, duplexing assembly, carriage and belt
  - Calibration
- Thermal
  - Feed assembly, heating element
  - Special thermal paper
- Impact
  - Print head, ribbon, tractor feed
  - Impact paper
- Virtual
  - Print to file
  - Print to PDF
  - Print to XPS
  - Print to image

**1.15 Given a scenario, perform appropriate printer maintenance.**

- Laser
  - Replacing toner, applying maintenance kit, calibration, cleaning
- Thermal
  - Replace paper, clean heating element, remove debris
- Impact
  - Replace ribbon, replace print head, replace paper
- Inkjet
  - Clean heads, replace cartridges, calibration, clear jams

1. What is the distance limitation of the FireWire 800 standard when implemented over fiber-optic cable?

- A. 4.5 meters
- B. 100 meters
- C. 400 meters
- D. 800 meters

2. Which motherboard form factor measures 6.7" × 6.7"?

- A. Mini-ITX
- B. Nano-ITX
- C. Pico-ITX
- D. Mobile-ITX

3. Which of the following statements are not true regarding CPUs and operating systems? (Choose two.)

- A. A 32-bit OS can run only on a 32-bit CPU.
- B. A 64-bit OS can run only on a 64-bit CPU.
- C. A 64-bit OS can run on a 32-bit CPU or a 64-bit CPU.
- D. A 32-bit OS can run on a 32-bit CPU or a 64-bit CPU.



4. The DCPS within a laser printer converts AC power into what three voltages? (Choose three.)

- A. +5VDC
- B. -5VDC
- C. +24VDC
- D. -24VDC

5. Identify the cable type shown here.



- A. Component
- B. Composite
- C. Coaxial
- D. RCA

6. A technician is looking to buy a new LCD monitor. Which type of LCD monitor has faster response times and is less expensive than others?

- A. TN
- B. IPS
- C. LED
- D. Plasma

7. Which computer peripheral is most likely to use a mini-DIN 6 connector?

- A. Keyboard
- B. Monitor
- C. Hard drive

D. Sound card

[8.](#) Which type of storage device is composed of a conventional hard drive and a substantial amount of solid-state storage?

A. SSD

B. HDD

C. Mesh

D. Hybrid

[9.](#) An administrator ordered replacement printer paper that is a thicker caliper than recommended by the printer manufacturer. What is the biggest risk in using this paper?

A. Smeared images

B. Paper will not feed

C. Paper jams

D. Images will not print

[10.](#) You need to share printers on your network with multiple client operating systems, such as Windows, macOS, and Linux. Which of the following services will best meet your needs?

A. Bonjour

B. AirPrint

C. TCP printing

D. Virtual printing

[11.](#) Which one of the following connector types are you most likely to find on the end of a CAT6a cable?

A. RJ-11

B. RJ-45

C. BNC

D. SATA

[12.](#) Identify the video connector shown here.



- A. DVI
- B. VGA
- C. HDMI
- D. Composite

**13.** What type of printer technology will often use a roll of paper as opposed to individual sheets?

- A. Ink-jet
- B. Thermal
- C. Laser
- D. Fax machine

**14.** Which RAM feature will detect errors within memory but is not able to fix them?

- A. Parity
- B. Non-parity
- C. ECC
- D. Non-ECC

**15.** Which of the following types of printers require the replacement of some sort of ink or toner? (Choose all that apply.)

- A. Laser
- B. Thermal
- C. Impact

D. Ink-jet

16. You are working on repairing a defective laser printer. Which of the following is a true statement regarding the imaging drum in a laser printer?

- A. It can hold a charge only when it's not exposed to light.
- B. It can hold a charge only when it's exposed to light.
- C. It can hold a charge regardless of light exposure.
- D. It is not required to hold a charge.

17. What are the dimensions of a micro-ATX motherboard?

- A. 12" × 9.6"
- B. 9.6" × 9.6"
- C. 6.7" × 6.7"
- D. 3.9" × 2.8"

18. When discussing video monitors, what is the term used to describe the number of pixels used to draw the screen?

- A. Refresh rate
- B. Frame rate
- C. Aspect ratio
- D. Resolution

19. You have three hard disks, each 1TB in size. After installing them as a RAID 5 array in a computer, how much usable storage space will you have?

- A. 1.5TB
- B. 2TB
- C. 2.5TB
- D. 3TB

20. Which of the following statements most accurately describes the functionality of the disable execute bit?

- A. It prevents the CPU from working if the computer is stolen.

- B. It prevents the CPU from working if the CPU has been set to run at too high a speed (overclocking).
- C. It prevents the computer from being booted remotely in a PXE boot environment.
- D. It protects the computer from certain types of viruses or malicious code.

21. You need to enable clients to print to your networked printers, regardless of their location worldwide. Which service will best suit your needs?

- A. Bonjour
- B. AirPrint
- C. Virtual printing
- D. Cloud printing

22. Identify the computer component shown here.



- A. CPU heat sink and fan
- B. Passive CPU heat sink
- C. Power supply fan
- D. Secondary cooling fan

23. Which of the following connectors transmit analog signals? (Choose two.)

- A. VGA
- B. RJ-45
- C. RJ-11

D. HDMI

[24.](#) A business partner who is visiting your corporate office wants to print to a printer using a Bluetooth connection. What type of connection is this?

A. Permanent

B. Ad hoc

C. On demand

D. Infrastructure

[25.](#) You have a motherboard that supports up-plugging. Which of the following statements regarding PCIe are true? (Choose two.)

A. You can put an x1 card into an x8 slot.

B. You can put an x8 card into an x16 slot.

C. You can put an x8 card into an x1 slot.

D. You can put an x16 card into an x8 slot.

[26.](#) A technician needs to increase the fault tolerance of his computer's storage system, and he has two hard drives available. Which of the following options is his best choice?

A. Install both drives and configure them as separate volumes.

B. Install both drives and implement RAID 0.

C. Install both drives and implement RAID 1.

D. Install both drives and implement RAID 5.

[27.](#) During which step of the laser printer imaging process does a fluorescent lamp discharge the photosensitive drum?

A. Cleaning

B. Charging

C. Exposing

D. Developing

[28.](#) Which type of laptop monitor technology uses a current of electricity to stimulate a sealed panel of inert gas?

- A. OLED
- B. LED
- C. Plasma
- D. LCD

[29.](#) What type of front- or top-panel connector uses a standard 3.5mm jack to make connections?

- A. USB
- B. Audio
- C. FireWire
- D. Thunderbolt

[30.](#) The motherboard in your desktop computer supports dual-channel memory. Which of the following statements regarding RAM is true?

- A. The RAM will work only if it's installed in pairs.
- B. The RAM will work only if it's installed in pairs or if one double-sided RAM module is used.
- C. The RAM will work if only one module is installed, but only at half of its rated speed.
- D. The RAM will work if only one module is installed.

[31.](#) A single lane of PCIe 4.0 operates at what data rate?

- A. 250MBps
- B. 500MBps
- C. 1GBps
- D. 2GBps

[32.](#) A technician needs to replace a failed power supply in a desktop computer. When choosing a replacement power supply, which two specifications are most important to consider? (Choose two.)

- A. Wattage
- B. Dual rail

- C. Dual voltage options
- D. Number of connectors

**33.** What is an advantage of using double-sided memory over single-sided memory?

- A. It allows the memory to operate twice as fast.
- B. It allows the CPU to access twice as much RAM at one time.
- C. It's required for use in dual-channel motherboards.
- D. It allows for twice as much memory to be used in the same amount of space.

**34.** You need to replace the magnetic hard drive in your manager's laptop. She wants a high-speed, high-capacity drive. What are the most common issues associated with her request? (Choose two.)

- A. Increased battery usage
- B. Increased heat production
- C. Decreased component lifespan
- D. Decreased space for other peripherals

**35.** What are the two speeds at which PCI expansion buses can operate in desktop computers? (Choose two.)

- A. 33MHz
- B. 66MHz
- C. 133MHz
- D. 266MHz

**36.** A designer from the corporate office is visiting your field office. He tries to print from his MacBook Pro to a networked printer, but it does not work. Local users in the office are able to print to the device using their Windows 8 computers. What would most likely solve the problem?

- A. Select the Enable Mac Printing option in the print server configuration settings.

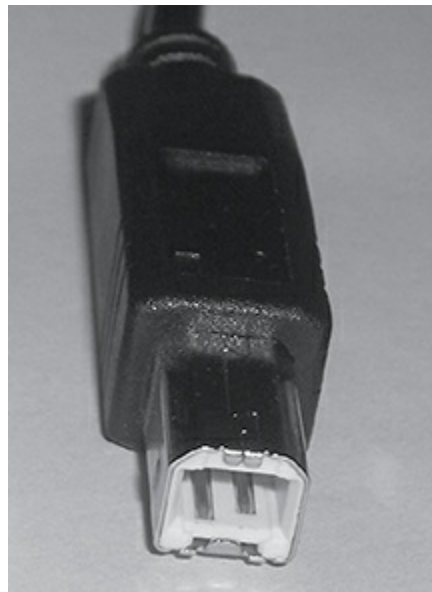


- B. Select the Enable Bonjour option in the print server configuration settings.
- C. Install a Mac printer driver on the print server.
- D. Stop and restart the print spooler service.

[37.](#) The users on your network in the Human Resources department often have sensitive materials shown on their computer screens. What is their best option to dramatically limit the viewing angle of their monitors?

- A. Lower the brightness setting.
- B. Lower the contrast setting.
- C. Install an antiglare filter.
- D. Install a privacy filter.

[38.](#) Identify the peripheral connector shown here.



- A. USB Type A
- B. USB Type B
- C. USB Standard mini-B
- D. Thunderbolt

[39.](#) You have an OLED monitor that you just plugged into a desktop computer. One of your co-workers changes the resolution from 1920×1080 to 1920×1200, but then the image

looks highly distorted. What is the most likely cause of this?

- A. The video driver does not support 1920×1200 resolution.
- B. The monitor has a native resolution of 1920×1080.
- C. The video adapter has a native resolution of 1920×1080.
- D. The monitor is plugged into the wrong monitor interface to support the new resolution.

[40.](#) Which of the following are advantages of using a CPU liquid cooling system over an air-based system? (Choose two.)

- A. Easier to install and maintain
- B. More efficient
- C. Quieter
- D. Safer for internal components

[41.](#) You need to perform preventive maintenance on an impact printer. What are two areas you should examine that you would not need to on most inkjet printers? (Choose two.)

- A. Ink cartridges
- B. Output tray
- C. Print head
- D. Tractor feed mechanism

[42.](#) Which expansion bus technology uses lanes, which are switched point-to-point signal paths between two components?

- A. PCI
- B. PCI-X
- C. PCIe
- D. miniPCI

[43.](#) You are installing new computers in a machine shop. The computers on the shop floor don't need to run local applications or have their own hard drives, but they do need to connect to the shop's server. What type of custom configuration should you recommend?

- A. Thin client
- B. Thick client
- C. Virtualization workstation
- D. CAD/CAM workstation

[44.](#) Which PC component reboots the computer from a cold startup point without removing power from the components?

- A. Power button
- B. Suspend button
- C. Reset button
- D. Reboot button

[45.](#) Which type of LCD panel is considered to have the best color representation at wider angles of viewing?

- A. TN
- B. IPS
- C. LED
- D. Plasma

[46.](#) You have a user who needs recommendations for installing a home server PC. She wants her family to be able to share files and videos on their home network. She also wants her data to be protected in the event of a hard drive failure. Which two components do you recommend she include?

- A. Dedicated print server
- B. RAID array
- C. Gigabit NIC
- D. Dual processors

[47.](#) Your motherboard does not support up-plugging for PCIe adapter cards. Which of the following statements is true?

- A. You can't put an x8 card into an x16 slot.
- B. You can put an x8 card into an x16 slot, but it will run at x1 speed.

- C. You can put an x8 card into an x16 slot, and it will run at x8 speed.
- D. You can put an x8 card into an x16 slot, and it will run at x16 speed.

[48.](#) Which system component enables the use of Secure Boot technology?

- A. BIOS
- B. UEFI
- C. AMI
- D. SATA

[49.](#) Which type of DIMM has 184 pins?

- A. DDR
- B. DDR2
- C. DDR3
- D. SODIMM

[50.](#) Which CPU technology allows for the assignment of two logical cores for every physical core present?

- A. Multicore
- B. 32-bit vs. 64-bit
- C. Integrated GPU
- D. Hyperthreading

[51.](#) On what type of printer are you most likely to use tractor feed paper?

- A. Dot-matrix
- B. Thermal
- C. Laser
- D. Inkjet

[52.](#) Which type of flash memory is capable of being embedded on the circuit board of mobile devices?

- A. xD
- B. miniSD
- C. microSD
- D. eMMC

**53.** Which motherboard form factor is common in desktop computers and measures 12" × 9.6"?

- A. ATX
- B. MicroATX
- C. Mini-ITX
- D. ITX

**54.** What two components within an inkjet printer are responsible for moving the print head into proper position?

- A. Carriage and belt
- B. Roller and belt
- C. Carriage motor and roller
- D. Carriage motor and belt
- E. Belt motor and roller

**55.** Your company just hired a video producer to create exciting videos for the sales team. For her custom computer, which two upgrades are the most useful? (Choose two.)

- A. Video card
- B. CPU
- C. NIC
- D. Hard drive

**56.** You need to enable virtualization support for one of your Windows 8–based desktop computers using an Intel Core i5 CPU. Which two of the following must be true? (Choose two.)

- A. The CPU must have Intel VT.
- B. The CPU must have Intel VR.

C. You need to enable virtualization in Windows 8.

D. You need to enable virtualization in the BIOS.

[57.](#) Your business employs four graphic designers who need new computers. These designers create graphical content such as advertisements, posters, and full-color brochures. Which of the following components is the least important to enhance in their custom-configured machines?

A. Hard drive

B. Processor

C. Video card

D. RAM

[58.](#) An analog LCD monitor is most likely to have what type of connector?

A. DisplayPort

B. RCA

C. VGA

D. BNC

[59.](#) What is the name of the measure that specifies how many times an image can be redrawn on a computer screen, in one second?

A. Refresh rate

B. Frame rate

C. Native resolution

D. Aspect ratio

[60.](#) Which PC peripheral connection type operates at 20Gbps bandwidth, with a port that provides 18V and 9.9W of power?

A. FireWire 800

B. USB 3.0

C. eSATA

D. Thunderbolt

[61.](#) Inside a laser printer, approximately what temperature does the fuser get heated to?

- A. 250° F
- B. 350° F
- C. 450° F
- D. 550° F

[62.](#) You have a user who needs a custom PC configuration to run common desktop applications and simply meet the recommended requirements for a selected operating system. What should you recommend?

- A. Thin client
- B. Thick client
- C. Home server PC
- D. Virtualization workstation

[63.](#) In the laser printer printing process, which step immediately follows the exposing step?

- A. Charging
- B. Fusing
- C. Developing
- D. Transferring

[64.](#) What are the two power requirements that a PCI expansion bus may have in a desktop computer? (Choose two.)

- A. 1.7V
- B. 3.3V
- C. 5V
- D. 6.6V

[65.](#) Which of the following is a standard for a secure cryptoprocessor that can secure hardware (and the system boot process) using cryptographic keys?

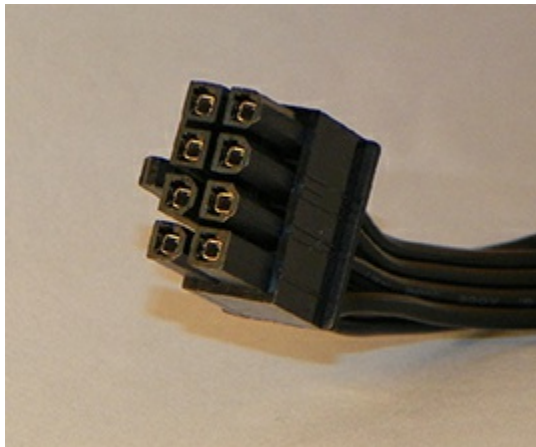
- A. TPM

- B. LoJack
- C. Secure Boot
- D. BitLocker

[66.](#) In a laser printer, what is the function of the transfer corona assembly?

- A. It transfers a high-voltage charge to the paper.
- B. It transfers a high-voltage charge to the imaging drum.
- C. It transfers the toner from the imaging drum to the paper.
- D. It transfers the image from the laser to the imaging drum.

[67.](#) What type of connector is shown here?



- A. Molex
- B. SATA
- C. PCIe
- D. ATX

[68.](#) A technician has installed a printer driver on a Windows 8 client computer. What is the best next step the technician can take to ensure that the printer is installed properly?

- A. Ping the printer's IP address.
- B. Check the printer status and ensure it says "Ready."
- C. Stop and restart the spooler service.
- D. Print a test page.



[69.](#) Which component within a laser printer converts AC current into usable energy for the charging corona and transfer corona?

- A. LVPS
- B. HVPS
- C. ACPS
- D. Transfer corona assembly

[70.](#) You are connecting a laptop to a printer on the network using Wi-Fi. The user will need to use the printer frequently when they are in the office. What type of wireless connection will you establish with the printer?

- A. Permanent
- B. Ad hoc
- C. On demand
- D. Infrastructure

[71.](#) What is the maximum throughput of PCI-X adapters?

- A. 533MBbps
- B. 1066MBps
- C. 4266MBps
- D. 8533MBps

[72.](#) What is the name of the boot routine that verifies the size and integrity of the system memory?

- A. RAMCheck
- B. BIOS
- C. UEFI
- D. POST

[73.](#) You have been asked to install and configure a RAID 10 storage array for a computer. What is the minimum number of hard disks required for this configuration?

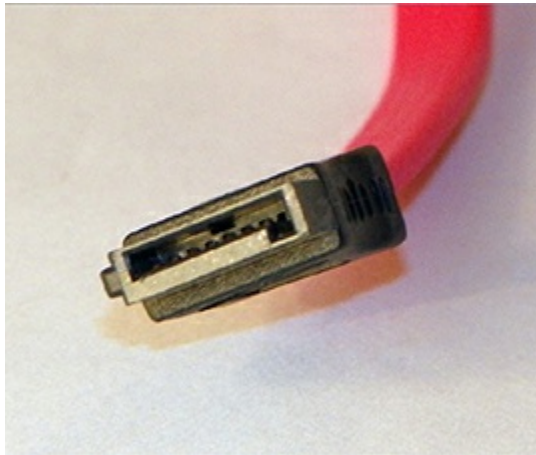
- A. 2

B. 3

C. 4

D. 5

[74.](#) Identify the peripheral connector shown here.



A. HDMI

B. PATA

C. SATA

D. eSATA

[75.](#) A technician is recommending that his company use removable memory cards. Which of the following should he tell his manager?

A. MiniSD and microSD cards work in a standard SD card slot.

B. MiniSD cards work in a standard SD slot, but microSD cards do not.

C. MicroSD cards work in a standard SD slot, but miniSD cards do not.

D. Neither miniSD nor microSD cards will work in a standard SD slot.

[76.](#) You are purchasing new laptops for your company. When thinking about the monitor quality, which type of backlight will produce better-quality pictures?

A. LED

- B. OLED
- C. Plasma
- D. Fluorescent

[77.](#) Which component of the motherboard chipset is responsible for managing high-speed peripheral communications?

- A. Northbridge
- B. Southbridge
- C. Eastbridge
- D. Westbridge

[78.](#) A graphical designer in your office needs two monitors to do her work. Which of the following should you install to set up her desktop computer for this configuration?

- A. A video splitter
- B. A second video driver
- C. A second video adapter
- D. A video replicator

[79.](#) Which of the following statements are true regarding buffered memory modules? (Choose two.)

- A. They increase the electrical load placed on the controller.
- B. They decrease the electrical load placed on the controller.
- C. When used, the memory controller communicates in series with the register.
- D. When used, the memory controller communicates in parallel with the memory chips.

[80.](#) You have a desktop computer that is about five years old, with a single-channel memory architecture. You want to upgrade the memory. After checking the documentation, you purchase a higher-capacity RAM module that runs at the required bus speed. After you install it, the new RAM is not recognized, but the old RAM is. The computer store tests the RAM and it's fine. What should you try next?

- A. Flash the BIOS.
- B. Purchase a second memory module of the same type, and install them as a pair.
- C. Return the memory module and purchase a lower-capacity one.
- D. Replace the motherboard.

81. A client needs to connect to the Internet using telephone lines. What type of expansion card should you configure in his computer?

- A. USB
- B. Cellular
- C. Modem
- D. NIC

82. Which of the following types of computer peripherals are considered input and output devices? (Choose two.)

- A. Digitizer
- B. Touch screen
- C. KVM
- D. Printer

83. You have a motherboard designed to hold DDR3–1600 memory. What will happen if you attempt to install DDR2–667 memory into the motherboard?

- A. It won't fit.
- B. It will operate at 667MHz.
- C. It will operate at 1133MHz.
- D. It will operate at 1600MHz.

84. What happens during the transferring step of the laser printer printing process?

- A. The image is transferred to the imaging drum.
- B. The toner is transferred to the imaging drum.

- C. The toner is transferred to the paper.
- D. A strong, uniform negative charge is transferred to the imaging drum.

[85.](#) The set of signal pathways on a motherboard between the CPU and RAM is called what?

- A. Northbridge
- B. Southbridge
- C. Frontside bus
- D. Backside bus

[86.](#) One of your users needs to print several copies of a 20-page document. She wants to ensure that all the pages print in order so she doesn't have to reorganize the documents later. Which option does she need to set properly in her printer configuration settings?

- A. Duplex
- B. Collate
- C. Page order
- D. Orientation

[87.](#) Which of the following video resolutions is compatible with the 4:3 aspect ratio?

- A. UXGA 1600×1200
- B. ATSC 1920×1080
- C. WUXGA 1920×1200
- D. WQXGA 2560×1600

[88.](#) You upgraded the RAM on your system and are now having boot issues. The manufacturer's website recommends updating the BIOS. What is the easiest way to do this?

- A. Replace the BIOS chip.
- B. Replace the CMOS battery.
- C. Install a new motherboard.

D. Flash the BIOS.

[89.](#) A technician needs to install an optical storage device as cheaply as possible. His client needs to store approximately 500MB of data at a time. Which technology is the best solution for this situation?

- A. CD-RW
- B. DVD-RW
- C. DVD-RW DL
- D. BD-RE

[90.](#) A technician needs to install an optical disc system with capacity to burn discs storing about 12GB of data at one time. What is the minimum technology required to get him over this threshold?

- A. DVD-R SS, DL
- B. DVD-R DS, SL
- C. DVD-R DS, DL
- D. BD-R SS, DL

[91.](#) Identify the connector type on the cable shown here.



- A. BNC
- B. RCA
- C. MiniDIN

D. HD15

92. You are buying a new video projector for the executive conference room. The administrative assistant tells you that the room often has bright sunlight, so the projector needs to be bright. What is the key specification you should pay attention to when selecting this projector?

- A. Frame rate
- B. Native resolution
- C. Aspect ratio
- D. Lumens

93. Which home and office printing technology typically employs a reservoir of ink, contained in a cartridge, as its medium to form images on paper?

- A. Laser
- B. Thermal
- C. Inkjet
- D. Impact

94. You have been asked to purchase new RAM for three workstations. The workstations call for DDR3–1600 chips. What throughput will these modules support?

- A. 1600MBps
- B. 3200Mbps
- C. 6400Mbps
- D. 12800Mbps

95. Historically, which display type has been preferred to watch fast-motion programs such as sporting events?

- A. Plasma
- B. Fluorescent
- C. LED
- D. LCD

[96.](#) A technician needs to purchase new RAM for a motherboard. The motherboard specifications call for 400MHz DDR2 RAM. Which RAM modules should the technician use?

- A. PC3200
- B. PC6400
- C. PC2-3200
- D. PC2-6400

[97.](#) Identify the connector type shown here in the center.



- A. eSATA
- B. Thunderbolt
- C. PCIe
- D. FireWire

[98.](#) On your network, users want to print easily from their iPads and iPhones. Which service supports this?

- A. Bonjour
- B. AirPrint
- C. TCP printing
- D. Virtual printing

[99.](#) You have a new computer that needs to communicate with other computers on a wireless network. What type of expansion



card do you need to install?

- A. WAP
- B. NIC
- C. KVM
- D. WPA

[100.](#) The WUXGA video standard, running at a resolution of 1920×1200, operates at what aspect ratio?

- A. 4:3
- B. 5:4
- C. 16:9
- D. 16:10

[101.](#) When printing, which component is responsible for converting the data being printed into the format that the printer can understand?

- A. PDL
- B. Print driver
- C. Print feeder
- D. Print spooler

[102.](#) Which of the following statements best describes the function of a typical power supply fan?

- A. It cools the power supply by blowing in air from outside the case.
- B. It cools the power supply by blowing hot air out the back of the power supply.
- C. It cools the computer by blowing in air from outside the case, through the power supply, and into the computer.
- D. It cools the computer by pulling hot air from inside the case, through the power supply, and blowing it out the back of the power supply.

[103.](#) A technician needs to install a new hard drive for her

client. Access speed is far more important to this client than disk space. What type of hard drive is best suited for this client?

- A. SSD
- B. HDD
- C. SD
- D. BD-R

[104.](#) Serial and Parallel ATA port communication to other components on a motherboard is managed by what?

- A. Northbridge
- B. Southbridge
- C. Frontside bus
- D. Backside bus

[105.](#) What is the maximum data rate for a USB 2.0 connection?

- A. 12Mbps
- B. 480Mbps
- C. 1Gbps
- D. 5Gbps

[106.](#) A technician has been asked to install and configure a RAID 5 array in a working computer that contains one hard drive. How many additional hard drives, at a minimum, does he need to bring with him to the job?

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

[107.](#) You need to increase network security. A consultant suggests that you install a peripheral device to scan user fingerprints as a requirement to log in. What type of device will you install?

- A. Scanner

- B. Digitizer
- C. Biometric device
- D. Touch pad

[108.](#) Which CPU architecture term describes a CPU with multiple physical processor dies in the same package?

- A. Multicore
- B. 64-bit
- C. Integrated GPU
- D. Hyperthreading

[109.](#) Which of the following optical disc standards provides the highest capacity?

- A. DVD-R SS, SL
- B. DVD-R DS, SL
- C. DVD-R SS, DL
- D. DVD+R SS, DL

[110.](#) Your company recently shipped five desktop computers from Germany to the United States. After switching the power cord to an American-style plug, you try to power one on and it doesn't work. You try the others and none of them power on either. What is the most likely cause?

- A. All of the computers were damaged during shipping.
- B. German power supplies work only with German power cords.
- C. The power supplies won't work because they expect 50Hz frequency from the wall outlet and the United States standard is 60Hz.
- D. The power supply voltage switch needs to be moved.

[111.](#) What are the dimensions of a mobile-ITX motherboard?

- A. 9.6" × 9.6"
- B. 6.7" × 6.7"

C. 3.9" × 2.8"

D. 2.4" × 2.4"

[112.](#) Which of the following printer types are considered impact printers? (Choose two.)

A. Laser

B. Daisy-wheel

C. Dot-matrix

D. Thermal

[113.](#) Which type of video display technology does not require a separate display unit and light source?

A. Plasma

B. OLED

C. LED

D. LCD

[114.](#) Which type of bus architecture provides faster speeds?

A. Serial (1 bit at a time).

B. Parallel (8 bits at a time).

C. They are the same speed.

D. More information is needed to answer this question.

[115.](#) Which hardware component is responsible for prefetching data or code that the CPU will need to use and storing most recently used data or code?

A. RAM

B. SSD

C. Buffer

D. Cache

[116.](#) Which two CPU sockets are capable of supporting Intel Core i7 processors? (Choose two.)

A. LGA1156 (Socket H)

- B. LGA2011 (Socket R)
- C. Socket AM3+
- D. Socket FM2

[117.](#) You are discussing data storage needs with a client who is a videographer and media producer. She stores dozens of large files and needs immediate access to them for editing. What is the most appropriate storage technology for her to use?

- A. SSD
- B. HDD
- C. SD
- D. BD-R

[118.](#) You have a client who wants to build a high-end custom home theater PC. Which two components will you suggest he install in the computer? (Choose two.)

- A. Sound card with surround sound
- B. High-end cooling
- C. Video card with HDMI outputs
- D. Multicore processor

[119.](#) You are searching for a new monitor on the Internet and find a used digital LCD monitor for sale. What are the two most likely types of connector you will find on this monitor? (Choose two.)

- A. Composite
- B. DVI-D
- C. HDMI
- D. VGA

[120.](#) A technician needs to purchase a new laptop for a manager. The manager has had several laptops fail and wants her new one to have as few components as possible to reduce the risk of failure. Which type of light source technology does not require an inverter and therefore is a better choice?

- A. OLED
- B. Plasma
- C. Fluorescent
- D. LED

[121.](#) Which of the following are typical formats supported by virtual printing? (Choose three.)

- A. Print to PDF
- B. Print to XPS
- C. Print to DOC
- D. Print to image

[122.](#) A bidirectional PCIe 1.1 x1 link provides how much data throughput?

- A. 250MBps
- B. 500MBps
- C. 1GBps
- D. 2GBps

[123.](#) Which component in a laser printer is responsible for heating up and melting the toner into the paper to create a permanent image?

- A. Transfer corona assembly
- B. Pickup rollers
- C. Exit assembly
- D. Fuser assembly

[124.](#) During which step in the laser printer printing process does a wire or roller apply a strong, uniform negative charge to the surface of the imaging drum?

- A. Charging
- B. Conditioning
- C. Exposing

D. Transferring

[125.](#) You are installing two new RAM modules into a single channel of a dual-channel motherboard. Which of the following is true?

- A. Both RAM modules need to have the same parameters.
- B. The RAM modules can be different sizes but must be the same speed.
- C. The RAM modules can be different speeds but must be the same size.
- D. The RAM modules can have different speeds and sizes, as long as they are the same type.

[126.](#) Which of the following printer components is not found in a laser printer?

- A. Fuser assembly
- B. Imaging drum
- C. Transfer roller
- D. Carriage motor

[127.](#) What type of common printer can potentially release harmful ozone into the atmosphere and therefore may contain an ozone filter?

- A. Laser
- B. Inkjet
- C. Thermal
- D. Impact

[128.](#) There are four servers in your server closet. You need to access each of them, but not at the same time. Which device will allow you to share one set of input and output devices for all four servers?

- A. Touch screen
- B. Docking station

C. Set-top controller

D. KVM switch

[129.](#) A user on your network has an older laser printer with no Ethernet connection. It's connected to his computer with a parallel cable. He has shared it on the network for others to use. Now, he wants no part of the printer, but others still need to use it on the network. What would be the best upgrade to install in this printer to allow others to send print jobs to it directly over the network?

A. A network card

B. An integrated print server

C. TCP/IP printing

D. AirPrint

[130.](#) A technician needs to perform maintenance on an inkjet's dirty paper pickup rollers. What should she use to clean them?

A. Rubbing alcohol

B. Mild soap and water

C. A dry lint-free cloth

D. Compressed air

[131.](#) During which step in the laser printer imaging process is toner attracted to the imaging drum?

A. Exposing

B. Transferring

C. Fusing

D. Developing

[132.](#) You are installing and configuring a magnetic hard drive and have several models to choose from. Which hard drive is most likely to have the highest data throughput rates?

A. 500GB, 7200 rpm

B. 750GB, 5400 rpm



C. 750GB, 10,000 rpm

D. 1TB, 7200 rpm

**133.** What is the name of the software package, typically enabled in the BIOS, that allows you to track the location of a stolen laptop or remotely lock it so it's inaccessible?

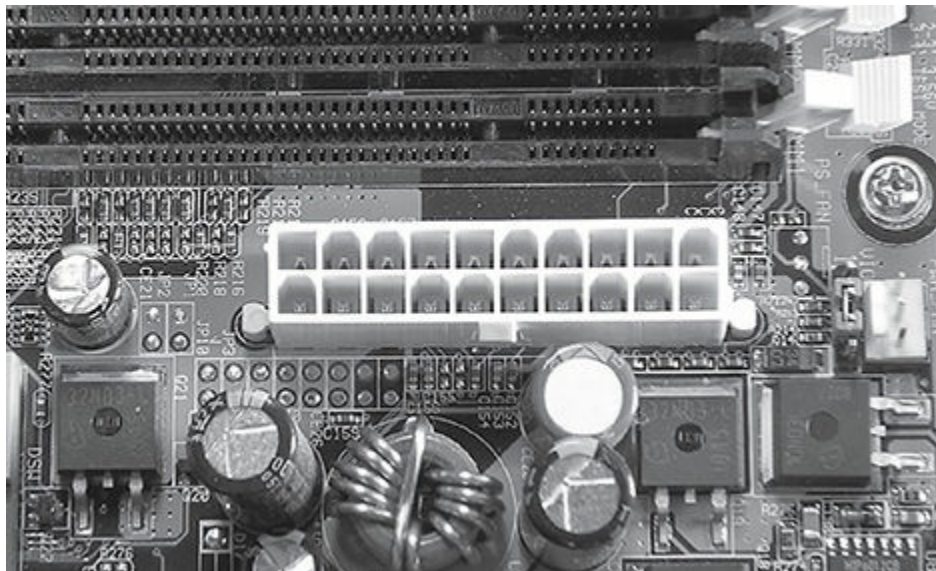
A. TPM

B. LoJack

C. Secure Boot

D. Drive Encryption

**134.** Identify the white connector on the section of motherboard shown here.



A. RAM

B. PATA

C. miniPCI

D. ATX

**135.** You need to purchase RAM for a computer. Which factor determines the speed of memory you should purchase?

A. CPU speed

B. FSB speed

C. BSB speed

D. ECC speed

[136.](#) Your manager tells you to buy a high-capacity magnetic hard drive with the highest data transfer rate possible. Which hard drive parameter do manufacturers modify to increase hard drive data transfer rates?

A. Read/write head size

B. Connector size

C. Spin rate

D. Platter size

[137.](#) Three of these four motherboard form factors can be mounted in the same style of case. Which ones are they? (Choose three.)

A. ATX

B. MicroATX

C. Mini-ITX

D. Nano-ITX

[138.](#) Which RAM feature can detect and possibly fix errors within memory?

A. Parity

B. Non-parity

C. ECC

D. Non-ECC

[139.](#) You have a client who needs a hot-swappable, nonvolatile, long-term storage technology that lets him conveniently carry data with him from one location to another in his pocket. Which technologies can you recommend? (Choose two.)

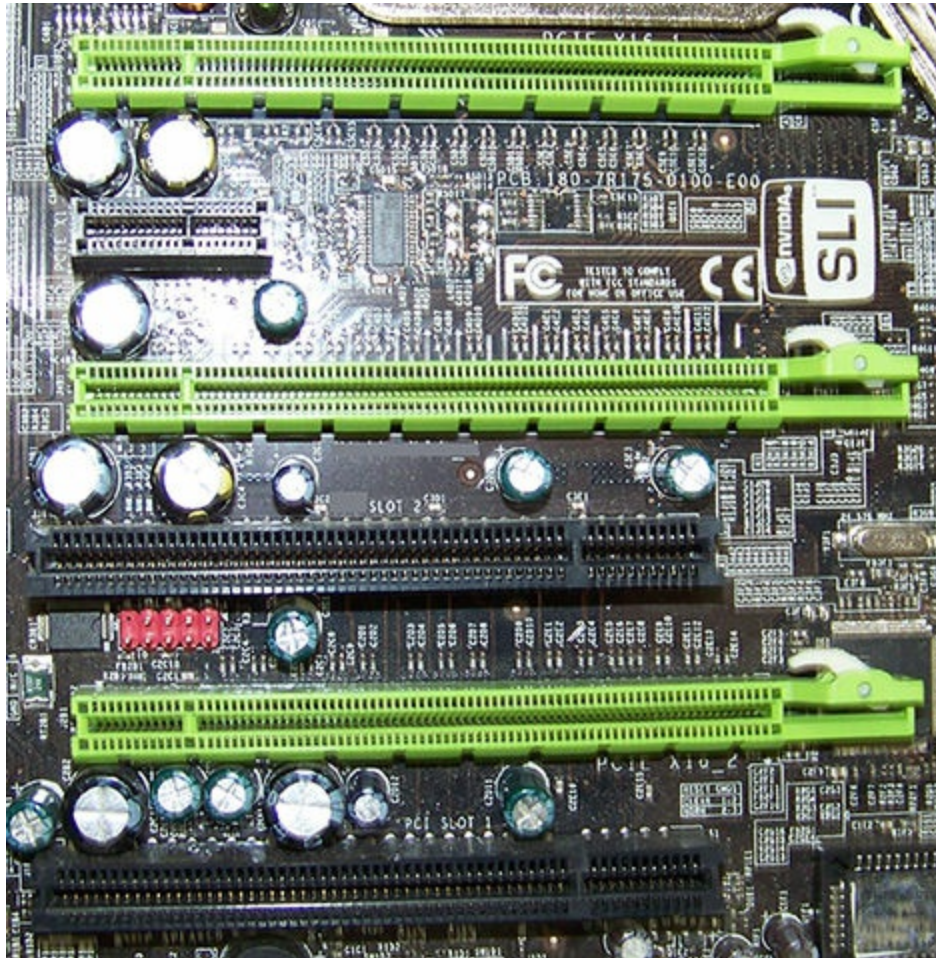
A. USB flash drive

B. Hybrid SSD

C. PATA

D. SD

[140.](#) What type of expansion slots are the first, third, and fifth slots (from the top down) on the motherboard shown here?



- A. PCIe x1
- B. PCIe x8
- C. PCIe x16
- D. PCI

[141.](#) You have been asked to assemble 20 new desktop PCs for a client. When you look at the first motherboard, you see four memory slots. The one closest to the CPU is colored blue. Then in order they are white, blue, and white. Which of the following statements are true? (Choose two.)

- A. This is a quad-channel motherboard.
- B. This is a dual-channel motherboard.
- C. For optimal performance, you should install RAM modules

into the two slots closest to the CPU.

- D. For optimal performance, you should install RAM modules into the two blue slots.

[142.](#) One of your Windows 8 users has a file they want to print as a .pdf file, but the application they are using does not support printing to .pdf. What would be their best option?

- A. There is no way to print to .pdf if the application does not support it.
- B. Use the Windows 8 native feature to print to .pdf.
- C. Install a third-party app that installs support for printing to .pdf.
- D. Use the Windows 8 native feature to print to .xps and then convert the .xps file into .pdf.

[143.](#) You have a computer running Windows 8. Every time you boot, the computer insists on trying to boot from the DVD-ROM drive. Where can you change the setting to have the system boot to the hard drive first?

- A. BIOS
- B. Windows Configuration
- C. System Manager
- D. Device Manager

[144.](#) Which of the following types of connectors are generally found on the front or top panel of the computer? (Choose two.)

- A. Hard drive
- B. Optical disk
- C. Power button
- D. USB

[145.](#) Your manager is excited because he just purchased a fast USB 3.0 external hard drive for his work team. He wants to set it in the middle of the cubicles and let everyone have access to it. Some of the cubicles are about 15 feet away from each other.

What is the recommended maximum cable length for this type of device?

- A. 3 meters
- B. 5 meters
- C. 10 meters
- D. 15 meters

[146.](#) A technician has just installed a duplexer on a laser printer. The duplexer was sold by the manufacturer and is compatible with the printer. However, the printer properties will not let anyone choose to print on both sides of the paper. What might resolve the issue?

- A. Removing and reinstalling the duplexer
- B. Turning the printer off and back on
- C. Upgrading the printer's firmware
- D. Stopping and restarting the spooler service

[147.](#) You have a desktop computer with three PCI expansion slots. What will happen when you mix cards of different speeds on the same motherboard?

- A. The cards will operate at their original speeds.
- B. None of the cards will function.
- C. The cards will all operate at the faster speed.
- D. The cards will all operate at the slower speed.

[148.](#) Which of the following statements accurately explains what happens during the exposing step in the laser printer printing process?

- A. A laser reduces areas of the drum from a strong negative charge to a slight positive charge.
- B. A laser reduces areas of the drum from a strong negative charge to a slight negative charge.
- C. A laser increases areas of the drum from a slight negative charge to a strong negative charge.

D. A laser increases areas of the drum from a slight positive charge to a strong positive charge.

[149.](#) Which of the following is the defining characteristic of a passive cooling system for a CPU?

- A. It uses water.
- B. It uses heat pipes.
- C. It uses liquid nitrogen or helium.
- D. It does not require a fan or power.

[150.](#) You have an older laptop with a CD burner in it. What is the approximate capacity of the CDs you will be able to create with this device?

- A. 350MB
- B. 700MB
- C. 1.4GB
- D. 4.7GB

[151.](#) Which of the following system settings are configurable in the BIOS? (Choose two.)

- A. Date and time
- B. Enabling and disabling services
- C. Enabling and disabling devices
- D. System cooling fan speeds

[152.](#) 64-bit SODIMM modules come in which pin configurations? (Choose two.)

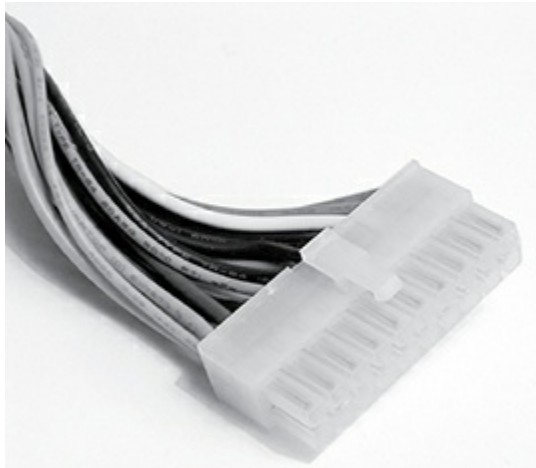
- A. 184-pin
- B. 200-pin
- C. 204-pin
- D. 240-pin

[153.](#) Which level of cache is typically the smallest and closest to the processor die in a computer?



- A. L1
- B. L2
- C. L3
- D. L4

[154.](#) Which computer component gets power from the connector shown here?



- A. Motherboard
- B. Hard drive
- C. Expansion card
- D. Secondary case fan

[155.](#) Which of the following are types of CPU sockets? (Choose two.)

- A. LGA
- B. CGA
- C. IGA
- D. PGA

[156.](#) You just purchased several used computers from another company. They came with no documentation. When looking at the RAM, you see a sticker that says PC3–10600. What is the FSB speed of this computer?

- A. 667MHz

B. 1066MHz

C. 1333MHz

D. 1600MHz

[157.](#) Your engineering team is creating a product prototype that requires a video display. They need the display to be flexible to wrap somewhat around the prototype. What type of technology should they use?

A. LED

B. LCD

C. OLED

D. Plasma

[158.](#) Your office has an inkjet printer, and the manager asks if it can be upgraded to print on both sides of the paper. What type of device can add this functionality?

A. Flipping assembly

B. Dual paper feed assembly

C. Duplexing assembly

D. Rear paper feed assembly

[159.](#) Which component in a laser printer is responsible for converting AC current into usable energy for the logic circuitry and motors?

A. LVPS

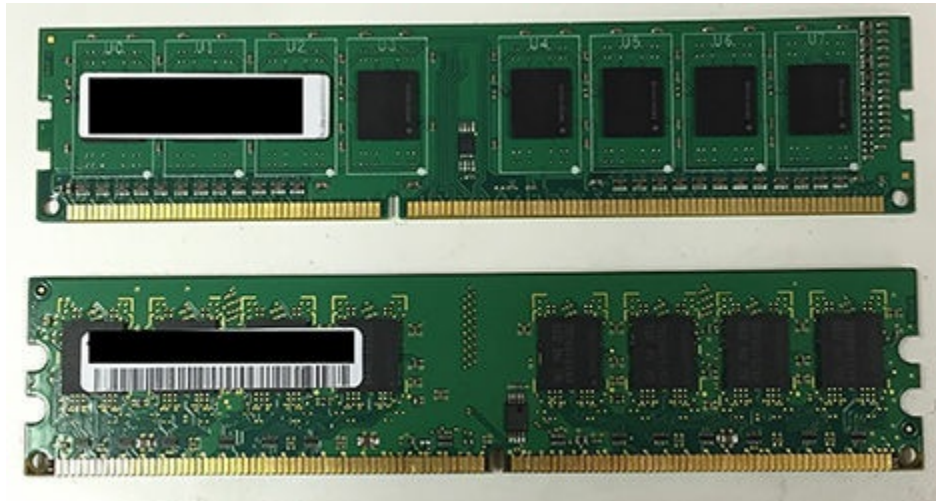
B. HVPS

C. DCPS

D. ACPS

[160.](#) What types of RAM modules are shown here, from top to bottom?





- A. DDR and DDR2
- B. DDR2 and DDR
- C. DDR2 and DDR3
- D. DDR3 and DDR2

[161.](#) The Acme company has a laser printer in its Chicago office that has been used for three months. A technician needs to ship the printer to the Detroit office for use there. What, if any, preparations should be made for the toner cartridge?

- A. No preparations are needed for the toner cartridge before shipping.
- B. Insert a toner blocker into the toner cartridge before shipping.
- C. Seal the toner cartridge with tape before shipping.
- D. Remove the toner cartridge from the printer before shipping.

[162.](#) You have been asked to implement an external backup solution for a small company. When considering tape backup solutions, which standard provides the best storage capacity?

- A. QIC
- B. DLT
- C. DAT
- D. LTO

[163.](#) A client wants you to upgrade his desktop computer to have two video cards. You want to be sure that his computer can support the extra adapter. What type of open internal expansion slot should you look for?

- A. PCIe
- B. ISA
- C. VGA
- D. DVI

[164.](#) Which step immediately follows the fusing step in the laser printer imaging process?

- A. Processing
- B. Transferring
- C. Exposing
- D. Cleaning

[165.](#) Which of the following are services created by Apple to allow for the automatic discovery of printers on local networks? (Choose two.)

- A. Bonjour
- B. AirPrint
- C. TCP printing
- D. Virtual printing

[166.](#) After installing a new print cartridge in an inkjet printer, what process must be run before printing to the device?

- A. Degaussing
- B. Driver installation
- C. Rasterizing
- D. Calibration

[167.](#) The most common RAM slots used in desktop and laptop computers, respectively, are what?

- A. SODIMM and DIMM

- B. miniDIMM and DIMM
- C. DIMM and miniDIMM
- D. DIMM and SODIMM
- E. SODIMM and miniDIMM
- F. miniDIMM and SODIMM

[168.](#) Which type of printing technology uses a heating element to make images on waxy paper?

- A. Laser
- B. Inkjet
- C. Thermal
- D. Dye sublimation
- E. Solid ink

[169.](#) You have a laser printer that is displaying the message “Perform user maintenance.” What should you do to resolve this situation?

- A. Apply a maintenance kit and clear the message.
- B. Use compressed air to blow out the inside of the printer and clear the message.
- C. Turn the printer off and back on again to clear the message.
- D. Replace the toner cartridge and clear the message.

[170.](#) PCI-X expansion slots are compatible with what other adapters?

- A. 33MHz PCI
- B. 66MHz PCI
- C. 133MHz PCI
- D. 533MHz PCI

[171.](#) A user wants to create the ultimate gaming PC. Which of the following peripherals would be most appropriate for this type of system?

- A. Barcode reader
- B. Motion sensor
- C. Joystick
- D. Smart TV

# Chapter 2

## Networking

**THE COMPTIA A+ EXAM 220-901 TOPICS COVERED IN THIS CHAPTER INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:**

**✓2.1 Identify the various types of network cables and connectors.**

- Fiber
  - Connectors: SC, ST and LC
- Twisted Pair
  - Connectors: RJ-11, RJ-45
  - Wiring standards: T568A, T568B
- Coaxial
  - Connectors: BNC, F-connector

**✓2.2 Compare and contrast the characteristics of connectors and cabling.**

- Fiber
  - Types (single-mode vs. multi-mode)
  - Speed and transmission limitations
- Twisted pair
  - Types: STP, UTP, CAT3, CAT5, CAT5e, CAT6, CAT6e, CAT7, plenum, PVC
  - Speed and transmission limitations
  - Splitters and effects on signal quality
- Coaxial
  - Types: RG-6, RG-59
  - Speed and transmission limitations

- Splitters and effects on signal quality

## **✓2.3 Explain the properties and characteristics of TCP/IP.**

- IPv4 vs. IPv6
- Public vs. private vs. APIPA/link local
- Static vs. dynamic
- Client-side DNS settings
- Client-side DHCP
- Subnet mask vs. CIDR
- Gateway

## **✓2.4 Explain common TCP and UDP ports, protocols and their purpose.**

- Ports
  - 21 – FTP
  - 22 – SSH
  - 23 – TELNET
  - 25 – SMTP
  - 53 – DNS
  - 80 – HTTP
  - 110 – POP3
  - 143 – IMAP
  - 443 – HTTPS
  - 3389 – RDP
  - 137-139 – NetBIOS/NetBT
  - 445 – SMB/CIFS
  - 427 – SLP
  - 548 – AFP
- Protocols

- DHCP
- DNS
- LDAP
- SNMP
- SMB
- CIFS
- SSH
- AFP
- TCP vs. UDP

**✓2.5 Compare and contrast various WiFi networking standards and encryption types.**

- Standards
  - 802.11 (a/b/g/n/ac)
  - Speeds, distances and frequencies
- Encryption types
  - WEP, WPA, WPA2, TKIP, AES

**✓2.6 Given a scenario, install and configure SOHO wireless/wired router and apply appropriate settings.**

- Channels
- Port forwarding, port triggering
- DHCP (on/off)
- DMZ
- NAT/DNAT
- Basic QoS
- Firmware
- UPnP

**✓2.7 Compare and contrast Internet connection types, network types and their features.**

- Internet connection types
  - Cable
  - DSL
  - Dial-up
  - Fiber
  - Satellite
  - ISDN
  - Cellular
    - Tethering
    - Mobile hotspot
  - Line-of-sight wireless internet service
- Network Types
  - LAN
  - WAN
  - PAN
  - MAN

**✓2.8 Compare and contrast network architecture devices, their functions and features.**

- Hub
- Switch
- Router
- Access point
- Bridge
- Modem
- Firewall
- Patch panel
- Repeaters/extenders



- Ethernet over Power
- Power over Ethernet injector

**2.9 Given a scenario, use appropriate networking tools.**

- Crimper
- Cable stripper
- Multimeter
- Tone generator and probe
- Cable tester
- Loopback plug
- Punchdown tool
- WiFi analyzer

1. Which of the following network devices receives network traffic and makes a decision on whether to send it on based on the destination hardware address?

- A. Hub
- B. Bridge
- C. Access point
- D. Repeater

2. A technician installed a UTP splitter on one of your network segments that has CAT6e cable. What is the maximum speed supported by this connection?

- A. 10Mbps
- B. 100Mbps
- C. 1Gbps
- D. 10Gbps

3. You are installing a fiber-optic cable between two buildings. To install the cable, you must run it through a conduit between the buildings, and access to the conduit is not easy. Before you

run the cable, you want to ensure it's working properly. Which tool should you use?

- A. Cable tester
- B. Multimeter
- C. Loopback plug
- D. Tone generator and probe

4. Which TCP/IP protocol, designed to download email, allows for multiple clients to be simultaneously connected to the same mailbox?

- A. SMTP
- B. POP3
- C. IMAP
- D. SMB

5. You are using your laptop on the company network. In your web browser, you type in [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) and press Enter. The computer will not find Google. You open the browser on your phone, and using your cellular connection, you can open Google without a problem. Your laptop finds internal servers and can print without any issues. What is the most likely reason you can't open Google?

- A. DNS server problem
- B. DHCP server problem
- C. Missing subnet mask
- D. Duplicate IP address

6. A technician needs to run a network cable to a remote building, which is approximately 15 kilometers from his base station. He's not sure if any cable will span that distance. What is the maximum distance of SMF cable?

- A. 300 meters
- B. 550 meters
- C. 40 kilometers

D. 100 kilometers

7. You have been asked to install a run of RG-59 cable from one end of a building to the other. What is the maximum distance for this type of cable run?

A. 100 meters (328 feet)

B. 228 meters (750 feet)

C. 304 meters (1,000 feet)

D. 500 meters (1,645 feet)

8. Which one of the following TCP/IP protocols was designed as a replacement for Telnet?

A. SMB

B. SSH

C. SFTP

D. FTPS

9. Which of the following network connectivity devices operate at Layer 2 of the OSI model? (Choose two.)

A. Hub

B. Switch

C. Bridge

D. Router

10. In IPv4, what is the function of the subnet mask?

A. It tells hosts where to route packets.

B. It differentiates between the network ID and host ID.

C. It determines which subnet the host is on.

D. It masks external networks from the host.

11. Which of the following TCP/IP protocols is connection oriented and attempts to guarantee packet delivery?

A. IP

B. TCP

- C. UDP
- D. ICMP

[12.](#) Which TCP/IP protocol allows a user to log into a remote computer and manage files as if they were logged in locally?

- A. FTP
- B. SFTP
- C. SMB
- D. Telnet

[13.](#) You are given a network configuration of 155.100.63.0/26 from your ISP. When you configure your network hosts, what subnet mask should you assign them?

- A. 255.255.0.0
- B. 255.255.255.0
- C. 255.255.255.192
- D. 255.255.255.240

[14.](#) Which Wi-Fi standard specifies a maximum of 54Mbps transmissions in the 2.4GHz frequency range?

- A. 802.11a
- B. 802.11b
- C. 802.11g
- D. 802.11n

[15.](#) Which TCP/IP protocol is used to provide shared access to files and printers on the network?

- A. FTP
- B. SSH
- C. SMB
- D. SNMP

[16.](#) What port number does the Telnet protocol use?

- A. 21

B. 22

C. 23

D. 25

[17.](#) You have just installed a wireless 802.11ac network for a client. The IT manager is concerned about competitors intercepting the wireless signal from outside the building. Which tool is designed to test how far your wireless signal travels?

A. Tone generator and probe

B. Protocol analyzer

C. Packet sniffer

D. Wi-Fi analyzer

[18.](#) Some of your network users are concerned about submitting confidential information to an online website. What should you tell them?

A. It's fine, because all Internet traffic is encrypted.

B. If the website address starts with TLS://, it should be OK to submit confidential information to a trusted site.

C. If the website address starts with HTTPS://, it should be OK to submit confidential information to a trusted site.

D. Don't ever submit confidential information to any online website.

[19.](#) Which TCP/IP Internet layer protocol is responsible for delivering error messages if communication between two computers fails?

A. ICMP

B. IP

C. TCP

D. UDP

[20.](#) Which type of IPv6 address identifies a single node on the network?

- A. Multicast
- B. Anycast
- C. Unicast
- D. Localcast

[21.](#) You are configuring a wireless 802.11n router for a small network. When setting it up, which security option should you choose?

- A. WPA2
- B. WPA
- C. WEP
- D. SSID

[22.](#) What type of network covers large geographical areas and often supports thousands of users?

- A. LAN
- B. WAN
- C. PAN
- D. MAN

[23.](#) Which TCP/IP protocol, developed by Microsoft, allows users to connect to remote computers and run programs on them?

- A. RDP
- B. SMB
- C. CIFS
- D. Telnet

[24.](#) What port number does the SSH protocol use?

- A. 21
- B. 22
- C. 23
- D. 25

[25.](#) Which of the following IP addresses is not routable on the Internet?

- A. 10.1.1.1
- B. 11.1.1.1
- C. 12.1.1.1
- D. 13.1.1.1

[26.](#) Which network connectivity device does not forward broadcast messages, thereby creating multiple broadcast domains?

- A. Hub
- B. Switch
- C. Bridge
- D. Router

[27.](#) You have a desktop computer that is behaving erratically on the network. The wired connection will often disconnect without warning. Which tool should you use to troubleshoot the network adapter?

- A. Multimeter
- B. Tone generator and probe
- C. Loopback plug
- D. Cable tester

[28.](#) Your company just expanded and is leasing additional space in an adjacent office building. You need to extend the network to the new building. Fortunately, there is a conduit between the two. You estimate that the cable you need to run will be about 300 meters long. What type of cable should you use?

- A. CAT5
- B. CAT5e
- C. CAT7
- D. MMF

[29.](#) You want to ensure that client computers can download email from external email servers, regardless of the protocol their email client uses. Which ports do you open on the firewall to enable this? (Choose two.)

- A. 23
- B. 25
- C. 110
- D. 143

[30.](#) You are installing network cabling in a highly secure facility. The cables need to be immune to electronic eavesdropping. What type of cable should you use?

- A. Fiber-optic
- B. UTP
- C. STP
- D. Coaxial

[31.](#) Which networking device is capable of reading IP addresses and forwarding packets based on the destination IP address?

- A. Hub
- B. Switch
- C. Bridge
- D. Router

[32.](#) Which network device is designed to be a security guard, blocking malicious data from entering your network?

- A. PoE injector
- B. Bridge
- C. Firewall
- D. Router

[33.](#) You are manually configuring TCP/IP hosts on the network. What configuration parameter specifies the address of the router that enables Internet access?



- A. Subnet mask
- B. DHCP server
- C. DNS server
- D. Default gateway

**34.** A senior administrator calls you and tells you that she is working from home and trying to use RDP, but it won't let her. What port do you need to ensure is open on the firewall to grant her access?

- A. 143
- B. 443
- C. 548
- D. 3389

**35.** Identify the cable connector in the picture.

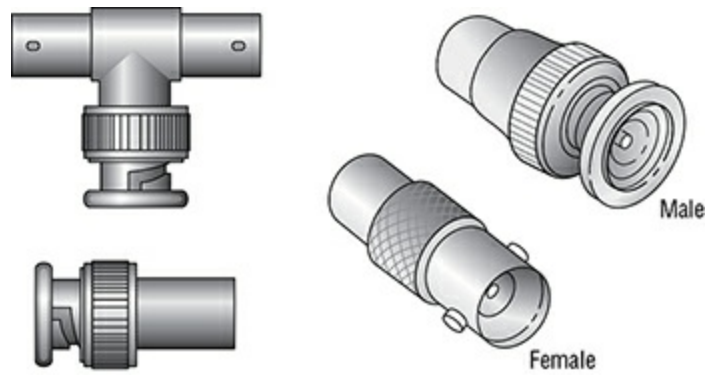


- A. F-connector
- B. BNC
- C. SC
- D. ST

**36.** What type of network is most commonly associated with Bluetooth devices and covers a small area?

- A. LAN
- B. WAN
- C. PAN
- D. MAN

**37.** Identify the type of cable connectors shown here.



- A. F-connector
- B. BNC
- C. SC
- D. ST

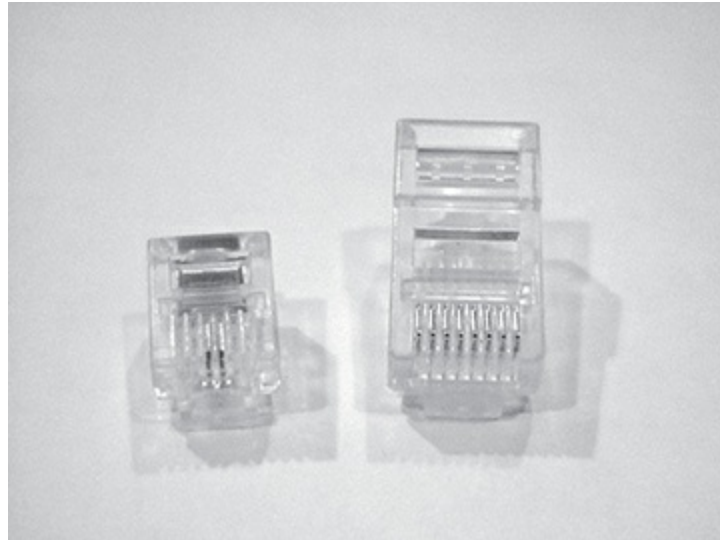
[38.](#) Which TCP/IP Internet layer protocol is responsible for resolving physical MAC addresses to logical IP addresses?

- A. IP
- B. ICMP
- C. ARP
- D. RARP

[39.](#) Which of the following IPv6 addresses is equivalent to an address in the 169.254.0.0/16 range in IPv4?

- A. 2000::/3
- B. FC00::/7
- C. FE80::/10
- D. FF00::/8

[40.](#) Identify the connectors shown here, from left to right.



- A. ST and SC
- B. SC and ST
- C. RJ-45 and RJ-11
- D. RJ-11 and RJ-45

[41.](#) You need to configure a wireless router for an office network. The office manager wants new devices to be able to automatically join the network and announce their presence to other networked devices. Which service should you enable to allow this?

- A. DHCP
- B. NAT
- C. QoS
- D. UPnP

[42.](#) You are troubleshooting a computer with an IPv6 address that is in the FE80::/10 range. Which of the following statements are true? (Choose two.)

- A. The computer will not be able to get on the Internet.
- B. The computer will be able to get on the Internet.
- C. The computer is configured with a link local unicast address.
- D. The computer is configured with a global unicast address.

[43.](#) Identify the connector shown here.



- A. ST
- B. SC
- C. LC
- D. MFF

[44.](#) You have set up your web server to function as an FTP server as well. Users on the Internet complain that they are not able to access the server using FTP clients. What port number are they trying to access the server on?

- A. 21
- B. 22
- C. 23
- D. 25
- E. 80

[45.](#) Which TCP/IP protocol allows you to access data such as employee phone numbers and email addresses that are stored within an information directory?

- A. SNMP
- B. SMTP
- C. CIFS
- D. LDAP

[46.](#) You are configuring network hosts with static IP addresses. You have chosen to use a class B network address. What is the default subnet mask that you should configure on the hosts?

- A. 255.0.0.0

- B. 255.255.0.0
- C. 255.255.255.0
- D. 255.255.255.255

[47.](#) You are installing a new network and working in a wiring closet. You need to attach several network cables to a 110 block. Which tool should you use to perform this task?

- A. Crimper
- B. Cable stripper
- C. Cable tester
- D. Punchdown tool

[48.](#) Which of the following Internet connection types offers the fastest download speeds?

- A. Cable
- B. DSL
- C. Fiber-optic
- D. ISDN

[49.](#) You need to create several UTP cables from a roll of bulk cable. Your company uses the T568B standard. What is the correct order for wires in the connectors?

- A. White/orange, orange, white/green, blue, white/blue, green, white/brown, brown
- B. White/orange, orange, white/green, green, white/blue, blue, white/brown, brown
- C. White/orange, green, white/green, blue, white/blue, orange, white/brown, brown
- D. Orange, white/orange, white/green, blue, white/blue, green, white/brown, brown

[50.](#) You are installing network cable that will support digital cable television signals. What type of cable should you install?

- A. RG-6

- B. RG-8
- C. RG-58 A/U
- D. RG-59

**51.** Which TCP/IP protocol uses TCP ports 137–139 and 445 by default?

- A. FTP
- B. SSH
- C. SMB
- D. SNMP

**52.** For IPv6, which of the following statements are not true? (Choose two.)

- A. Each IPv6 interface can have only one address.
- B. Each IPv6 interface is required to have a link local address.
- C. IPv6 addresses are incompatible with IPv4 networks.
- D. IPv6 no longer uses broadcasts.

**53.** Which of the following network architecture devices operate at Layer 1 of the OSI model? (Choose two.)

- A. Switch
- B. Hub
- C. Extender
- D. Router

**54.** You need to replace a faulty 250-foot section of RG-6 cable, but all you have available is RG-59. Which of the following statements is true?

- A. The replacement cable will not work because the distance exceeds RG-59 specifications.
- B. The replacement cable will not work because RG-6 and RG-59 use different connectors.
- C. The replacement cable will not work because RG-6 and RG-59 have different impedance.

D. The replacement cable should work.

[55.](#) You have been asked to design a new network that requires 10Gbps transmission speeds. Which cable types will meet the minimum specifications? (Choose two.)

- A. MMF
- B. CAT5
- C. CAT5e
- D. CAT7

[56.](#) Which TCP/IP protocol was developed by Apple and used to transfer files between computers?

- A. FTP
- B. AFP
- C. ATP
- D. SMB

[57.](#) Which of the following IPv6 addresses is equivalent to 127.0.0.1 in IPv4?

- A. ::0
- B. ::1
- C. ::127
- D. 2000::/3

[58.](#) A technician is configuring a wireless 802.11ac router for a home network. For security purposes, he enables the firewall. He wants to configure it so that if a computer makes an outbound request on a specific port, subsequent inbound traffic on that port would be allowed through the firewall. Which option does he need to configure to manage these settings?

- A. Port forwarding
- B. Port triggering
- C. NAT
- D. QoS

[59.](#) You are asked to perform consulting work for a medium-sized company that is having network connectivity issues. When you examine the patch panel, you notice that none of the dozens of UTP cables are labeled. Which tool can you use to identify which cable goes to which workstation?

- A. Cable tester
- B. Loopback plug
- C. Punchdown tool
- D. Tone generator and probe

[60.](#) Which TCP/IP protocol is responsible for dynamically assigning IP addresses to client computers?

- A. DNS
- B. DHCP
- C. RDP
- D. LDAP

[61.](#) What characteristic differentiates STP from UTP?

- A. It uses RJ-45s connectors instead of RJ-45.
- B. It follows the T568A wiring standard.
- C. It does not produce poisonous gas when burned.
- D. It has a layer of foil shielding.

[62.](#) You are investigating remnants of an old network setup in an unused building. At the end of a conduit, all you see are the connectors shown here. What type of cable do you expect these connectors to be attached to?





- A. Coaxial
- B. STP
- C. UTP
- D. Fiber-optic

[63.](#) Which networking device works at Layer 2 of the OSI model, has multiple ports in which each is its own collision domain, and examines the header of the incoming packet to determine which port it gets sent to?

- A. Hub
- B. Switch
- C. Bridge
- D. Router

[64.](#) Which TCP/IP port number will an email client use to push email to its email server?

- A. 23
- B. 25
- C. 110
- D. 143

[65.](#) A technician is going to set up a Wi-Fi network using standard omnidirectional antennae. Because of the building configuration, transmitting signals for the greatest distance is his primary criterion. Which standard should he choose?

- A. 802.11a

- B. 802.11g
- C. 802.11n
- D. 802.11ac

[66.](#) You are troubleshooting an intermittently failing CAT7 network connection. You suspect that there is a short in the connection. Which tool can you use to determine this?

- A. Tone generator and probe
- B. Loopback plug
- C. Multimeter
- D. Crimper

[67.](#) Which TCP/IP protocol gathers and manages network performance information using devices called agents?

- A. SNMP
- B. SMTP
- C. LDAP
- D. SMB

[68.](#) Which Internet connection type, popular for home use, offers asymmetrical download and upload speeds and is implemented over common phone lines?

- A. POTS
- B. Cable
- C. DSL
- D. ISDN

[69.](#) Which Wi-Fi encryption standard was the first to include the use of a 128-bit dynamic per-packet encryption key?

- A. WEP
- B. WPA
- C. WPA2
- D. AES

[70.](#) You are installing an 802.11n Wi-Fi network with five wireless access points. The access points are set up so their ranges overlap each other. To avoid communications issues, what principle should you follow when configuring them?

- A. Configure all access points to use the same channel.
- B. Configure all access points to use adjacent channels.
- C. Configure all access points to use non-overlapping channels.
- D. Channel configuration will not cause communications issues.

[71.](#) Which TCP/IP protocol is designed to send email from clients to mail servers?

- A. SMTP
- B. POP3
- C. IMAP
- D. SMB

[72.](#) You are setting up a small network in your neighbor's house. She is concerned about wireless security, so she doesn't want to use wireless networking at all. She needs to connect two computers to each other, but it will be impossible to run a network cable between them. Which technology can help her network these computers?

- A. Ethernet over Power
- B. Power over Ethernet
- C. Firewall
- D. Access point

[73.](#) You have been asked to install a Wi-Fi network in a building that is approximately 100 meters long and 25 meters wide. Because of cost considerations, you will need to use 802.11g. At a minimum, how many wireless access points will you need?

- A. 2
- B. 3

C. 4

D. 6

[74.](#) You are installing network cabling in a drop ceiling of an office space. The ceiling area is used to circulate breathable air. What type of cable do you need to install?

A. Coaxial

B. UTP

C. Fiber-optic

D. Plenum

[75.](#) You need to install a wireless hub in a drop ceiling where there is no access to a power source. Which technology will allow you to get power to that device?

A. Ethernet over Power

B. Power over Ethernet

C. Wireless access point

D. Repeater/extender

[76.](#) Which of the following IP addresses is not a private address and therefore is routable on the Internet?

A. 10.1.2.3

B. 172.18.31.54

C. 172.168.38.155

D. 192.168.38.155

[77.](#) You are configuring a wireless 802.11n router. The office manager insists that you configure the router such that traffic from her computer receives higher priority on the network than other users' traffic. Which setting do you need to configure to enable this?

A. QoS

B. UPnP

C. DMZ

D. Port forwarding

[78.](#) If you are connecting to a website that encrypts its connection using TLS, what port number does that traffic travel on?

A. 21

B. 80

C. 143

D. 443

[79.](#) Your network is currently running a mix of 802.11b and 802.11g devices. At the end of the year, you have extra budget to upgrade some, but not all, of the wireless infrastructure. You want to upgrade to the newest technology but still maintain backward compatibility. Which standard should you choose?

A. 802.11g

B. 802.11ac

C. 802.11r

D. 802.11n

[80.](#) You are consulting with a small field office that needs a dedicated, digital point-to-point network connection to its parent office. Which Internet connection type will meet this requirement?

A. Dial-up

B. Cable

C. DSL

D. ISDN

[81.](#) What type of network spans multiple buildings or offices but is confined to a relatively small geographical area?

A. LAN

B. WAN

C. PAN

D. MAN

[82.](#) Identify the connector shown here.



A. ST

B. SC

C. LC

D. MFF

[83.](#) While cleaning out a storage room, a technician finds several rolls of CAT5e network cable. He thinks that he might be able to use it to create replacement cables for his network. What is the maximum speed that this cable will support?

A. 100Mbps

B. 1Gbps

C. 10Gbps

D. 20Gbps

[84.](#) Which of the following shorthand notations corresponds to the CIDR subnet mask 255.255.224.0?

A. /19

B. /20

C. /21

D. /22

[85.](#) You are configuring hosts on a network running IPv4. Which elements are required for the computer to connect to the network?

- A. IP address
- B. IP address and subnet mask
- C. IP address, subnet mask, and default gateway
- D. IP address, subnet mask, default gateway, and DNS server address

[86.](#) Which TCP/IP protocol was developed by Microsoft and has been the default file and print sharing protocol on Windows-based computers since Windows 2000?

- A. CIFS
- B. SMB
- C. FTP
- D. LDAP

[87.](#) Which of the following statements regarding IPv4 configuration is true?

- A. All hosts on a network must have a unique subnet mask.
- B. All hosts on a network must have their network ID set to all 1s.
- C. All hosts on a network must have a default gateway.
- D. All hosts on a network must have a unique host address.

[88.](#) Which Wi-Fi encryption standard uses a static key, which is commonly 10, 26, or 58 characters long?

- A. WPA
- B. WPA2
- C. TKIP
- D. WEP

[89.](#) Which TCP/IP port number does SNMP use?

- A. TCP 143
- B. UDP 143
- C. TCP 161

D. UDP 161

[90.](#) Because of a recent security breach, your IT team shut down several ports on the external firewall. Now, users can't get to websites by using their URLs, but they can get there by using IP addresses. What port does the IT team need to open back up to enable Internet access via URLs?

A. 21

B. 53

C. 67

D. 80

[91.](#) All of your network hosts are configured to use DHCP. Which IP address would indicate that a host has been unable to locate a DHCP server?

A. 192.168.1.1

B. 10.1.1.1

C. 172.16.1.1

D. 169.254.1.1

[92.](#) Which type of coaxial cable connector locks by twisting the connector one-quarter turn?

A. F-connector

B. BNC

C. SC

D. ST

[93.](#) Your network uses UTP cabling. Which of the following types of network connections require the use of a crossover cable? (Choose two.)

A. Computer to hub

B. Computer to switch

C. Computer to router

D. Switch to switch



[94.](#) A technician is trying to establish a dial-up network connection using a legacy modem. What is the fastest data throughput for a modem?

- A. 28.8Kbps
- B. 56Kbps
- C. 1Mbps
- D. 4Mbps

[95.](#) You are replacing a connector at the end of coaxial cable. What type of connector is threaded and screws into place?

- A. F-connector
- B. BNC
- C. SC
- D. ST

[96.](#) You are installing UTP network cabling. The network has a mixture of network cards, but the minimum required speed is 100Mbps. What is the minimum grade of cable you can install to meet this requirement?

- A. CAT3
- B. CAT5
- C. CAT5e
- D. CAT6a

[97.](#) You have reason to believe that several network users are actively browsing prohibited content on unsecured sites on the Internet. Which port can you disable on the firewall to immediately stop access to these web sites?

- A. 53
- B. 67
- C. 80
- D. 443

[98.](#) You are installing UTP network cable for a client. The

client's policies require that network cables do not produce poisonous gas when burned. What type of cable do you need to install?

- A. Plenum
- B. PVC
- C. STP
- D. CAT5e or higher

[99.](#) You have been asked to create a UTP crossover cable. Which pins need to be crossed over to make the cable work properly?

- A. 1 and 2, 3 and 6
- B. 1 and 3, 2 and 6
- C. 1 and 6, 2 and 3
- D. None of the above

[100.](#) Which TCP/IP protocol is designed to help resolve host names to IP addresses?

- A. ARP
- B. RARP
- C. DHCP
- D. DNS

[101.](#) You need to install an Internet connection for a forest ranger outlook tower, located far away from electrical lines. Which option would be best for broadband Internet access?

- A. Cable
- B. DSL
- C. ISDN
- D. Satellite

[102.](#) Which TCP/IP host-to-host protocol makes its best effort to deliver data but does not guarantee it?

- A. IP

- B. TCP
- C. UDP
- D. ICMP

[103.](#) What type of network is typically defined as being contained within a single office or building?

- A. LAN
- B. WAN
- C. PAN
- D. MAN

[104.](#) Which port number is AFP capable of using?

- A. 427
- B. 443
- C. 445
- D. 548

[105.](#) You are installing a wireless network for a small company. They want to have 100Mbps or better wireless transmission rates. Which of the following standards will allow you to provide this? (Choose two.)

- A. 802.11g
- B. 802.11i
- C. 802.11n
- D. 802.11ac

# Chapter 3

## Mobile Devices

**THE COMPTIA A+ EXAM 220-901 TOPICS COVERED IN THIS CHAPTER INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:**

**3.1 Install and configure laptop hardware and components.**

- Expansion options
  - Expresscard /34
  - Expresscard /54
  - SODIMM
  - Flash
  - **Ports/Adapters**
    - Thunderbolt
    - DisplayPort
    - USB to RJ-45 dongle
    - USB to WiFi dongle
    - USB to Bluetooth
    - USB Optical Drive
- **Hardware/device replacement**
  - Keyboard
  - **Hard drive**
    - SSD vs. hybrid vs. magnetic disk
    - 1.8in vs. 2.5in
  - Memory
  - Smart card reader
  - Optical drive

- Wireless card
- Mini-PCIe
- Screen
- DC jack
- Battery
- Touchpad
- Plastics/frames
- Speaker
- System board
- CPU

### **3.2 Explain the function of components within the display of a laptop.**

- Types
- **LCD**
  - TN vs. IPS
  - Fluorescent vs. LED backlighting
- **OLED**
- Wi-Fi antenna connector/placement
- Webcam
- Microphone
- Inverter
- Digitizer

### **3.3 Given a scenario, use appropriate laptop features.**

- **Special function keys**
  - Dual displays
  - Wireless (on/off)
  - Cellular (on/off)

- Volume settings
- Screen brightness
- Bluetooth (on/off)
- Keyboard backlight
- Touch pad (on/off)
- Screen orientation
- Media options (fast forward/rewind)
- GPS (on/off)
- Airplane mode
- Docking station
- Physical laptop lock and cable lock
- Rotating/removable screens

### **✓3.4 Explain the characteristics of various types of other mobile devices.**

- Tablets
- Smartphones
- **Wearable technology devices**
  - Smart watches
  - Fitness monitors
  - Glasses and headsets
- Phablets
- e-Readers
- Smart camera
- GPS

### **✓3.5 Compare and contrast accessories and ports of other mobile devices.**

- **Connection types**
  - NFC

- Proprietary vendor-specific ports (communication/power)
- MicroUSB/miniUSB
- Lightning
- Bluetooth
- IR
- Hotspot/tethering
- **Accessories**
  - Headsets
  - Speakers
  - Game pads
  - Docking stations
  - Extra battery packs/battery chargers
  - Protective covers/water proofing
  - Credit card readers
  - Memory/MicroSD

1. Which type of laptop backlight is typically used in smaller mobile devices and consumes the least amount of power?

- A. IPS
- B. TN
- C. LED
- D. CCFL

2. In which scenario would you use the Fn key and the F10 key shown here?



- A. To turn the screen brightness down
- B. To turn the screen brightness up
- C. To turn the speaker volume down
- D. To turn the speaker volume up

3. You are purchasing a mobile device that allows you to use your finger to input information. What type of touch screen technology does this device use?

- A. Capacitive
- B. Human-based
- C. Warmth
- D. Resistive

4. You are using a public Wi-Fi hotspot and believe that someone is trying to hack into your laptop. Which laptop feature should you use to immediately turn off all wireless connections?

- A. Silent mode
- B. Quiet mode
- C. Airplane mode
- D. Connectionless mode

5. You have been asked to purchase a new camera for the company photographer. Some of the cameras are marketed as “smart” cameras. What key feature does this likely mean the camera includes?



- A. Wi-Fi
- B. RJ-45
- C. Separate video processor
- D. Internal hard drive

6. A user approaches you and asks for a CPU upgrade so his Lenovo laptop will run faster. What is most likely the easiest way to meet this user's needs?

- A. Remove the CPU and replace it with a faster one that fits the same socket.
- B. Replace the laptop with one with a faster CPU.
- C. Replace the motherboard with a standard laptop motherboard with a faster processor.
- D. Replace the motherboard with a Lenovo laptop motherboard with a faster processor.

7. In which scenario would you use the Fn key and the F4 key shown here?



- A. To turn the touch pad on or off
- B. To change the video output to an external monitor
- C. To change the screen orientation from landscape to portrait
- D. To turn the keyboard backlight on or off

8. You are using a laptop computer and the wireless network card fails. There are no wired ports nearby. You need to send a file to your boss, who is in another country, in the next ten minutes. What should you do to fix the situation?

- A. Remove the defective network card and install a new one.

- B. Install a USB to RJ-45 dongle.
- C. Install a USB to Wi-Fi dongle.
- D. Install a USB to Bluetooth dongle.

[9.](#) Which type of mobile device is known for using electrophoretic ink?

- A. E-reader
- B. Smart watch
- C. Smart glasses
- D. Tablet

[10.](#) What type of connection are you using if you use a USB cable to connect your laptop to your cellular phone in order to use the cellular wireless connection from the laptop?

- A. Hotspot
- B. Tethering
- C. USB networking
- D. Phoning

[11.](#) What characteristic was the BlackBerry smartphone most famous for?

- A. Wi-Fi
- B. Hardware keyboard
- C. Anti-glare
- D. Trackball

[12.](#) Which laptop accessory should you purchase if you want to protect the device against theft?

- A. Docking station
- B. Change Protective cover
- C. Cable lock
- D. LoJack

[13.](#) The hard drive in your manager's hard drive has failed, and

you need to replace it. Your manager asks about the benefits of replacing it with an SSD instead of an HDD. What should you tell her? (Choose two.)

- A. They are cheaper.
- B. They take up less space.
- C. They consume less power and generate less heat.
- D. They operate silently.

[14.](#) Which laptop expansion port was designed as an industry standard to replace VGA and DVI ports and is backward compatible with both standards?

- A. DisplayPort
- B. VideoPort
- C. Thunderbolt
- D. HDMI

[15.](#) What is the maximum data speed of an ExpressCard 2.0 card running in USB 3.0 mode?

- A. 480Mbps
- B. 2.5Gbps
- C. 5.0Gbps
- D. 6.0Gbps

[16.](#) You have recently purchased a laptop computer with a touch screen. It allows you to draw images on the screen and save them on the computer. Which device is responsible for converting the input into the image that you are able to save?

- A. Inverter
- B. Touchpad
- C. Digitizer
- D. Touch screen

[17.](#) A technician has a failed Lenovo laptop, and he suspects the motherboard is bad. He has several other laptops available from

which he can harvest parts. Which of the following statements is most likely true regarding the replacement motherboard he selects?

- A. The motherboard is not replaceable.
- B. He can choose a motherboard from any other laptop.
- C. He can choose a motherboard from any other Lenovo laptop.
- D. He must choose a motherboard from that same model of Lenovo laptop.

[18.](#) A technician needs to replace a failed laptop hard drive. The user stores a large amount of video on her computer and needs the largest capacity drive possible. What type of hard drive should you install?

- A. SSD
- B. Magnetic
- C. Hybrid
- D. Flash

[19.](#) Which of the following wireless communication types has a maximum distance of about 4"?

- A. NFC
- B. Wi-Fi
- C. IR
- D. Bluetooth

[20.](#) Which two components of a laptop are the most useful when making a video conference call? (Choose two.)

- A. Digitizer
- B. Webcam
- C. Microphone
- D. Inverter

[21.](#) Which mobile accessory is shown here?



- A. Credit card reader
- B. Memory card reader
- C. External battery pack
- D. Wi-Fi range extender

22. Which mobile connection type allows you to share your cellular Internet connection with a Wi-Fi enabled device?

- A. Hotspot
- B. NFC
- C. Bluetooth
- D. IR

23. You are responsible for replacement parts within your company's IT department. Because of the critical nature of your business, you need to have replacement parts on hand in the event of a hardware failure. Your company uses four different types of laptops, two HP and two Dell. How many different types of motherboards do you most likely need to stock?

- A. One
- B. Two
- C. Three
- D. Four

24. In a laptop computer, which component is responsible for providing light to the display?

- A. Backlight
- B. Inverter
- C. LCD

D. Screen

[25.](#) You need to purchase a memory card reader and removable memory for your mobile device. You need to transfer approximately 1TB of data at a time. Which technology should you invest in?

A. SDHC

B. miniSD

C. microSDHC

D. SDXC

[26.](#) What type of mobile device would use the connector shown here?



A. Apple iPhone 4

B. Apple iPhone 6

C. Samsung Galaxy S5

D. Fitbit Surge

[27.](#) You are replacing a motherboard in a laptop computer. When you open the case, you notice that there is a small circuit board attached to the motherboard that appears to have video and network circuitry built in to it. What is the name of this small circuit board?

A. Daughterboard

B. Secondary motherboard

C. Junior board

D. Expansion board

[28.](#) You are visiting a remote office and need to print some

documents. Your host tells you that the printer you need is configured on a piconet. What type of expansion option should you use to connect to this printer?

- A. USB to RJ-45 dongle
- B. USB to Wi-Fi dongle
- C. USB to Bluetooth
- D. USB to Thunderbolt

[29.](#) You will be traveling to another country for work and will have a 10-hour airplane flight. You need to work on your laptop while on the flight, but your battery won't last that long. What should you buy to allow you to use the auxiliary power outlets on the airplane?

- A. AC adapter
- B. DC adapter
- C. Power inverter
- D. Docking station

[30.](#) Your laptop has an internal Mini PCIe expansion slot. The documentation for an expansion card says that it supports Mini PCIe 2.0 x1 functionality. What speed does the expansion card run at?

- A. 480Mbps
- B. 2.5Gbps
- C. 5.0Gbps
- D. 6.0Gbps

[31.](#) Of the laptop components listed, which one is least likely to be built into the display?

- A. Wi-Fi antenna
- B. Speakers
- C. Webcam
- D. Digitizer

[32.](#) A defining characteristic of a phablet is a screen of approximately what size?

- A. Between 3" and 5"
- B. Between 5" and 7"
- C. Between 7" and 12"
- D. Between 12" and 24"

[33.](#) You are interested in buying a smart watch that has an OS compatible with your Android-based smart phone. Which brand of smart watch uses the Android Wear OS?

- A. Apple Watch
- B. Samsung Gear S
- C. Sony SmartWatch 3
- D. Pebble Time

[34.](#) You want to enable hands-free cellular conversations for when you are driving, so you purchase a wireless headset. Which wireless technology does the headset most likely use?

- A. Wi-Fi
- B. IR
- C. Bluetooth
- D. NFC

[35.](#) The AC adapter for your Dell laptop is not working properly, and you are searching for a replacement. Which two factors should be most important when selecting a new AC adapter? (Choose two.)

- A. Polarity
- B. Same or higher wattage than the original
- C. Brand of the adapter
- D. Size of the adapter

[36.](#) A laptop user wants to have a full-sized monitor and keyboard, as well as an external hard drive, available to him



when he is at his desk. Which accessory can he purchase so that he doesn't need to plug in each of these devices separately to his laptop every time he returns to his desk?

- A. KVM switch
- B. Port bay station
- C. Desktop station
- D. Docking station

[37.](#) Identify the laptop connector, typically located on the bottom of the laptop, shown here.



- A. Mini PCIe
- B. Smart card reader
- C. Docking port
- D. Battery port

[38.](#) You need to replace a failed hard drive in a user's laptop, and it's a model you are unfamiliar with. You look at the bottom of the laptop and see no obvious entrance points. Which component will you most likely need to remove to access the hard drive bay?

- A. Plastics/frames
- B. Battery
- C. System board
- D. Keyboard

[39.](#) A new laptop user asks you to explain airplane mode to them. Which of the following statements best describes what airplane mode does?

- A. It turns off all your wireless connections.
- B. It turns off your Wi-Fi connection.
- C. It turns off your Wi-Fi and cellular connections.
- D. It turns off your Wi-Fi and Bluetooth connections.

[40.](#) Which memory cards have a capacity of up to 32GB?  
(Choose two.)

- A. miniSDHC
- B. microSDHC
- C. SD
- D. microSDXC

[41.](#) The iPhone 5 and iPhone 6 use what type of connector for charging?

- A. Thunderbolt
- B. Lightning
- C. ApplePower
- D. USB compound micro

[42.](#) You have a laptop with an ExpressCard/34 slot. Which type of device or devices are you unlikely to be able to use as an expansion option in that slot?

- A. Hard drive
- B. Hard drive or sound card
- C. Hard drive, sound card, or network card
- D. Hard drive, sound card, network card, or eSATA adapter

[43.](#) You have enabled the GPS service in your tablet. What is the minimum number of GPS satellites your tablet needs to be in contact with to determine its location?

- A. One
- B. Two
- C. Three

D. Four

[44.](#) You are investigating new laptops for your company. You want the laptop displays to have a wide viewing angle. Which technology is best suited for your needs?

- A. LED
- B. CCFL
- C. IPS
- D. TN

[45.](#) You are using a USB flash drive to transfer files from a laptop. You plug the USB drive in and then copy the files to it. What is the recommended way to remove the drive?

- A. Unplug the drive.
- B. Use the Safely Remove Hardware icon in the system tray, stop the drive, and then unplug it.
- C. Close the drive's window in Windows Explorer and unplug it.
- D. Use the Shut Down Hardware icon in the system tray, stop the drive, and then unplug it.

[46.](#) What is the name of the OS used by the Apple Watch, which was designed specifically for the watch?

- A. iOS
- B. OS X mobile
- C. WatchOS
- D. Tizen

[47.](#) The new model of laptop just purchased by your company has a Universal ExpressCard slot. Which of the following types of cards can you install into that slot?

- A. ExpressCard/54 only
- B. ExpressCard/34 and ExpressCard/54
- C. ExpressCard/24, ExpressCard/34, and ExpressCard/54

D. ExpressCard/34, ExpressCard/54, and CardBus

[48.](#) You have a MacBook Pro computer with a Thunderbolt 2 port. What is the maximum throughput of a device plugged into this port?

- A. 5Gbps
- B. 6Gbps
- C. 10Gbps
- D. 20Gbps

[49.](#) A technician needs to replace a failed laptop hard drive. What are the possible form factors of this hard drive? (Choose two.)

- A. 1.3"
- B. 1.8"
- C. 2.5"
- D. 3.5"

[50.](#) Your laptop has an internal Mini PCIe expansion slot. The documentation for an expansion card says that it supports Mini PCIe USB 2.0 functionality. What speed does the expansion card run at?

- A. 480Mbps
- B. 2.5Gbps
- C. 5.0Gbps
- D. 6.0Gbps

[51.](#) Which laptop component can take input from a stylus and convert it into an image on the computer?

- A. Digitizer
- B. Touchpad
- C. Point stick
- D. Inverter

[52.](#) What type of wearable technology device is specifically

designed to track a user's movement and heart rate and may include features such as GPS?

- A. Smart watch
- B. Fitness monitor
- C. Smart glasses
- D. Smart headset

**53.** Your company is producing posters for an upcoming public relations campaign. The project leader wants to embed information into an NFC tag in the poster. How much information can this tag hold?

- A. 8KB
- B. 144KB
- C. 1.4MB
- D. 4.4MB

**54.** You want to play video games on your tablet computer. Which accessory would you purchase if you wanted to play the game much like you would on a gaming console?

- A. Docking station
- B. Touchpad
- C. Point stick
- D. Game pad

**55.** Which laptop expansion port technology was developed by Apple and supports a wide variety of peripheral devices?

- A. USB
- B. DisplayPort
- C. eSATA
- D. Thunderbolt

**56.** You have a laptop with an ExpressCard/34 slot. Which of the following statements are true regarding installing expansion cards?

- A. You can only plug in an ExpressCard/34 card.
- B. You can plug in an ExpressCard/34 card or an ExpressCard/22 card.
- C. You can plug in an ExpressCard/34 card or an ExpressCard/54 card.
- D. You can plug in an ExpressCard/34 card or an ExpressCard Universal card.

[57.](#) You are wearing your smart watch, which allows you to make payments like a credit card. What type of connection technology does this service use?

- A. Bluetooth
- B. NFC
- C. Wi-Fi
- D. IR

[58.](#) Which laptop display component is capable of discharging energy and causing severe injuries to technicians?

- A. Screen
- B. Backlight
- C. Inverter
- D. LCD

[59.](#) Your new laptop has 4GB system RAM and an integrated video card. The default setting specifies 512MB of video memory. How much RAM is available for the processor to use?

- A. 4GB.
- B. 3.5GB.
- C. 3GB.
- D. It's variable.

[60.](#) Polar and Jawbone are manufacturers of what type of wearable technology devices?

- A. Smart glasses

- B. Smart headsets
- C. Smart watches
- D. Fitness monitors

[61.](#) You need to install a memory upgrade in a laptop computer. The computer's documentation says that the laptop uses DDR3 SODIMMs. How many pins will be on the SODIMM?

- A. 144
- B. 200
- C. 204
- D. 240

[62.](#) What type of mobile device would use the connector shown here?



- A. Apple iPhone 4
- B. Apple iPhone 6
- C. Samsung Galaxy S5
- D. Fitbit Surge

[63.](#) You need to replace a failed laptop hard drive. The user has asked that the new hard drive be as fast as possible, regardless of disk space or cost. What type of drive should you install?

- A. SSD
- B. Magnetic
- C. Hybrid
- D. External

[64.](#) Which type of mobile connection uses a process called pairing to logically connect two devices?

- A. Bluetooth
- B. Wi-Fi
- C. NFC
- D. IR

[65.](#) Tablet computers feature touch screens that are approximately what size?

- A. Between 5" and 7"
- B. Between 3" and 5"
- C. Between 7" and 12"
- D. Between 12" and 24"

[66.](#) What type of connectors are the two shown here in the center?



- A. Lightning
- B. Thunderbolt
- C. IEEE 1394
- D. Power

[67.](#) Which mobile technology device makes use of an augmented reality display?

- A. Smart phone
- B. Smart watch
- C. Smart camera
- D. Smart glasses

[68.](#) Which type of laptop backlight generally does not require the use of an inverter?

- A. TN
- B. IPS



C. CCFL

D. LED

[69.](#) You have traveled to the office of one of your suppliers. They do not have wireless networking, and your laptop does not have a wired network connection. If you need to get on their network, what is the best solution?

A. Install a Mini PCIe network card with an RJ-45 port.

B. Install a USB to RJ-45 dongle.

C. Install a USB to Bluetooth dongle.

D. Install a USB to Wi-Fi dongle.

[70.](#) You are on the phone talking to a technician who is trying to upgrade a laptop. He is having trouble identifying the Mini PCIe card. How wide should you tell the technician that the card is?

A. 27mm

B. 30mm

C. 51mm

D. 60mm

[71.](#) You have been asked to burn a DVD with several videos on it, but your laptop does not have an internal optical drive. You are certain that this request will be made several times. Which option is the best for you to install or replace a DVD burner?

A. Remove the secondary hard drive bay and install an internal DVD burner.

B. Remove the battery pack and install a DVD burner in its place.

C. Install an external DVD burner using a USB port.

D. Install an external DVD burner using the DB-15 port.

[72.](#) Which type of network connection is least likely to be found on a tablet computer?

A. Wi-Fi

- B. Bluetooth
- C. RJ-45
- D. Cellular

73. A Lightning connector would be used with what type of device?

- A. Samsung Galaxy S5
- B. Fitbit Surge
- C. Apple iPhone 4
- D. Apple iPhone 6

74. You have decided to start playing video-intensive games on your laptop computer. The video appears jumpy and slow to respond. What should you do first to try to increase the performance during game play?

- A. Upgrade the video card.
- B. Install additional video memory.
- C. Use Windows Control Panel to increase the amount of video memory available.
- D. Use the system BIOS to increase the amount of video memory available.

75. A guest presenter plugs an external projector into her laptop, using the VGA port on the back of the laptop. He then uses the Fn key and his video toggle switch; the projector displays his presentation, but his laptop screen goes dark. What should he do if he wants to see the presentation on both the projector and his laptop?

- A. Install a second video driver and then use the video toggle key to switch the video output to both screens.
- B. Unplug the projector and plug it back in to synchronize it with the laptop.
- C. Unplug the projector, use the video toggle key to switch the video output, and then plug the projector back in.

D. Press the video toggle key again until the presentation is shown on both screens.

[76.](#) You need to replace a failed motherboard in a laptop computer. Which of the following components are most likely integrated into the motherboard? (Choose two.)

A. Video card

B. Network card

C. Hard drive

D. RAM

[77.](#) A user has a laptop that is intermittently locking up. Initial diagnostics indicate that the processor is overheating. What can you do to try to remediate the issue? (Choose two.)

A. Leave the case open while the system is running to allow for better airflow and cooling.

B. Lower the CPU voltage in the system BIOS.

C. Lower the CPU clock speed in the system BIOS.

D. Run the laptop on AC power instead of battery power.

[78.](#) A client has an older Windows 7 laptop with an integrated video card. The system seems to boot but produces no video, even with an external monitor hooked up. What can you do to fix this?

A. Add an external USB video card and connect the monitor to it.

B. Remove the old video card, and replace it with a new internal video card.

C. Replace the motherboard.

D. Leave the old card in the system, and add an internal mini-PCIe video card.

[79.](#) You are upgrading a laptop with a Mini PCIe card. What type of connector does Mini PCIe use?

A. 52-pin

- B. 78-pin
- C. 144-pin
- D. 200-pin

[80.](#) Which of the following are ways to input information or commands into Google Glass? (Choose two.)

- A. Touch screen
- B. Touchpad
- C. Voice command
- D. Virtual keyboard

[81.](#) Which of the following wireless communication methods are the least susceptible to hacking? (Choose two.)

- A. Wi-Fi
- B. IR
- C. Bluetooth
- D. NFC

[82.](#) Of the laptop LCD technologies, which consumes the least amount of power?

- A. LED
- B. IPS
- C. TN
- D. CCFL

[83.](#) What types of networking will smart cameras often have built into them? (Choose two.)

- A. Bluetooth
- B. IR
- C. RJ-45
- D. 802.11b/g/n

[84.](#) What type of connector is shown here on the right?



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- A. USB micro
- B. USB mini
- C. USB type A
- D. Lightning

[85.](#) A user has brought his laptop to you because the screen is intermittently flickering. Which display component is most likely causing this?

- A. Backlight
- B. LCD
- C. Screen
- D. Inverter

[86.](#) Which of the following wireless communication types has a maximum distance of 1 meter and requires line of sight?

- A. NFC
- B. Bluetooth
- C. Wi-Fi
- D. IR

# **Chapter 4**

## **Hardware and Network Troubleshooting**

**THE COMPTIA A+ EXAM 220-901 TOPICS COVERED IN THIS CHAPTER INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:**

**4.1 Given a scenario, troubleshoot common problems related to motherboards, RAM, CPU and power with appropriate tools.**

- Common symptoms
  - Unexpected shutdowns
  - System lockups
  - POST code beeps
  - Blank screen on bootup
  - BIOS time and settings resets
  - Attempts to boot to incorrect device
  - Continuous reboots
  - No power
  - Overheating
  - Loud noise
  - Intermittent device failure
  - Fans spin – no power to other devices
  - Indicator lights
  - Smoke
  - Burning smell
  - Proprietary crash screens (BSOD/pin wheel)
  - Distended capacitors

- Tools
  - Multimeter
  - Power supply tester
  - Loopback plugs
  - POST card/USB

#### **✓4.2 Given a scenario, troubleshoot hard drives and RAID arrays with appropriate tools.**

- Common symptoms
  - Read/write failure
  - Slow performance
  - Loud clicking noise
  - Failure to boot
  - Drive not recognized
  - OS not found
  - RAID not found
  - RAID stops working
  - Proprietary crash screens (BSOD/pin wheel)
  - S.M.A.R.T. errors
- Tools
  - Screwdriver
  - External enclosures
  - CHKDSK
  - FORMAT
  - File recovery software
  - Bootrec
  - Diskpart
  - Defragmentation tool

#### **4.3 Given a scenario, troubleshoot common video, projector and display issues.**

- Common symptoms
  - VGA mode
  - No image on screen
  - Overheat shutdown
  - Dead pixels
  - Artifacts
  - Color patterns incorrect
  - Dim image
  - Flickering image
  - Distorted image
  - Distorted geometry
  - Burn-in
  - Oversized images and icons

#### **4.4 Given a scenario, troubleshoot wired and wireless networks with appropriate tools.**

- Common symptoms
  - No connectivity
  - APIPA/link local address
  - Limited connectivity
  - Local connectivity
  - Intermittent connectivity
  - IP conflict
  - Slow transfer speeds
  - Low RF signal
  - SSID not found
- Hardware tools



- Cable tester
- Loopback plug
- Punchdown tools
- Tone generator and probe
- Wire strippers
- Crimper
- Wireless locator
- Command line tools
  - PING
  - IPCONFIG/IFCONFIG
  - TRACERT
  - NETSTAT
  - NBTSTAT
  - NET
  - NETDOM
  - NSLOOKUP

**4.5 Given a scenario, troubleshoot and repair common mobile device issues while adhering to the appropriate procedures.**

- Common symptoms
  - No display
  - Dim display
  - Flickering display
  - Sticking keys
  - Intermittent wireless
  - Battery not charging
  - Ghost cursor/pointer drift
  - No power

- Num lock indicator lights
- No wireless connectivity
- No Bluetooth connectivity
- Cannot display to external monitor
- Touchscreen non-responsive
- Apps not loading
- Slow performance
- Unable to decrypt email
- Extremely short battery life
- Overheating
- Frozen system
- No sound from speakers
- GPS not functioning
- Swollen battery
- Disassembling processes for proper re-assembly
  - Document and label cable and screw locations
  - Organize parts
  - Refer to manufacturer resources
  - Use appropriate hand tools

#### **✓4.6 Given a scenario, troubleshoot printers with appropriate tools.**

- Common symptoms
  - Streaks
  - Faded prints
  - Ghost images
  - Toner not fused to the paper
  - Creased paper

- Paper not feeding
- Paper jam
- No connectivity
- Garbled characters on paper
- Vertical lines on page
- Backed up print queue
- Low memory errors
- Access denied
- Printer will not print
- Color prints in wrong print color
- Unable to install printer
- Error codes
- Printing blank pages
- No image on printer display
- Tools
  - Maintenance kit
  - Toner vacuum
  - Compressed air
  - Printer spooler

[1.](#) You are troubleshooting a computer that will not boot. It tells you that there is no bootable device. You check the BIOS, and it does not show any installed hard drives. What should you do next?

- A. Run `bootrec /fixmbr`.
- B. Replace the hard drive with one in an external enclosure.
- C. Flash the BIOS.
- D. Check the hard drive connections.

[2.](#) A technician just replaced a failed internal hard drive in a desktop computer with an empty hard drive. She needs to boot to the network to connect to an imaging server to restore the computer. How should she do this?

- A. During boot, press the F2 key to boot to the network.
- B. During boot, enter the BIOS and change the boot sequence to boot to the network.
- C. Let the boot complete normally. When the BIOS does not find a bootable partition on the hard drive, it will boot from the network.
- D. During boot, press the F7 key to edit the boot sequence menu.

[3.](#) A user's laptop computer does not display anything on the screen, although the power light and other indicator lights are on. You plug in an external monitor and it does not display either. Which component is most likely causing the problem?

- A. Inverter
- B. Backlight
- C. Screen
- D. Video card

[4.](#) You are troubleshooting a computer making a loud whining noise. Looking at the exhaust fan, you see a thick coating of dust. What should you do next?

- A. Use compressed air to clean the fan.
- B. Use a computer vacuum to clean the fan.
- C. Use a damp cloth to clean the fan.
- D. Replace the power supply.

[5.](#) A user reports that his laptop battery does not charge when his laptop is plugged into an AC outlet. What is the best resolution to try first?

- A. Replace the battery.

- B. Replace the AC adapter.
- C. Remove and reinsert the battery.
- D. Drain the battery completely and then recharge it.

[6.](#) A technician has determined that she needs to replace a motherboard in a laptop. Which of the following procedures should you follow? (Choose two.)

- A. Never use a power screwdriver with a laptop.
- B. Document and label screw locations.
- C. Refer to the manufacturer's instructions.
- D. Remove the keyboard before removing the motherboard.

[7.](#) You have just replaced faulty RAM in a desktop computer. You reboot the computer, and after a few seconds it beeps once. What does this indicate?

- A. The RAM is faulty.
- B. The motherboard needs to be replaced.
- C. The system BIOS detected an error in the POST routine.
- D. The system BIOS completed the POST routine normally.

[8.](#) You are troubleshooting a computer that has been randomly rebooting, and now it refuses to boot properly. Upon boot, you receive one long beep and three short beeps, but no video on the screen. What tool should you use to troubleshoot the situation?

- A. Multimeter
- B. Power supply tester
- C. Loopback plug
- D. POST card

[9.](#) Over time, the hard drive performance of your computer has gotten slower. You believe that many of the files stored on the drive are fragmented, slowing down disk read and write speeds. What should you do to resolve this issue?

- A. Run Disk Defragmenter.
- B. Format the hard drive and restore the data.
- C. Delete the partition, create a new one, and restore the data.
- D. Run `chkdsk`.

**10.** A user's computer has failed. When you try to boot it up, you hear a loud, rhythmic clicking sound, and the system does not boot properly. What is most likely the issue?

- A. HDD failure
- B. SSD failure
- C. RAM failure
- D. Power supply fan failure

**11.** A laser printer you are working with consistently produces images with white streaks running down the page. What can you do to resolve this issue?

- A. Clean the transfer corona wires.
- B. Clean the EP drum.
- C. Clean the fusing assembly.
- D. Replace the toner cartridge.

**12.** The dot-matrix printer in your office recently started creasing papers and producing paper jams. Which of the following are likely to cause these problems? (Choose two.)

- A. Bits of paper in the paper path
- B. Paper tension settings
- C. Using the wrong paper
- D. Paper perforations

**13.** The monitor for your desktop computer will randomly shut down after long periods of use. What is the most likely cause of this problem?

- A. Video card failure
- B. Monitor overheating

- C. Improper video resolution
- D. Backlight failure

14. You power on a desktop computer, and you hear the fan spinning. However, you do not see any indicator lights or get a POST beep. Which component is likely causing the problem?

- A. CPU
- B. RAM
- C. PSU
- D. HDD

15. You have just replaced a toner cartridge in an HP Laser Jet printer. It is displaying error 14 No EP Cart. What should you do to resolve the issue?

- A. Turn the printer off and back on.
- B. Remove the toner cartridge and press the Reset button.
- C. Remove the toner cartridge and reinsert it.
- D. Remove the toner cartridge and replace it with a new one.

16. Your office uses an inkjet printer. Recently, it started having problems picking up paper. Which component is likely to cause this problem?

- A. Transport rollers
- B. Pickup rollers
- C. Exit rollers
- D. Transmission rollers

17. Your office uses an old dot-matrix printer. Recently, the printer has started producing output that goes from dark to light when you look at the paper from left to right. What is causing this problem?

- A. A worn-out printer ribbon
- B. The ribbon-advance mechanism
- C. The print head

D. The paper feed assembly

[18.](#) Your network uses 802.11n for all client computers.

Recently, several users moved from one office space to another, increasing the users in the area from 20 to about 50. Now, both new and old users are reporting very slow network transfer speeds. What is most likely the cause of the problem?

A. 802.11n can't support that many concurrent users.

B. It's too far from the wireless access point.

C. There are too many users for one wireless access point.

D. The new users all have 802.11b network cards.

[19.](#) Your computer has been intermittently rebooting when you play an online video game. You install a hardware monitoring utility and notice in the log that the CPU temperature spikes before the system shuts down. Which action should you take first to help resolve the issue?

A. Use the system BIOS to overclock the CPU.

B. Replace the CPU and heat sink.

C. Reseat the CPU heat sink.

D. Replace the power supply.

[20.](#) Users in one section of your building report that wireless network service is spotty. Their workstations have slow connectivity and frequently drop the connection. Which tool should you use to test the problem?

A. Wireless locator

B. Fox and hound

C. Loopback plug

D. Packet sniffer

[21.](#) A technician has just replaced a faulty hard drive and created a partition on the new drive. Which utility should she use next to ready the drive for data storage?

A. `format`



- B. bootrec
- C. chkdsk
- D. diskpart

[22.](#) You are troubleshooting a computer with a RAID 0 array using four disks. One of the disks fails. What can you do to recover the array?

- A. Rebuild the failed disk and restore from backup.
- B. Replace the failed disk and rebuild the array.
- C. Replace the failed disk and restore from backup.
- D. Remove the failed disk and rebuild the array.

[23.](#) The laser printer in your office is about five years old. Recently, when you print, you will occasionally get low memory error messages. What should you do to fix the problem?

- A. Stop and restart the print spooler.
- B. Implement printing priorities for the most important users.
- C. Upgrade the printer's memory.
- D. Upgrade the printer's hard drive.

[24.](#) You are troubleshooting a recently installed three-disk RAID array. The original technician left notes that he was concerned about creating multiple points of potential failure in the system. Which type of RAID array creates more points of potential failure than a single hard drive?

- A. RAID 10
- B. RAID 1
- C. RAID 0
- D. RAID 5

[25.](#) A technician is troubleshooting a computer that is experiencing continuous reboots. He isn't sure where to begin diagnosing the problem, so he calls you for advice. Which tool should you tell him to use to try to identify the problem?

- A. Multimeter
- B. Power supply tester
- C. Loopback plug
- D. POST card

26. Users are printing to a laser printer, but nothing is coming out. When you look at the print queue, you see several jobs backed up. The printer is online, has paper, and says Ready. What should you do to resolve the problem?

- A. Turn the printer off and back on.
- B. Stop and restart the print spooler.
- C. Press the Reset button on the printer.
- D. Use the printer's display to clear out the oldest job, take it offline, and put it back online.

27. Your company has a plasma monitor that used to display conference room information in a common area. Recently, you repurposed the monitor in another area. Regardless of what is on the screen, you can still always see the conference room information template on the screen as well. What is this called?

- A. Dead pixels
- B. Overheating
- C. Burn-in
- D. Backlight failure

28. A user reports that his tablet computer will work on battery power for only about 20 minutes, even after the battery icon says it's full. He claims that it used to work on battery power for several hours. What is the most likely cause of the problem?

- A. The user is running too many apps.
- B. The user is constantly using the Wi-Fi connection.
- C. The battery needs to be charged longer.
- D. The battery is failing.

[29.](#) While troubleshooting a computer, you notice that the hard drive indicator light is constantly on. The system seems unresponsive. You reboot the computer, and a few minutes later the same problem happens. What should you do?

- A. Replace the hard drive.
- B. Replace the motherboard.
- C. Reinstall the operating system.
- D. Test the hard drive with a multimeter.

[30.](#) Your director's network cable has failed, and he needs network connectivity immediately. You are unable to find a spare patch cable, but you have a spool of CAT5e cable and some RJ-45 connectors. Which tool do you need to create a new cable?

- A. Crimper
- B. Wire strippers
- C. Punchdown tool
- D. Cable tester

[31.](#) You have just installed a second hard drive in your computer. When you boot up the computer, you get an error message that the operating system is not found. What should you try first?

- A. Check jumper settings on the hard drives.
- B. Run `bootrec /fixmbr`.
- C. Run `dispart`.
- D. Replace the new hard drive.

[32.](#) You are troubleshooting a computer that will not boot properly. When you power it on, it produces a series of long and short beeps. Which components are most likely to be causing this to happen? (Choose two.)

- A. BIOS
- B. Hard drive

C. Network card

D. RAM

**33.** You are working on a laptop that appears to be frozen. You press the Num Lock key several times, but the indicator light remains on. What can you do to try to resolve this issue?

A. Push and hold the power button until the laptop turns off, and reboot.

B. Remove the battery and disconnect the laptop from an AC power source, and reboot.

C. Press and hold the Num Lock key until the light turns off.

D. Press Ctrl+Alt+Del to reboot the laptop.

**34.** A user complains that when he turns his desktop computer on, nothing appears on the screen. It sounds like the computer's fan is running, and the user reported hearing one beep when the computer powered on. What is the first thing you should check?

A. Is the monitor is plugged into the video card?

B. Did the computer completed the POST properly?

C. Is the monitor turned on?

D. Does another monitor work on this computer?

**35.** A user reports that his mobile phone is extremely hot and appears to be locked up. What should you instruct him to do?

A. Plug the phone into a wall outlet or USB port to charge it.

B. Turn the phone off and let it cool down.

C. Perform a factory reset of the phone.

D. Open the Power app and set the phone to operate on the low voltage setting.

**36.** The desktop computer you are troubleshooting will not retain the proper time and date. You set the time and date, power the system down, and power it back on. Again, the settings are incorrect. Which component is likely causing the

issue?

- A. CMOS battery
- B. BIOS
- C. Hard drive
- D. RAM

[37.](#) You have an Android phone and it's running slowly. It seems to be isolated to one app in particular. You check and you have plenty of free memory. You have rebooted the phone several times and the app is still slow. What should you try next?

- A. Hold the power button and the Home button simultaneously for 10 seconds, and the phone will reset.
- B. Reset the phone to factory specifications.
- C. Uninstall and reinstall the app.
- D. Get a new phone.

[38.](#) A laser printer you are servicing has been producing ghosted images. That is, regardless of whatever prints, you can always see a faint copy of a previous image that was printed. What can be causing this? (Choose two.)

- A. Dirty charging corona wire
- B. Broken cleaning blade
- C. Broken fusing assembly
- D. Bad erasure lamps

[39.](#) You charged your laptop overnight, but in the morning, it will not power on. You remove and reinsert the battery, but still it will not power on. The system will power on when you use the wall adapter, and the battery icon indicates that it's full. What is the most likely problem?

- A. The battery is defective.
- B. The AC adapter is not properly charging the battery.
- C. The battery charging icon is not properly reading the battery

life.

D. The DC converter between the battery and the motherboard is defective.

[40.](#) A user reports that regardless of what is showing on his LCD desktop monitor, he can always see an outline of another image that never changes. What is the solution to this problem?

A. Replace the video card.

B. Degauss the monitor.

C. Replace the monitor.

D. Clean the screen.

[41.](#) A user claims that on his laptop, the mouse cursor will occasionally jump to different areas of the screen when he is typing. It is causing problems with his work because he ends up typing in different fields than he needs to. What can you suggest to help this issue?

A. Disable the point stick.

B. Replace the keyboard.

C. Replace the motherboard.

D. Disable the touchpad.

[42.](#) A user complains of a burning smell coming from her desktop computer. You instruct her to immediately shut the system down. What should be your next step?

A. Replace the power supply.

B. Replace the motherboard.

C. Test the power supply with a multimeter.

D. Inspect the inside of the computer for visible signs of damage.

[43.](#) The desktop computer in your office's lobby plays a welcome video for guests. Recently, the audio started intermittently failing. You replaced the speakers, and it still happens. What is the next step you should take in

troubleshooting the issue?

- A. Replace the motherboard.
- B. Reseat the speakers.
- C. Replace the sound card.
- D. Reseat the sound card.

[44.](#) A user reports that her iPhone 5 is always overheating and constantly locks up. What should you advise her to do?

- A. Replace the battery.
- B. Open the Power app and set the phone to operate on the low voltage setting.
- C. Turn off the phone and let it cool down.
- D. Replace the phone.

[45.](#) You have just used administrative privileges to install a printer on a user's workstation. When the user tries to print to the printer, she gets an error message saying access denied. What is the cause of this problem?

- A. The printer is offline.
- B. The printer is out of memory.
- C. The print spooler needs to be restarted.
- D. The user does not have the security permissions to print.

[46.](#) You are using a CRT monitor at a kiosk. The colors on the monitor recently started looking wrong. What should you do to try to resolve the issue?

- A. Replace the monitor.
- B. Replace the video card.
- C. Disconnect the monitor and plug it back in.
- D. Degauss the monitor.

[47.](#) The inkjet printer in your office jams a lot and produces many crinkled papers. What is the most likely cause of this?

- A. Incorrect paper tension settings

- B. Dirty print heads
- C. Obstructed paper path
- D. Paper that is too dry

**48.** A user reports that her Windows 7 computer will not boot. When booting, it gives the error message `Operating System not found`. Which utility can you use to attempt to fix this issue?

- A. `format`
- B. `chkdsk`
- C. `bootrec`
- D. `diskpart`

**49.** A technician is troubleshooting a computer with a wired network connection that can't connect to the network. He verified that the cable is plugged in, but there are no lights lit on the network card. The computer could connect yesterday, and no other users report an issue. Which of the following are most likely to be causing this problem? (Choose two.)

- A. Faulty network cable.
- B. Faulty network card driver.
- C. Incorrect TCP/IP configuration.
- D. The cable is unplugged at the other end.

**50.** While replacing a toner cartridge in a laser printer, a technician spilled toner on and around the printer. What should he use to clean up the spill?

- A. A damp cloth
- B. Compressed air
- C. A toner vacuum
- D. Denatured alcohol

**51.** The AC adapter for your laptop has a green LED indicator on it. When you plug the adapter into a wall outlet, the light does not illuminate. What could be the reason for this? (Choose two.)



- A. The laptop is off.
- B. The wall outlet is defective.
- C. The AC adapter is defective.
- D. The voltage selector for the AC adapter is set incorrectly.

**52.** You are troubleshooting an inkjet printer. Users report that the printer is printing in the wrong colors. The problem just started happening recently. What could be causing it? (Choose two.)

- A. Ink cartridges installed in the wrong spot
- B. Leaking ink cartridges
- C. Malfunctioning fusing assembly
- D. Malfunctioning stepper motor

**53.** You have installed an 802.11ac wireless access point for a company. To cut costs, they wanted only one central access point in the building, which is about 150 feet long. Users at both ends of the building report intermittent wireless connectivity drops and slow access. What is most likely the cause of the problem?

- A. Low RF signal
- B. Oversaturated WAP
- C. SSID not found
- D. IP address conflicts

**54.** You are disassembling a defective laptop to replace the motherboard. Which of the following steps are recommended? (Choose two.)

- A. Place the screws in a multicompartment pill box and label where they go.
- B. Remove the hard drive before removing the motherboard.
- C. Label where the cables plug into the motherboard.
- D. Use needle nose pliers to remove the motherboard from the spacers.

55. A user reports that his LCD monitor is flickering constantly. What is the easiest course of action to resolve this problem?

- A. Replace the video card.
- B. Replace the monitor.
- C. Remove external interference such as fans or motors.
- D. Degauss the monitor.

56. You are having problems printing to a networked printer from your Windows 8.1 workstation. Several jobs were sent, but none printed. You just tried to print a test page and nothing came out. What should you do?

- A. Check your connections and stop and restart the print spooler.
- B. Turn the printer off and back on.
- C. Use the printer's display to clear out the oldest job, take it offline, and put it back online.
- D. Press the Reset button on the printer.

57. A user reports that none of the keys on her laptop keyboard seem to work. She has rebooted the computer and the problem has not gone away. She needs to finish an important paper before lunch. What should you do next?

- A. Replace the keyboard.
- B. Check to ensure that the internal keyboard is still connected properly.
- C. Connect an external keyboard using the USB port.
- D. Clean under the keys of the keyboard with compressed air.

58. You are troubleshooting a Mac running macOS. Intermittently, the computer will completely lock up and display a rotating pinwheel instead of the mouse cursor. Which component is most likely causing this problem?

- A. CPU
- B. RAM

C. Motherboard

D. Hard drive

[59.](#) A user reports that his CRT monitor will randomly produce a wavy image during the day. When you go to his desk to troubleshoot, it appears to be working normally. Later that afternoon, he reports it happening again. When you go back to his desk, what should you look for?

A. Cell phones in use

B. If the video connector is properly plugged in

C. Motors or fans in use

D. If the screen resolution is properly set

[60.](#) At random times, your computer will completely lock up, requiring a hard reboot. Which two components are most likely to cause this type of problem? (Choose two.)

A. CPU

B. RAM

C. PSU

D. GPU

[61.](#) A worker drove heavy machinery over a bundle of unprotected network cables, and now you are replacing them. You're in the wiring closet and need to attach the cables to a 110 block. Which tool will you use to do this?

A. Crimper

B. Wire strippers

C. Punchdown tool

D. Cable tester

[62.](#) You are consulting with a user who has a failed hard drive in a Windows 7 computer. The user needs to get critical data off the drive, but he did not make a backup. Are there any options for him to recover the data?

A. There is no way to recover data from the failed drive.

- B. Use the Windows Disk Repair tool to create a backup and then restore the backup to a new hard drive.
- C. Use a file recovery service or software package to try to recover the data.
- D. Install a second hard drive of the same or larger size. During Windows installation, choose Recover Contents of Hard Drive from the Advanced Options menu.

[63.](#) In the morning, a user calls from his desk and reports that his laptop will not connect to the wireless network. He has never had a problem connecting to the wireless network from that location. When you look at his wireless adapter, you notice that there are no lights illuminated. What is most likely the problem?

- A. He is not receiving a Wi-Fi signal.
- B. The SSID cannot be found.
- C. His wireless card is disabled.
- D. There is a conflict between his wireless card and his wired network port.

[64.](#) A user calls the help desk stating that the icons on her computer screen are huge. She can see only about six of them, and she can't see the Start menu. What most likely caused this issue?

- A. Failing backlight
- B. Incorrect video resolution
- C. External interference, such as a fan or a motor
- D. Incorrect video driver

[65.](#) You are at a Windows Server 2012 R2 system with the command prompt open. Which command would you use to join a client computer to the Windows domain?

- A. `netjoin`
- B. `netstat`
- C. `netadd`

D. netdom

[66.](#) Your iPhone 6 has appeared to lock up. The touchscreen is unresponsive. You press and hold the power button, but it does not turn off. What should your next step be?

- A. Hold the power button and the sleep/wake button simultaneously for 10 seconds, and the phone will reset.
- B. Use a paper clip to press the recessed reset button on the bottom of the phone to reset the phone.
- C. Hold the power button and the up and down volume buttons simultaneously for 10 seconds, and the phone will reset.
- D. Get a new phone.

[67.](#) The laser printer in your office recently started producing images that are not completely dry. When the images come out, people are smudging them as they pick them up. What is causing this problem?

- A. Fusing assembly
- B. Exit rollers
- C. Drying assembly
- D. Charging corona

[68.](#) You frequently need to carry your laptop around the building as you troubleshoot computer issues. In several places, you notice that the Wi-Fi connection drops completely. What is the most likely cause of this problem?

- A. You are walking too fast for the Wi-Fi to stay connected.
- B. Low RF signal.
- C. Oversaturated WAP.
- D. Failing Wi-Fi antenna in the laptop.

[69.](#) You have just installed a printer on your client computer. When you print to the printer, the output is completely garbled characters. What is the most likely cause of this problem?

- A. The print spooler

- B. The printer's memory
- C. The printer driver
- D. The print queue

[70.](#) A user calls to report that he can't access the Internet or a corporate server. However, he is still able to print to a printer nearby. He has not received any error messages. Other users in his area are also unable to access the Internet. What is most likely the problem?

- A. IP address conflict
- B. Default gateway down
- C. Incorrect subnet mask
- D. Network card failure

[71.](#) A user's laptop computer does not display anything on the screen, although the power light and other indicator lights are on. You plug in an external monitor, and after toggling the LCD cutoff switch, an image appears on the external monitor. Which components are most likely causing the problem? (Choose two.)

- A. Video driver
- B. Backlight
- C. Screen
- D. Video card

[72.](#) You have an Android phone and it's running very slowly. The apps aren't working as fast as they used to, but you still have plenty of free memory. You have rebooted the phone several times and it's still slow. What should you try next?

- A. Hold the power button and the Home button simultaneously for 10 seconds, and the phone will reset.
- B. Reset the phone to factory specifications.
- C. Uninstall and reinstall all apps.
- D. Get a new phone.

73. A technician is troubleshooting a RAID 5 array with four hard disks. One of the disks has failed. What can she do to recover the array?

- A. Replace the failed disk and rebuild the array.
- B. Replace the failed disk and restore from backup.
- C. Rebuild the failed disk and restore from backup.
- D. Remove the failed disk and rebuild the array.

74. The laser printer you are using has started producing all-black pages. What should you do to fix the problem?

- A. Use the display to initiate a self-cleaning cycle.
- B. Use a maintenance kit to clean the printer.
- C. Replace the toner cartridge.
- D. Turn the printer off and back on again.

75. You have installed an internal RAID controller and configured a RAID 5 array on it with four hard disks. It has been operating normally. Today when you boot up, you receive an error message saying `RAID not found`. Which component is likely causing this issue?

- A. One of the four hard disks
- B. The RAID controller
- C. The system BIOS
- D. The onboard hard drive controller

76. One of your friends complains that when he plays action games on his computer, the screen is slow to refresh and the motion is often jerky. What should he do to resolve this problem?

- A. Buy a newer monitor.
- B. Increase system RAM.
- C. Increase video memory.
- D. Lower the screen resolution.

[77.](#) You are troubleshooting a workstation that can't connect to websites by name. You need to check to see the IP address of the DNS server the host is trying to reach. Which command should you use?

- A. `ipconfig`
- B. `ipconfig /show`
- C. `ipconfig /display`
- D. `ipconfig /all`

[78.](#) You are troubleshooting a Windows 7 workstation that is having issues connecting to the Internet. Interestingly, the computer seems to be able to connect to websites beginning with `https://` but not `http://`. Other workstations can connect to all websites. You want to check to see whether this computer is making any TCP/IP connections on port 80. Which command should you use?

- A. `netstat`
- B. `nbtstat`
- C. `netdom`
- D. `net`

[79.](#) A user reports that her Samsung phone case has swollen. What does she need to do to fix the problem?

- A. Replace the phone.
- B. Open the Power app and set the phone to operate on the low voltage setting.
- C. Open the case of the phone and drain the excess electrolyte from the battery.
- D. Turn the phone off and let it cool down and then use it normally.

[80.](#) You have downloaded a scheduling app for your Android tablet. After two months of use, it will not load. You reboot your tablet, and the app still will not open. Other apps appear to work normally. What should you do?



- A. Reset the tablet to factory specifications.
- B. Reinstall the app.
- C. Ensure that the app is configured to run in Settings.
- D. Replace the tablet.

81. You have a Windows 8.1 desktop computer that does not produce an image on the screen when it boots. You hear a POST beep and normal indicator lights are on. The monitor is connected to the computer and the power light is on. What should be your next troubleshooting step?

- A. Try the monitor on another computer or another monitor on this computer.
- B. Replace the video card.
- C. Switch the monitor to another video connector on the video card.
- D. Replace the monitor.

82. A user shows you her mobile phone, and the screen is constantly flickering. She turns the device off and on again, and it still happens. Which component is likely causing the problem?

- A. Display
- B. Video card
- C. Backlight
- D. Converter

83. A user reports that the video on her desktop computer does not display properly. There are several places where the screen will not light up; those spots are always black dots. What is this a symptom of?

- A. Artifacts
- B. Dead pixels
- C. Backlight failure
- D. Overheating

84. You are troubleshooting a laptop computer that has a drifting mouse cursor. If nobody is moving the external mouse, the cursor will slowly drift up and to the right. You have tried a different external mouse and the problem still happens. What should you do to resolve the problem?

- A. Replace the laptop keyboard.
- B. Re-center the laptop's point stick.
- C. Re-center the laptop's touchpad.
- D. Replace the laptop motherboard.

85. You are troubleshooting network connectivity issues in one section of the building. After a few hours, you come to the conclusion that the network cables in the wiring closet must be mislabeled. Which tool is most appropriate to test your theory?

- A. Multimeter
- B. Cable tester
- C. Punchdown tool
- D. Tone generator and probe

86. You are upgrading a laptop with new memory. Which of the following disassembly processes should you follow? (Choose two.)

- A. Remove the keyboard to access the memory sockets.
- B. Use appropriate hand tools.
- C. Leave the clamshell case open.
- D. Document and label cable and screw locations.

87. A remote workstation can't connect to the network. You want to narrow down the problem to the UTP cable or the network card. Which tool can help you determine whether the cable is causing the problem?

- A. Multimeter
- B. OTDR
- C. Cable tester

#### D. Crimper

[88.](#) You have just installed a new HP Laser Jet printer on your network. You've plugged it directly into a CAT6a network cable. You try to install the printer on a client using the printer's IP address, but you are unable to connect. The printer is in Ready state. What should you do next?

- A. Double-check the printer's IP configuration information.
- B. Stop and restart the spooler service.
- C. Take the printer offline and bring it back online.
- D. Turn the printer off and back on to save the IP configuration information.

[89.](#) Your network has recently grown from 50 client computers to about 90. All workstations on the network are connected using CAT5e or better cabling, and all network devices support at least 100Mbps data transfers. Users have been reporting very slow network speeds since the expansion, and complaints are now coming more frequently. Which of the following actions is most likely to help resolve the issue?

- A. Add another hub to the network.
- B. Upgrade all the cabling to at least CAT6a.
- C. Upgrade the existing router to support 10Gbps data transfers.
- D. Add another switch to the network.

[90.](#) An iPhone 6 user just downloaded a new app that requires the use of GPS. It doesn't function properly. Another app she has on her phone also needs GPS and it works fine. How does she configure the phone to let the new app work properly?

- A. Enable GPS under Settings ➤ Privacy.
- B. Enable Location Services under Settings ➤ Privacy.
- C. Enable GPS under Settings ➤ Location Services.
- D. Enable Location Services under Settings ➤ GPS.

[91.](#) A technician just replaced the toner cartridge in a laser

printer. Now, the printer only prints blank pages. What should you do to resolve the problem?

- A. Stop and restart the print spooler.
- B. Reinstall the printer driver.
- C. Replace the toner cartridge with a new toner cartridge.
- D. Remove the toner cartridge, remove the sealing tape, and then reinstall the cartridge.

[92.](#) You are troubleshooting a desktop computer that is prone to unexpected shutdowns. The user reports that no error messages appear before the computer shuts down. Which two things are most likely to cause this type of problem? (Choose two.)

- A. Failing hard drive
- B. Bad RAM
- C. BIOS misconfiguration
- D. Improperly seated chips

[93.](#) You are troubleshooting a workstation that can't connect to the network. Which tool should you use to test the functionality of the send and receive circuitry on the network card?

- A. Punchdown tool
- B. Loopback plug
- C. `ping`
- D. `ipconfig`

[94.](#) You want to transfer files from your computer to a remote server. To do this, you want to connect to a shared directory on the server and copy the files. Which command-line utility will allow you to do this?

- A. `netstat`
- B. `net`
- C. `netshare`
- D. `netdom`

[95.](#) A user's Windows-based desktop computer always attempts to boot to the DVD-ROM drive. Where can she go to change the settings to boot to the hard drive?

- A. Windows Control Panel
- B. Windows Device Manager
- C. Windows Disk Management
- D. BIOS

[96.](#) A technician is troubleshooting a computer that occasionally will not read data from the hard drive. What should she try first?

- A. Run Disk Defragmenter.
- B. Run `chkdsk`.
- C. Format the hard drive and reinstall the OS.
- D. Replace the hard drive.

[97.](#) You are troubleshooting network connectivity issues from a Linux workstation. Which command should you use to check the computer's IP address and subnet mask?

- A. `PING`
- B. `IPCONFIG`
- C. `IFCONFIG`
- D. `NETSTAT`

[98.](#) The finance group reports that their laser printer will not power up. It's plugged in, and the outlet has been verified as working. When testing the DC power supply with a multimeter, what voltage reading should you get from pin 1?

- A.  $-5\text{v}$
- B.  $+5\text{v}$
- C.  $-24\text{v}$
- D.  $+24\text{v}$

[99.](#) You are troubleshooting a Windows 10 computer that

appears to be unresponsive. You press the Caps Lock key on the keyboard, but the Caps Lock light on the keyboard does not light up. What is most likely happening?

- A. The keyboard has malfunctioned.
- B. The system is waiting for a process to finish and will respond soon.
- C. The motherboard has failed.
- D. The system has locked up and needs to be rebooted.

[100.](#) You have replaced a failed hard drive and need to prepare it for data storage. Which utility will you use first?

- A. `format`
- B. `diskpart`
- C. `chkdsk`
- D. `bootrec`

[101.](#) You are troubleshooting a desktop computer and receive S.M.A.R.T. errors. To which component do these errors refer?

- A. SSD
- B. RAM
- C. CPU
- D. Network card

[102.](#) The desktop computer you are troubleshooting will not boot. When you push the power button, no status light indicators come on, and you do not hear a fan. You verify that the outlet is working and try a power cord that you know works, but it doesn't help. Which component is most likely causing the problem?

- A. RAM
- B. PSU
- C. CPU
- D. HDD

[103.](#) A user reports that his computer is running slowly. When you investigate, you notice that his free disk space is at 5 percent. What is the first solution to try?

- A. Add more RAM.
- B. Remove old files or applications.
- C. Format the hard drive and reinstall from backup.
- D. Replace the hard drive.

[104.](#) About a dozen network cables were unplugged from the patch panel, and none of them is labeled. You are at the one workstation that needs to be reconnected, and another technician is in the wiring closet. You want to set this computer to persistently check network connectivity so you know when he plugs in the right cable. Which command should you use?

- A. `ping -t`
- B. `ping -p`
- C. `ping -l`
- D. `ping -n`

[105.](#) You are troubleshooting a laptop, and some of the keys on the left side of the keyboard are constantly sticking. The user says that a little soda might have spilled on the keyboard. What should you do first to resolve the issue?

- A. Use a slightly dampened cotton swab to clean under the keys.
- B. Remove the keyboard and rinse it with soap and water in a sink.
- C. Replace the keyboard.
- D. Hold the keyboard upside down and shake it.

[106.](#) A user complains that sometimes his computer will not open files, and it happens in different programs. Which component is most likely to cause this problem?

- A. RAM

- B. CPU
- C. HDD
- D. Motherboard

[107.](#) You are troubleshooting a laptop with a failed wireless network connection. The laptop does not have a wired network port. What can you do to quickly get the laptop back on the network?

- A. Reinstall the network card driver.
- B. Insert a USB wireless network card.
- C. Replace the wireless network card.
- D. Reboot the computer and reinitialize the wireless network card.

[108.](#) A user is upset because his Android tablet does not ring whenever he receives a phone call. What is the first thing you should have him check?

- A. If the tablet is configured to receive voice calls
- B. If the tablet is in Airplane mode
- C. If the tablet is set to silent mode
- D. If the tablet's speakers are working in another application

[109.](#) The LCD monitor you use with your desktop suddenly became very dim. You have attempted to adjust the brightness settings, but even on the highest setting the picture is still dim. What will most likely resolve the issue?

- A. Degauss the monitor.
- B. Replace the backlight.
- C. Replace the screen.
- D. Replace the inverter.

[110.](#) You are troubleshooting a Windows 7 desktop computer that boots into VGA mode. What is the first step to take in the troubleshooting process?



- A. Reinstall the video card driver.
- B. Replace the video card.
- C. Reset the video resolution to a lower setting and reboot.
- D. Replace the monitor.

[111.](#) The display on the HP Laser Jet printer in your office has gone blank, but the power light is still on. You try to run a self-test, but nothing happens. You power it off and back on, but the problem persists. Which component has likely failed?

- A. DC controller
- B. The display
- C. HVPS
- D. LVPS

[112.](#) The office space you work in consists of several rows of small cubicles. The person sitting next to you has a fan on his desk, very close to your CRT monitor. What problems might this cause?

- A. Distorted image
- B. Distorted geometry
- C. Incorrect color patterns
- D. Artifacts

[113.](#) You have an iPhone 6 running iOS 9.3. One of your colleagues sends you an encrypted email with highly confidential information, but your device is unable to decrypt it. What do you need to do to resolve this problem?

- A. Upgrade to iOS 10.0 or newer.
- B. Install the Secure Mail app.
- C. Have the colleague resend the email unencrypted.
- D. Enable S/MIME.

[114.](#) You are troubleshooting a Windows 7 computer that has crashed. It displays a blue screen with the error

UNEXPECTED\_KERNEL\_MODE\_TRAP on it. Which component most likely caused this problem?

- A. RAM
- B. CPU
- C. SSD
- D. PSU

[115.](#) A user reports that her screen image appears to be squeezed on her LCD monitor, and it does not go all the way to the edges like it used to. What is most likely the cause of the problem?

- A. External interference, such as a fan or a motor
- B. Incorrect video driver
- C. Failing backlight
- D. Incorrect video resolution

[116.](#) The lines of print on your inkjet printer are unevenly spaced. Some are too close together, while others are too far apart. What is the most likely cause of this problem?

- A. Paper feed mechanism
- B. Exit rollers
- C. Print cartridge
- D. Stepper motor

[117.](#) While plugging in a VGA monitor, a user bent some of the pins on the connector. You attempted to straighten them, but two broke off. If you use this monitor, what will most likely happen?

- A. It will work properly.
- B. It will display incorrect colors.
- C. It will display a distorted image.
- D. It will produce dim or flickering images.

[118.](#) You are troubleshooting a Windows 10 workstation's

connectivity issues on the local network. Another administrator suggests it could be a naming or group membership issue. Which command-line utility will let you check the workstation's name and group memberships?

- A. `netstat`
- B. `netdom`
- C. `nbtstat`
- D. `net`

[119.](#) The inkjet printer in your office is producing consistently faded prints. What should you do to resolve the problem?

- A. Replace the paper feed mechanism.
- B. Turn up the color dithering.
- C. Replace the ink cartridge.
- D. Adjust the print head to be closer to the paper.

[120.](#) Your HP laser printer has recently started producing poor-quality images. What will your HP representative recommend you periodically do to resolve this issue?

- A. Blow out the printer with compressed air.
- B. Clean out old toner with a toner vacuum.
- C. Stop and restart the printer spooler.
- D. Apply a maintenance kit.

[121.](#) You are at a Windows server with a command prompt open. You believe that a user is improperly accessing files on a shared folder named `docs`. On the server, the `D:\userfiles` folder is shared as `docs`. Which command will immediately stop the sharing of this folder?

- A. `net share D:\userfiles /delete`
- B. `net share D:\userfiles /stop`
- C. `net share docs /delete`
- D. `net share docs /stop`

[122.](#) You have sent several print jobs to a networked printer and nothing has printed. You do not have printer administrator access. What can you do to see whether your Windows 7 computer is communicating properly with the printer?

- A. Send the print job in RAW format.
- B. Stop and restart the print spooler.
- C. Print a test page.
- D. Print a blank document from Notepad.

[123.](#) You are troubleshooting a laptop with an integrated wireless networking card. The user reports that the laptop will not connect to the Internet. When you look at the network card, the connection and activity lights alternate blinking, in a steady pattern. What is the most likely cause of the problem?

- A. No network connection
- B. Incorrect TCP/IP configuration
- C. Failed network card
- D. Unable to reach a DNS server

[124.](#) You are troubleshooting a laptop that has a poor battery life. It will work for only about 30 minutes on a full charge. Which two things should you try first? (Choose two.)

- A. Replace the battery.
- B. Perform a battery calibration.
- C. Drain the battery completely and then charge it fully.
- D. Open the Power Management app and set the laptop to run on low energy mode.

[125.](#) The name resolution server on your local network does not appear to be resolving host names properly. Which command will allow you to verify the entries on this server?

- A. `dnslookup`
- B. `nslookup`
- C. `namelookup`

D. netlookup

126. You have installed a PCIe RAID controller and want to create a RAID 5 array with three disks. You plug the disks in and boot up the computer. The RAID array is not detected. Where should you go to set up or troubleshoot the RAID array?

- A. Windows Device Manager
- B. Windows Disk Management
- C. The RAID controller's BIOS
- D. The system BIOS

127. A user complains of a loud whining noise coming from their computer. It occurs whenever the computer is on and is relatively constant. Which component is most likely to cause this problem?

- A. RAM
- B. SSD
- C. CPU
- D. PSU

128. You have just upgraded the RAM in a desktop computer. After powering on the computer, no video appears on the screen, and the computer produces a series of three long beeps. What does this indicate?

- A. The system BIOS detected an error in the POST routine.
- B. The system BIOS completed the POST routine normally.
- C. The RAM is faulty.
- D. The motherboard needs to be replaced.

129. You are troubleshooting a computer that will not boot up. When powering on, the power supply fan spins, but the computer does not POST. You look at the motherboard and see that a capacitor has swollen and looks ready to burst. What should you do?

- A. Replace the motherboard.

- B. Replace the power supply.
- C. Replace the capacitor.
- D. Drain the excess electrolyte from the capacitor.

**130.** A user with an 802.11g network adapter is trying to join your 802.11n network. Her laptop is next to yours, which is connected to the network. However, she is unable to locate the SSID. What is the most likely cause of the problem?

- A. 802.11g is not compatible with 802.11n.
- B. SSID broadcasting is disabled on the wireless access point.
- C. The user is out of range of the wireless access point.
- D. The SSID has been changed.

**131.** A user just started having intermittent network access problems. While troubleshooting, a message pops up saying Windows has detected an IP address conflict. Your network has a DHCP server. You open their TCP/IP properties and it's configured as shown here. What do you need to do to resolve the issue?



- A. On the DHCP server, exclude their IP address from the scope.
- B. On their computer, run `ipconfig /release` and `ipconfig`

/renew.

- C. On their computer, set it to Use The Following IP Address and assign them a different address.
- D. Use a packet sniffer to determine the computer with the duplicate address, and change that computer to obtain an IP address automatically.

**132.** You are troubleshooting a laser printer that keeps producing vertical black lines running down the page. Which component is most likely causing this problem?

- A. Fusing assembly
- B. Pickup rollers
- C. Exit rollers
- D. EP drum

**133.** A user reports that the screen on his tablet computer is very dim and hard to see. He's adjusted it to the maximum brightness and it's still dim. Which component is likely causing the problem?

- A. Backlight
- B. Converter
- C. Display
- D. Video card

**134.** You have been troubleshooting a computer, and you believe the power supply has failed. Which of the following tools can you use to test the integrity of the power supply? (Choose two.)

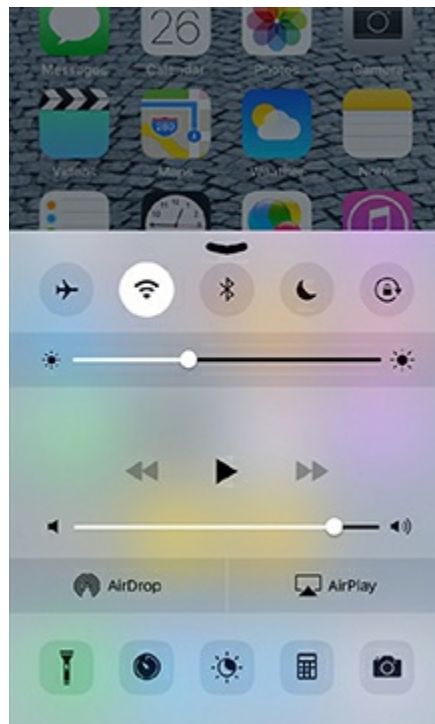
- A. Power supply tester
- B. Loopback plugs
- C. POST card
- D. Multimeter

**135.** A user is trying to display a presentation on a projector, but nothing appears on the external screen. They try toggling their

LCD cutoff switch, and it doesn't help. Another user had just presented on the projector, and it worked fine. Which component is most likely causing the problem?

- A. Backlight
- B. Display
- C. Video card
- D. Inverter

136. A mobile phone user is unable to connect to his wireless headset to make hands-free calls. His iPhone screen is shown here. What is most likely the problem?



- A. His wireless headset is turned off.
- B. Bluetooth is disabled.
- C. AirPlay is disabled.
- D. Airplane mode is enabled.

137. A user calls to report that she can't access the Internet or any other network resources. The IP address on her computer is 169.254.1.102. Which of the following is most likely to have caused this?



- A. Unable to reach a DNS server
- B. Unable to reach a DHCP server
- C. Unable to reach the default gateway
- D. Unable to read the local host configuration file

[138.](#) The day after an electrical thunderstorm, you are troubleshooting a computer. After you power it up, it flashes information briefly on the screen and then reboots. It continuously reboots itself after this. Which components are most likely to cause this problem? (Choose two.)

- A. Hard drive
- B. Power supply
- C. Motherboard
- D. CPU

[139.](#) Within the last five minutes, several users in one part of the building have called in to report that they have lost their network connection. It had been working earlier in the day. What is most likely the cause of the problem?

- A. Faulty network card drivers
- B. Incorrect TCP/IP configuration
- C. Bad network cable
- D. Faulty switch

[140.](#) All computers on your network are having intermittent Internet connectivity issues. Some websites work, while others do not. If you want to track the problem down by verifying the path to the problematic websites, which tool should you use?

- A. `ping`
- B. `netstat`
- C. `tracert`
- D. `nslookup`

# **Chapter 5**

## **Windows Operating Systems**

**THE COMPTIA A+ EXAM 220-902 TOPICS COVERED IN THIS CHAPTER INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:**

**1.1 Compare and contrast various features and requirements of Microsoft Operating Systems (Windows Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8, Windows 8.1).**

- Features:
  - 32-bit vs. 64-bit
  - Aero, gadgets, user account control, BitLocker, shadow copy, system restore, ready boost, sidebar, compatibility mode, virtual XP mode, easy transfer, administrative tools, defender, Windows firewall, security center, event viewer, file structure and paths, category view vs. classic view
  - Side-by-side apps, Metro UI, Pinning, One Drive, Windows store, multimonitor task bars, charms, Start Screen, Power Shell, Live sign in, Action Center
- Upgrade paths – differences between in place upgrades, compatibility tools, Windows upgrade OS advisor

**1.2 Given a scenario, install Windows PC operating systems using appropriate methods.**

- Boot methods
  - USB
  - CD-ROM
  - DVD
  - PXE
  - Solid state/flash drives

- Netboot
- External/hot swappable drive
- Internal hard drive (partition)
- Type of installations
  - Unattended installation
  - Upgrade
  - Clean install
  - Repair installation
  - Multiboot
  - Remote network installation
  - Image deployment
  - Recovery partition
  - Refresh/restore
- Partitioning
  - Dynamic
  - Basic
  - Primary
  - Extended
  - Logical
  - GPT
- File system types/formatting
  - ExFAT
  - FAT32
  - NTFS
  - CDFS
  - NFS
  - ext3, ext4

- Quick format vs. full format
- Load alternate third party drivers when necessary
- Workgroup vs. domain setup
- Time/date/region/language settings
- Driver installation, software and Windows updates
- Factory recovery partition
- Properly formatted boot drive with the correct partitions/format

**1.3 Given a scenario, apply appropriate Microsoft command line tools.**

- TASKKILL
- BOOTREC
- SHUTDOWN
- TASKLIST
- MD
- RD
- CD
- DEL
- FORMAT
- COPY
- XCOPY
- ROBOCOPY
- DISKPART
- SFC
- CHKDSK
- GPUPDATE
- GPRESULT
- DIR

- EXIT
- HELP
- EXTRACT
- [command name] /?
- Commands available with standard privileges vs. administrative privileges.

#### **1.4 Given a scenario, use appropriate Microsoft operating system features and tools.**

- Administrative
  - Computer management
  - Device manager
  - Local users and groups
  - Local security policy
  - Performance monitor
  - Services
  - System configuration
  - Task scheduler
  - Component services
  - Data sources
  - Print management
  - Windows memory diagnostics
  - Windows firewall
  - Advanced security
- MSCONFIG
  - General
  - Boot
  - Services
  - Startup

- Tools
- Task Manager
  - Applications
  - Processes
  - Performance
  - Networking
  - Users
- Disk management
  - Drive status
  - Mounting
  - Initializing
  - Extending partitions
  - Splitting partitions
  - Shrink partitions
  - Assigning/changing drive letters
  - Adding drives
  - Adding arrays
  - Storage spaces
- Other
  - User State Migration tool (USMT)
  - Windows Easy Transfer
  - Windows Upgrade Advisor
- System utilities
  - REGEDIT
  - COMMAND
  - SERVICES.MSC
  - MMC

- MSTSC
- NOTEPAD
- EXPLORER
- MSINFO32
- DXDIAG
- DEFRAG
- System restore
- Windows Update

**1.5 Given a scenario, use Windows Control Panel utilities.**

- Internet options
  - Connections
  - Security
  - General
  - Privacy
  - Programs
  - Advanced
- Display/display Settings
  - Resolution
  - Color depth
  - Refresh rate
- User accounts
- Folder options
  - View hidden files
  - Hide extensions
  - General options
  - View options

- System
  - Performance (virtual memory)
  - Remote settings
  - System protection
- Windows firewall
- Power options
  - Hibernate
  - Power plans
  - Sleep/suspend
  - Standby
- Programs and features
- HomeGroup
- Devices and Printers
- Sound
- Troubleshooting
- Network and Sharing Center
- Device Manager

**1.6 Given a scenario, install and configure Windows networking on a client/desktop.**

- HomeGroup vs. WorkGroup
- Domain setup
- Network shares/administrative shares/mapping drives
- Printer sharing vs. network printer mapping
- Establish networking connections
  - VPN
  - Dial-ups
  - Wireless



- Wired
  - WWAN (Cellular)
- Proxy settings
- Remote Desktop Connection
- Remote Assistance
- Home vs. work vs. public network settings
- Firewall settings
  - Exceptions
  - Configuration
  - Enabling/disabling Windows firewall
- Configuring an alternative IP address in Windows
  - IP addressing
  - Subnet mask
  - DNS
  - Gateway
- Network card properties
  - Half duplex/full duplex/auto
  - Speed
  - Wake-on-LAN
  - QoS
  - BIOS (on-board NIC)

#### **1.7 Perform common preventive maintenance procedures using the appropriate Windows OS tools.**

- Best practices
  - Scheduled backups
  - Scheduled disk maintenance
  - Windows updates

- Patch management
- Driver/firmware updates
- Antivirus/ Anti-malware updates
- Tools
  - Backup
  - System restore
  - Recovery image
  - Disk maintenance utilities

1. You want to create a backup of your Windows 8.1 system configuration so you can restore it in the event of a system crash. What should you create?

- A. Restore point
- B. System restore
- C. Windows backup
- D. Shadow copy

2. You have a Windows 7 Professional computer with multiple printers installed. Which of the following administrative tools allows you to manage multiple print servers and printers from a single interface?

- A. Printers app in Control Panel
- B. Print Management
- C. Device Manager
- D. Services

3. Microsoft offers users free access to a cloud-based storage account. What is the name of that service?

- A. OneDrive
- B. WinCloud
- C. Shadow Copy

#### D. Microsoft Cloud

4. You are talking with a vendor about configuration changes you need to make to several Windows 8 workstations. You decide you should take notes so you do not forget the instructions. What application comes with Windows and allows you to create and edit basic text documents?

- A. Word
- B. Notepad
- C. WordPad
- D. Command

5. You are working on a Windows 7 workstation and need to perform a management task. However, you can't remember the name of the utility that you need to use. Which management tool provides a list of other useful Windows management tools for you and lets you launch them by clicking their name?

- A. `MSCONFIG.EXE`
- B. `EVENTVWR.EXE`
- C. `TASKMGR.EXE`
- D. `CONTROL.EXE`

6. Which feature of Windows 7 allows all users (not just administrators) to encrypt files on an NTFS volume, even one file at a time, to increase data security?

- A. BitLocker
- B. EFS
- C. Shadow Drive
- D. OneDrive

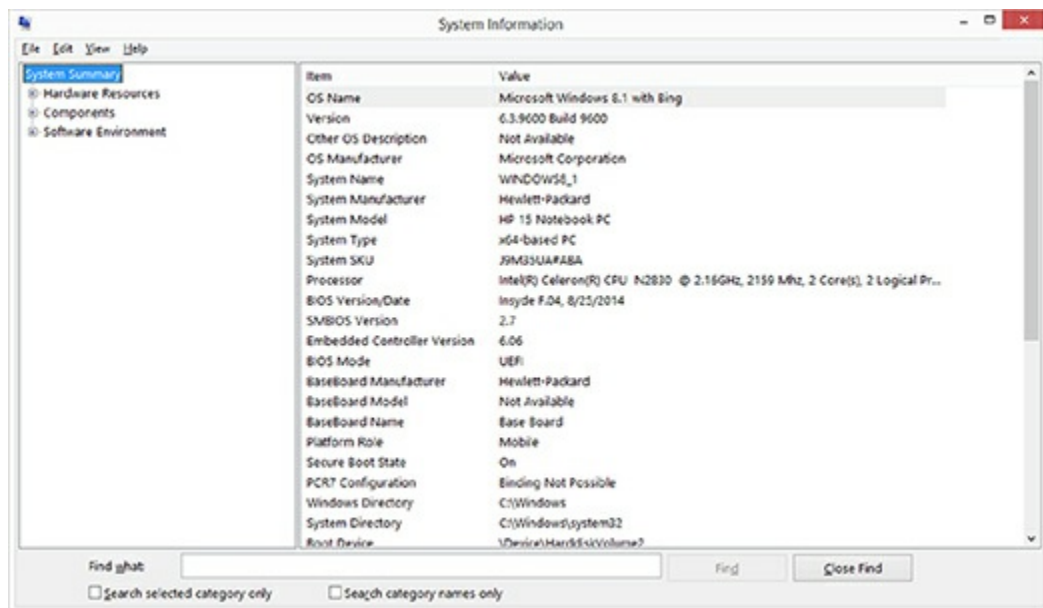
7. You have a Windows 7 Professional computer set up in a workgroup, and you need to perform some routine management tasks on it. Which of the following can you configure through the Computer Management MMC? (Choose two.)

- A. Hard drives
- B. File permissions
- C. Windows Firewall
- D. Shared folders

8. You are at a Windows Vista command prompt. What command can you type to close the command prompt window?

- A. `quit`
- B. `exit`
- C. `close`
- D. `/x`

9. You are looking for general information about a Windows workstation's hardware resources. Which command do you need to type into the Run box to display the utility shown here?



- A. `DXDIAG`
- B. `COMPMGMT`
- C. `MSINFO32`
- D. `MMC`

10. Your manager has asked you to investigate the possibility of installing a database on a Windows 8.1 computer. Which

Windows administrative tool would you use to view the installed database drivers on the computer?

- A. Local Security Policy
- B. Component Services
- C. Device Manager
- D. Data Sources

[11.](#) You have recently made some configuration changes to a Windows 8.1 workstation, and now it's behaving erratically. You reboot the computer and enter the Windows Recovery Environment. What should you do to roll back those recent changes?

- A. Recover
- B. Refresh
- C. Reset
- D. Restore

[12.](#) One of your technicians needs to use the Task Manager utility. What are two ways she can open Task Manager? (Choose two.)

- A. Press Ctrl+Alt+Delete and then click Task Manager.
- B. Press Ctrl+Shift+T.
- C. Press Ctrl+Alt+T.
- D. Press Ctrl+Shift+Esc.

[13.](#) You are at a Windows 7 workstation command prompt. You want to know what the enforced set of Group and Local Policy settings are for a specific user. Which command can you use to understand this?

- A. `gpedit`
- B. `gprefresh`
- C. `gpresult`
- D. `gpupdate`

[14.](#) You have a Windows 7 workstation and need to configure programs to load upon startup. Which management tool should you use to do this?

- A. Task Scheduler
- B. System Configuration
- C. Computer Management
- D. Programs and Applications

[15.](#) You have chosen to install Windows 8 Pro on a workstation that is currently running Windows 7 Professional. You choose a Custom installation but do not format the hard drive. Which of the following statements is true regarding Windows 7 Professional?

- A. It is permanently removed from the hard drive.
- B. Its settings are migrated to Windows 8, and it is removed from the hard drive.
- C. It remains available as a dual-boot option for 28 days and then is removed from the hard drive.
- D. Its files are placed in a folder named `Windows.old` and retained for 28 days and then is removed from the hard drive.

[16.](#) Your manager has asked you to prepare for an unattended installation of 50 Windows 7 workstations, each with the same hardware. What type of installation will be most efficient for this type of installation?

- A. Clean
- B. Upgrade
- C. Custom
- D. Image deployment

[17.](#) Which Windows 8 utility lets you view items in category view or classic view?

- A. Administrative Tools

- B. System Utilities
- C. Disk Management
- D. Control Panel

18. Which feature of Windows 8 allows you to write script files based on the Microsoft .NET programming framework?

- A. OneDrive
- B. Event Viewer
- C. PowerShell
- D. Task scheduler

19. A user wants to ensure that their hard drive is encrypted for maximum data security. What are two commands you can have the user type into the Run box to see whether the BitLocker Drive Encryption Service is enabled?

- A. `SERVICES.MSC`
- B. `PERFMON.EXE`
- C. `COMPMGMT.MSC`
- D. `BLDES.MSC`

20. You have a computer running Windows 7 Home Premium 64-bit and you want to upgrade to Windows 7 Ultimate 64-bit. What should you run to determine whether your computer can support the new operating system?

- A. Hardware Compatibility List
- B. Windows Upgrade Assistant
- C. Windows Upgrade Advisor
- D. Windows Easy Transfer

21. What feature of Windows allows you to place icons of your favorite apps on the Start menu, desktop, or taskbar to get to them quickly?

- A. Sticking
- B. Pinning

- C. Posting
- D. Easy launch

22. You are at a Windows 7 command prompt. There is a directory named `d:\files` that you want to delete. It currently has six subdirectories and dozens of files in it. Which command should you use to delete `d:\files`?

- A. `del d:\files /s`
- B. `del d:\files /q`
- C. `rd d:\files /s`
- D. `rd d:\files /q`

23. Which Windows feature, introduced with Vista, allows you to place customizable programs on the desktop, such as a clock or the weather?

- A. Charms
- B. Widgets
- C. Gadgets
- D. Sidebar

24. You have just upgraded a Windows XP Home computer to Windows Vista Home Basic. A few days after the upgrade is complete, you reboot the computer and it tells you that you can use Windows Vista for only 25 more days. What must you do to remove this message?

- A. Purchase a full version of Windows Vista Home Basic.
- B. Upgrade to Windows Vista Home Premium.
- C. Register Windows Vista Home Basic.
- D. Activate Windows Vista Home Basic.

25. Which of the following are true statements about Windows To Go (WTG)? (Choose two.)

- A. It does not support BitLocker.
- B. It requires a USB 3.0 drive.



- C. It does not support OS upgrades.
- D. It is available in Windows 7 and Windows 8/8.1.

[26.](#) What feature of Windows 7 provides anti-spyware protection?

- A. Windows Defender
- B. Windows Firewall
- C. Windows Protector
- D. Windows Action Center

[27.](#) You are at a Windows 8.1 command prompt, and the directory you are in has a Windows cabinet file in it. Which command do you use if you want to get a file out of that cabinet file?

- A. **extract**
- B. **expand**
- C. **unzip**
- D. **excab**

[28.](#) You believe that someone is trying to hack into a Windows 8.1 workstation using brute-force methods to guess the password. To deter the attacker, you want to lock out the account if there are five failed login attempts. Which management tool should you use to configure this?

- A. `SECPOL.MSC`
- B. `COMPMGMT.MSC`
- C. `SECMON.EXE`
- D. `MSRA.EXE`

[29.](#) Which feature available in Windows Vista and Windows 7 is used to create a snapshot of file, even when the file is in use, for retrieval if the original file is accidentally deleted or overwritten?

- A. Shadow Copy

- B. Windows Backup
- C. OneDrive
- D. Easy Transfer

**30.** Sitting at a Windows 8.1 command prompt, you want to delete the read-only `doc.txt` file in the directory you are in. You do not want Windows to ask you for permission to delete the file. What is the syntax to delete the file?

- A. `del doc.txt /y /r`
- B. `del doc.txt /y /f`
- C. `del doc.txt /q /r`
- D. `del doc.txt /q /f`

**31.** You are preparing to make major configuration changes to a Windows 8.1 workstation. Before you begin, which command can you run to ensure that there is a current restore point for the workstation?

- A. `MSRA.EXE`
- B. `RSTRUI.EXE`
- C. `MSTSC.EXE`
- D. `COMPMGMT.MSC`

**32.** You need to check the integrity of key Windows system files on the `c:` drive, which are hidden from view by default. Which tool can you use to allow you to view hidden files?

- A. Computer Management
- B. System Configuration
- C. Local Security Policy
- D. Windows Explorer

**33.** Which of the following features were first featured in a Microsoft operating system with Windows 8? (Choose two.)

- A. Pinning
- B. Windows Store

C. PowerShell

D. Charms

**34.** You are creating a network for a small office with Windows 7 and Windows 8/8.1 workstations. They do not want centralized security, but they want it to be easy to share printers and files, including libraries. What type of network setup should you recommend?

A. Workgroup

B. HomeGroup

C. Distributed

D. Domain

**35.** A client wants to install a new video game, and he's read that the game requires DirectX 11. He's afraid that his Windows 8.1 computer doesn't support this version; which command should you tell him to run to see whether he's correct?

A. MSTSC

B. MSINFO32

C. MMC

D. DXDIAG

**36.** You need to install a copy of Windows 7 onto a PC with no current operating system. Which boot methods are acceptable to begin this installation? (Choose all that apply.)

A. PXE

B. CD-ROM

C. USB

D. Internal hard drive

E. DVD

**37.** You are working on a Windows 8.1 workstation and want to view statistics for how busy the processor is and how much memory is in use. Which two of the following tools will easily allow you to do this? (Choose two.)

- A. `CONTROL.EXE SYSTEM`
- B. `COMPMGMT.MSC`
- C. `SERVICES.MSC`
- D. `PERFMON.EXE`

**38.** You are planning to install Windows 7 on several dozen computers that will join an existing Windows Server domain. What is the least powerful edition of Windows 7 you can install on these client computers?

- A. Windows 7 Enterprise
- B. Windows 7 Starter
- C. Windows 7 Professional
- D. Windows 7 Home Premium

**39.** What feature of Windows 8 allows users to log into the OS, download apps from the Windows Store, and sync files to the cloud with only one sign-on?

- A. Microsoft SSO
- B. Login sync
- C. OneDrive
- D. Live sign in

**40.** You have several Windows 7 and Windows 8.1 workstations on your network. Before any operating system patches get applied to your workstations, you want to review them. Which tool do you configure this setting in?

- A. Windows Patch Management
- B. Windows Update
- C. Computer Management
- D. System Configuration

**41.** You have recently connected your Windows 7 workstation to a cloud storage service. You want to ensure that the cloud-based service synchronizes with your desktop every morning at 2:30

a.m. Which Windows management utility should you use to enable this?

- A. Task Scheduler
- B. Event Viewer
- C. Component Services
- D. Data Sources

42. You are working on a Windows workstation and do not know what edition of Windows it is running. Which command can you type in the search box to determine the edition and display the information shown here?



- A. `wined`
- B. `winspec`
- C. `wininfo`
- D. `winver`

43. You are installing Windows 7 on a workstation. You want to format the hard drive with a file system that is also supported by Linux. Which file system should you choose?

- A. NTFS
- B. NFS

C. ext3

D. ext4

[44.](#) A user's Windows 8.1 workstation is getting "out of memory" errors. Upgrading the physical RAM is not an option, so you want to increase the amount of virtual memory available. Where do you do this?

A. Control Panel > Computer Management > Advanced System Settings > Performance

B. Control Panel > Memory > Advanced System Settings > Performance

C. Control Panel > Device Manager > Advanced System Settings > Performance

D. Control Panel > System > Advanced System Settings > Performance

[45.](#) Which Windows 8 feature provides an area for users to tap or click tiles to open applications, websites, files, and other items?

A. Start screen

B. App center

C. Windows Store

D. Desktop

[46.](#) Your manager has a laptop running Windows 8.1. She wants to configure the laptop so that when she is on battery power, the display shuts off after five minutes of inactivity. When the laptop is plugged in, she wants the display to stay active for up to 45 minutes of inactivity. Where should she configure these settings?

A. Control Panel > Power Options

B. Control Panel > Computer Management

C. Control Panel > Performance Monitor

D. Control Panel > System Configuration

[47.](#) You have a Windows 7 Professional workstation configured in a workgroup. You want to configure the workstation to require users to reset their passwords every 90 days. Which management utility should you use to do this?

- A. Users and Groups
- B. System Configuration
- C. Local Security Policy
- D. Advanced Security

[48.](#) A Windows 7 workstation on your network has corrupted key operating system files. What is the most efficient way to repair this installation without losing the user's files?

- A. Boot to the Windows 7 DVD and perform a clean install.
- B. Boot to the network and perform a remote network installation.
- C. Boot into the Windows RE and repair the installation.
- D. Boot to the recovery partition and reset Windows 7.

[49.](#) The hard drive performance on your Windows 7 workstation has deteriorated over time. To attempt to help performance, you want to ensure that files on the hard drive are written in contiguous blocks. Which administrative tool should you use to make this happen?

- A. Disk Management
- B. Disk Defragmenter
- C. Disk Optimizer
- D. Device Manager

[50.](#) A member of your sales team wants to work from a remote location while traveling. The location he is going to does not have high-speed Internet, and he will be connecting to the network using a modem. When Windows Vista asks what type of networking connection he wants to establish, what should he choose?

- A. WWAN

- B. Wired
- C. Wireless
- D. Dialup

51. What is the name of the user interface introduced with Windows 8?

- A. Aero
- B. Metro
- C. WinPE
- D. Windows Explorer

52. One of your workstations is running Windows 7 and has been occasionally crashing. You believe it's an OS issue and not a hardware issue. You decide to upgrade the computer to Windows 8.1; however, you want to avoid continuing to have errors if they were software-related. What type of installation should you perform?

- A. Upgrade
- B. Unattended
- C. Migration
- D. Clean

53. You have a Windows 7 command prompt open. You are in the `D:\users` directory and want to copy all 20 of the files with a `.doc` extension into the `D:\files` directory. Which of the following statements is true?

- A. You need to copy the files one at a time.
- B. You can use the command `copy *.doc d:\files.`
- C. You can use the command `copy all.doc d:\files.`
- D. You can use the command `copy .doc d:\files.`

54. After you install Windows 8.1, you notice that an application called Windows Firewall is enabled. What is Windows Firewall designed to help protect your computer against?



- A. Viruses and worms
- B. Spyware
- C. Fires
- D. Malicious network traffic

**55.** A Windows Vista user uses a lot of memory-intensive applications and has been recently getting “out of memory” error messages. Her computer has 16GB RAM and can’t be upgraded any further. You want to ensure that her system has ample virtual memory as well; what is the minimum recommended size that her swap file should be?

- A. 8GB
- B. 16GB
- C. 24GB
- D. 48GB

**56.** You are going to install a Windows 8.1 workstation from an image located on a server. What does the workstation need to support to enable this installation?

- A. Netboot
- B. Unattended installation
- C. PXE boot
- D. USB boot

**57.** The ability to have a Windows taskbar appear on multiple monitors was introduced with what version of Windows?

- A. Windows 8
- B. Windows 7
- C. Windows Vista
- D. Windows 8.1

**58.** You have chosen to install Windows 8 Pro on a workstation that is currently running Windows 7 Professional. You choose a Custom installation and format the hard drive. What type of

installation are you performing?

- A. Migration
- B. Clean
- C. Upgrade
- D. Incremental

[59.](#) You are at a Windows 8 command prompt. Which command allows you to copy files and directories, copy NTFS permissions, and mirror a directory tree?

- A. `copy`
- B. `xcopy`
- C. `robocopy`
- D. `copyall`

[60.](#) You need to install Windows 7 onto several client computers that currently have no OS. You have created a PXE server and will perform the installation over the network. What is required to create the PXE environment?

- A. WinPE
- B. WinRE
- C. A flash drive
- D. Netboot

[61.](#) A user has poor eyesight and is having trouble reading the small fonts on his monitor, including desktop icons. What should you do to make everything on the desktop appear larger?

- A. Open Control Panel ➤ Appearance and Personalization and decrease the resolution.
- B. Open Control Panel ➤ Appearance and Personalization and increase the resolution.
- C. Open Control Panel ➤ Appearance and Personalization and decrease the refresh rate.
- D. Open Control Panel ➤ Appearance and Personalization and

increase the refresh rate.

62. You are installing a Windows Vista workstation. When joining the network, it asks for the location of your computer. The choices are Home, Work, and Public. Which of the following statements about these choices is true?

- A. Home and Work have network discovery turned on, but Home has Windows Firewall turned off.
- B. Home has network discovery turned on and Windows Firewall turned off.
- C. Home and Work have network discovery turned on but Windows Firewall turned off.
- D. Home and Work have network discovery turned on.

63. A Windows 7 computer in your office is being used as a file server by the sales team. There is a folder on the D: drive named `DailyReports` where the sales team files their reports. The D: drive is now full. What is the easiest way to provide more capacity and not disrupt access to the folder?

- A. Mount a new hard drive as a subfolder in `DailyReports`.
- B. Extend the D: partition so it has more room.
- C. Add another hard drive and create an array for the D: drive.
- D. Split half of the data from the D: partition into a different partition.

64. A user's Windows 7 workstation is having memory issues. You want to look and find the user's virtual memory file to see how large it is and whether it has enough space on the hard drive. What is the name of the file you are looking for?

- A. `VMM32.SYS`
- B. `SWAPFILE.SYS`
- C. `PAGEFILE.SYS`
- D. `VMEMORY.SYS`

65. You are at a Windows Vista command prompt. You need to create a directory named files on the D: drive. What is the

proper command and syntax to do this?

- A. `cd d:\files`
- B. `cd files d:\`
- C. `md d:\files`
- D. `md files d:\`

[66.](#) A user's Windows 7 workstation seems to be using an excessive amount of memory. Which management tool can you use to identify the application that is using the most memory?

- A. Performance Monitor
- B. Computer Management
- C. Windows Memory Diagnostics
- D. Task Manager

[67.](#) For which operating system can you get a preconfigured virtual machine (that runs in the Windows Virtual PC emulator) that allows users to run Windows XP-based applications?

- A. Windows Vista
- B. Windows 7
- C. Windows 8
- D. Windows 8.1

[68.](#) A Windows 8 workstation appears to have an application that's locked up, but the keyboard is still responsive. Which system tool can you use to kill the application?

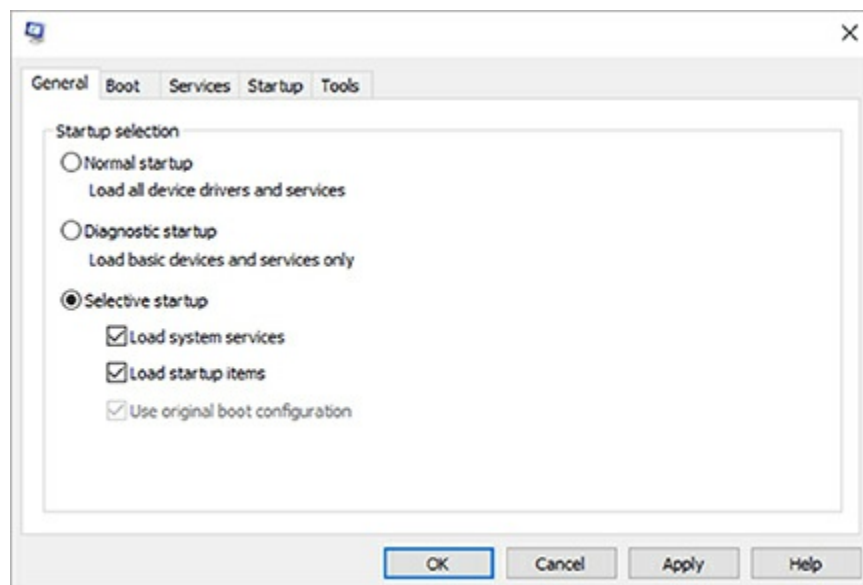
- A. Performance Monitor
- B. Task Manager
- C. Computer Management
- D. MSCONFIG

[69.](#) Which of the following file systems was not designed for hard drives but rather for optical media?

- A. CDFS

- B. ExFAT
- C. FAT32
- D. NFS

[70.](#) A junior technician is trying to troubleshoot a Windows 8.1 workstation, and he is having some problems. You go to help, and when you get there, he has opened the utility you see here. Which utility is he running?



- A. TASKMGR.EXE
- B. CONTROL.EXE
- C. MSCONFIG.EXE
- D. MSINFO32.EXE

[71.](#) You are trying to troubleshoot a remote Windows 7 workstation and want to use Remote Assistance. However, the workstation will not allow you to connect. Where do you tell the user to go to enable Remote Assistance connections to her computer?

- A. Computer Management ➤ Remote
- B. Advanced Security ➤ Remote
- C. System Properties ➤ Remote
- D. Network and Sharing Center ➤ Remote

[72.](#) You need to establish a connection to a remote desktop. Which Windows system utility allows you to set up and configure this type of connection from the command line or through a graphical interface?

- A. MMC
- B. MSTSC
- C. RDPCON
- D. DXDIAG

[73.](#) Your Windows 7 workstation has one physical hard drive with one partition that takes up the entire drive. You want to create a second partition on the drive. What is the easiest way to accomplish this?

- A. Delete the partition and re-create two partitions.
- B. Create a secondary partition within the existing partition.
- C. Shrink the partition and create a second one in the empty space.
- D. Change the partition into a split partition.

[74.](#) You have a Windows 7 workstation, and you are planning system configuration changes. Which utility allows you to make a backup of your system configuration before making these changes?

- A. System Restore
- B. Windows Backup
- C. BitLocker
- D. OneDrive

[75.](#) You are at a Windows 8.1 command prompt. Which command can you type to see a list of system commands available to you?

- A. `dir`
- B. `list`
- C. `help`

D. `cmd`

[76.](#) A Windows 7 workstation will not boot properly. Upon boot, you receive the error message `Boot sector not found`. You boot to the Windows installation CD and enter the Windows Recovery Environment. Which command should you use to fix this error?

A. `bootrec.exe /scanos`

B. `bootrec.exe /rebuildbcd`

C. `bootrec.exe /fixmbr`

D. `bootrec.exe /fixboot`

[77.](#) You need to format a hard drive so you can install Windows 7 on it. Which file system will you not be able to choose?

A. NFS

B. FAT32

C. ext4

D. NTFS

[78.](#) Which feature of Windows Vista, Windows 7, and Windows 8/8.1 allows you to use a removable drive as temporary cache space to speed up the system?

A. OneDrive

B. ReadyBoost

C. Shadow Copy

D. Windows Easy Transfer

[79.](#) You have purchased a dozen Windows 8.1 workstations from a computer vendor. The vendor has set aside space on the hard drive to hold an extra copy of key operating system files. What is this space called?

A. Restore partition

B. Recovery partition

C. Reinstallation partition

D. System image

[80.](#) You want to configure a Windows 8.1 workstation to boot from an external hard drive. Which of the following must be true for that to happen? (Choose two.)

- A. The drive must be USB.
- B. The computer's BIOS must support it.
- C. BitLocker needs to be enabled.
- D. The external drive must be listed in the BIOS boot order.

[81.](#) Which version of Windows was the first to feature side-by-side apps, where two applications can be snapped to the side of a widescreen display, each taking up half of the screen?

- A. Windows Vista
- B. Windows 7
- C. Windows 8
- D. Windows 8.1

[82.](#) The data storage partition on your Windows 7 workstation is nearly out of room. It's configured as a basic volume. What needs to be true for you to extend this partition? (Choose two.)

- A. You need to convert it to a dynamic volume.
- B. It must be formatted with NTFS.
- C. It must be extended into contiguous free space.
- D. It must be a primary partition.

[83.](#) You have a Windows 7 workstation configured in a workgroup. Before you reboot your computer to apply a change, you want to be sure that no one else is remotely connected to your workstation. Which administrative tool can you use to do this?

- A. Users and Groups
- B. Performance Monitor
- C. Control Panel ➤ Networking



#### D. Task Manager

[84.](#) You are installing a new network for a small office. They are concerned about security and therefore want it managed by one computer. When installing the Windows computers, what type of network setup will you choose?

- A. Workgroup
- B. HomeGroup
- C. Distributed
- D. Domain

[85.](#) You are at a Windows 7 command prompt. A process has frozen and is making the computer slow to respond. What is the syntax used to find the process and how much CPU time it has used?

- A. `tasklist /s`
- B. `tasklist /v`
- C. `tasklist /svc`
- D. `tasklist /c`

[86.](#) You are migrating user files and applications for a few user accounts from Windows Vista to Windows 7. Which tool does Microsoft recommend you use to make this transfer?

- A. User State Migration Tool (USMT)
- B. Windows Easy Transfer (WET)
- C. Windows Migration Tool (WMT)
- D. User Accounts in Control Panel

[87.](#) You are at a Windows 8.1 command prompt, in the `D:\users\jdoe\files` directory. What command can you use to get to the `D:\` directory?

- A. `cd\`
- B. `cd..`
- C. `cd/`

D. `cd:\`

[88.](#) You have a Windows 7 workstation that you suspect has faulty memory. Which Microsoft tool should you use to check it?

- A. Device Manager
- B. Windows Memory Diagnostics
- C. Task Scheduler
- D. Computer Management

[89.](#) You have several important files on your computer that you can't afford to lose. Which Windows utility should you run to ensure that you have a replica of these files?

- A. System Restore
- B. Disk Management
- C. Backup
- D. Remote Desktop

[90.](#) You are at a Windows 8.1 command prompt. A remote Windows 7 workstation named `wanda` is misbehaving and needs to be shut down. What is the proper syntax to shut down this remote system?

- A. `shutdown /r /m \\wanda`
- B. `shutdown /s /m \\wanda`
- C. `shutdown /r /c \\wanda`
- D. `shutdown /s /c \\wanda`

[91.](#) You are preparing to install Windows 8.1 on a computer with a solid-state drive (SSD). What does Microsoft recommend you run to optimize performance on this drive?

- A. `WinSAT.exe formal`
- B. `WinSAT.exe prepop`
- C. `WinSAT.exe moobe`
- D. `WinSAT.exe media`

[92.](#) You are looking at a Windows 7 workstation's hard drives using the Disk Management utility. You want to find the partition that the computer boots from. What must the partition be marked?

- A. Basic
- B. Primary
- C. Active
- D. Bootable

[93.](#) You are at a Windows Vista command prompt. You believe that one of the Windows system files is corrupt. Which command should you use to scan and repair problematic system files?

- A. `sfc /scanfile`
- B. `sfc /scannow`
- C. `sfc /verifyfile`
- D. `sfc /revert`

[94.](#) You have just configured an alternative IP address on a Windows 8.1 workstation. What is the purpose of configuring this alternative address?

- A. To allow the workstation to participate on multiple networks
- B. To allow the workstation to have an IPv4 and IPv6 address at the same time
- C. To provide an available address if the first choice is not available
- D. To mask the IP address and hide the workstation's identity

[95.](#) You are at a Windows command prompt. You remember the name of the command-line tool that you want to run, but you don't remember the switch you need to use with it. What switch can you use to show the context and switches used for that command?

- A. `/help`

B. /?

C. /\*

D. /#

[96.](#) Which Windows feature, introduced with Vista, is designed to prevent unintentional or unauthorized changes to the computer by prompting for permission to continue?

A. BitLocker

B. PowerShell

C. Security Center

D. User Account Control

[97.](#) You are working at a Windows 7 command prompt. Which of the following commands require administrative privileges to run? (Choose two.)

A. `chkdsk`

B. `diskpart`

C. `tasklist`

D. `sfc`

[98.](#) A user reports that her Windows 8.1 workstation seems to be having issues with the operating system. You want to repair the installation but allow her to keep her personal files and apps. Which option should you choose in the Windows Recovery Environment?

A. Reset

B. Restore

C. Recover

D. Refresh

[99.](#) Users are sending jobs to a printer managed by a Windows 7 computer, but the jobs are not printing. The printer is online and connected. From your A+ test preparation, you know that you are supposed to stop and restart the print spooler. Where can you do this?

- A. Control Panel ➤ System
- B. Computer Management ➤ Device Manager
- C. Computer Management ➤ Services
- D. Control Panel ➤ Printers and Scanners

**100.** You are at a Windows 8 workstation and have a command prompt open. Which of the following commands is used to refresh Group Policy settings and force their changes to take effect?

- A. `gpedit`
- B. `gpresult`
- C. `gprefresh`
- D. `gpupdate`

**101.** You are training new technicians on network sharing. How do you tell them to identify administrative shares?

- A. They all start with the word `admin`.
- B. They all end with a dollar sign (`$`).
- C. They all end with an at symbol (`@`).
- D. They all end with a percent sign (`%`).

**102.** Which of the following describes the functionality of compatibility mode in Windows 7?

- A. It allows you to run 64-bit applications within a 32-bit operating system.
- B. It allows you to run 32-bit applications within a 32-bit operating system.
- C. It allows you to run programs designed for a different operating system than Windows.
- D. It allows you to configure programs to believe they are running on an older version of Windows.

**103.** You would like to configure a test workstation to be able to boot to Windows Vista, Windows 7, and Windows 8.1. Which of

the following statements is true regarding installation of these operating systems?

- A. You can't install all three operating systems on one workstation.
- B. You should install the oldest operating system first and work toward the newest.
- C. You should install the newest operating system first and work toward the oldest.
- D. The order of operating system installation does not matter in this situation.

[104.](#) You are installing a Windows 8.1 client in a Windows Server 2012 R2 domain. The client computer will need to be able to implement file and share permissions. Which Windows-native file system best meets your needs?

- A. FAT32
- B. NFS
- C. NTFS
- D. ext4

[105.](#) You need the ability to remotely boot up computers on the network by sending a signal to their network cards. Which technology do you need to ensure that the network cards support?

- A. Remote Boot
- B. Network Boot
- C. Wake-on-LAN
- D. NetBIOS

[106.](#) You are at a Windows 7 command prompt, and you need to kill the process named `winword.exe`. What is the right context to kill this process?

- A. `taskkill /IM winword.exe`
- B. `taskkill /PID winword.exe`

C. `taskkill /S winword.exe`

D. `taskkill /FI winword.exe`

[107.](#) You have created a reference image for an unattended installation. Now you need to edit the image for customization of a few workstations. Which tool should you use to easily do this?

A. Sysprep

B. ADK

C. MDT

D. WIM

[108.](#) You are installing a Windows Vista workstation on a network. The network is small, and each user manages their own security. What type of network setup is most appropriate for this workstation?

A. Workgroup

B. Domain

C. HomeGroup

D. Localgroup

[109.](#) You are installing Windows 8.1 on a workstation and want to create a striped volume on its three hard disks. What type of partition do you need to create in Disk Management to allow this?

A. Primary

B. Extended

C. Logical

D. Dynamic

[110.](#) You have a desktop computer running Windows Vista Starter 64-bit. To which of the following operating systems can you do an in-place upgrade?

A. Windows 7 Home Premium 32-bit

- B. Windows 7 Home Premium 64-bit
- C. Windows 7 Ultimate 64-bit
- D. None of the above

[111.](#) You have a workstation with a 64-bit processor and no operating system. When you install an operating system on the workstation, which of the following is true?

- A. You can only install a 64-bit operating system.
- B. You can only install a 32-bit operating system.
- C. You can install either a 64-bit or a 32-bit operating system.
- D. You can install a 64-bit operating system or a 32-bit operating system running in compatibility mode.

[112.](#) You are installing a second hard drive in a Windows 7 workstation. On the drive, you will need to create six different logical partitions. What type of partition should you create to enable this?

- A. Primary
- B. Extended
- C. Active
- D. Spanned

[113.](#) You have a Windows 7 computer that you want to upgrade to Windows 8 Core. Which two operating systems can you upgrade to this version of Windows 8? (Choose two.)

- A. Windows 7 Starter
- B. Windows 7 Professional
- C. Windows 7 Enterprise
- D. Windows 7 Home Premium

[114.](#) You have just installed Windows 8.1 on a workstation. After the installation is complete, the sound card does not work. It worked previously, and Device Manager appears to have detected the card. What step should you try to get the card working again?



- A. Reseat the sound card.
- B. Uninstall Windows 8.1 and reinstall the previous OS.
- C. Ensure that the MIDI port is enabled in Device Manager.
- D. Install an alternate third-party driver.

[115.](#) You have a Windows Vista workstation with a built-in network card. The card is intermittently malfunctioning. You install a USB network card and want to permanently disable the internal card to avoid any conflicts. Which administrative tool should you use?

- A. Computer Management
- B. System Configuration
- C. Device Manager
- D. Services

[116.](#) You have a workstation with a 32-bit processor and no operating system. When you install an operating system on the workstation, which of the following is true?

- A. You can only install a 32-bit operating system.
- B. You can only install a 64-bit operating system.
- C. You can install either a 64-bit or a 32-bit operating system.
- D. You can install a 32-bit operating system or a 64-bit operating system running in compatibility mode.

[117.](#) You have installed a secondary hard drive into a Windows 8 workstation. The user asks you to create a logical partition. Which of the following is the defining characteristic of a logical partition?

- A. It spans multiple hard drives.
- B. It is active.
- C. It has a drive letter.
- D. It is created within an extended partition.

[118.](#) An application on a user's Windows 7 workstation has

become corrupted. Where can you go in Control Panel to attempt to repair or reinstall the application?

- A. System
- B. Computer Management
- C. System Configuration
- D. Programs and Features

[119.](#) You are at a Windows Vista command prompt in the `D:\files` directory. You want to display all files that have the archive bit set. Which command should you use to do this?

- A. `dir /b:a`
- B. `dir /d:a`
- C. `dir /q:a`
- D. `dir /a:a`

[120.](#) You have just installed a new Windows 7 workstation. You want to ensure that all new operating system patches are installed automatically when they become available. Which administrative tool do you configure to do this?

- A. Performance Monitor
- B. System Monitor
- C. Advanced Security
- D. Windows Update

[121.](#) You want to create a desktop shortcut on your Windows 7 computer to a Windows management tool that gives you quick access to manage hard drives, user accounts, scheduled tasks, and Event Viewer. What should you create a shortcut for?

- A. `PERFMON.EXE`
- B. `MSINFO32.EXE`
- C. `SERVICES.MSC`
- D. `COMPMGMT.MSC`

[122.](#) Which Windows 7 utility allows you to review recent

messages and resolve problems, see your computer's security status, and perform troubleshooting and maintenance steps?

- A. Control Panel
- B. Action Center
- C. System and Security
- D. Windows Defender

123. Several workstations in your office are running Windows XP Professional. You want to upgrade them to Windows Vista. To which versions of Vista can you upgrade Windows XP Professional? (Choose two.)

- A. Windows Vista Enterprise
- B. Windows Vista Home Premium
- C. Windows Vista Ultimate
- D. Windows Vista Business

124. You have just installed a Windows Vista workstation for a user. Company policy is that the user's TEMP folder should not be located on the system partition. Which administrative tool can you use to change the location of the user's temporary files folder?

- A. Computer Management
- B. Users and Groups
- C. Local Security Policy
- D. System Configuration

125. You are installing Windows Vista on an empty mechanical hard drive. When formatting the drive, you want to choose a file system that is lightweight. The user is not concerned about data security. Which file system best meets the user's needs?

- A. ExFAT
- B. NFS
- C. NTFS

D. FAT32

[126.](#) You have a desktop running Windows Vista Home Basic 32-bit and want to upgrade your OS. To which of the following operating systems can you perform an in-place upgrade?

- A. Windows 7 Ultimate 32-bit
- B. Windows 7 Professional 32-bit
- C. Windows 7 Professional 64-bit
- D. None of the above

[127.](#) Which Windows Vista utility provides a single interface for configuring your firewall, getting automatic updates, and setting up malware protection?

- A. Action Center
- B. Security Center
- C. Windows Defender
- D. Windows Firewall

[128.](#) One of the developers in your organization has created a new software package for Windows 8.1 client computers. He wants to custom configure application-specific access permissions. Which administrative tool would he use to do this?

- A. System Configuration
- B. Advanced Security
- C. Component Services
- D. Users and Groups

[129.](#) Several workstations in your office are running Windows Vista Business. You want to upgrade them to Windows 8.1 Pro. Which of the following statements is true?

- A. There is no direct upgrade path from Vista to Windows 8.1. You must perform a clean install.
- B. You can upgrade Windows Vista Business only to Windows 8.1 Enterprise.

- C. You can upgrade Windows Vista Business only to Windows 8.1 Basic.
- D. When you begin the upgrade, choose Custom and then do not format the hard drive.

[130.](#) You want to format a hard drive with the NTFS file system. It's the D: drive on a Windows Vista computer. Which command do you use at the command prompt to do this?

- A. `format d: /fs:ntfs`
- B. `format d: /ntfs`
- C. `format d: /v:ntfs`
- D. `format d: /q:ntfs`

[131.](#) You are trying to update a Windows Vista workstation. After you make changes to the configuration, the system does not boot properly. Another technician suggests reverting the OS to the previous configuration settings. Which tool can you use to do this?

- A. Windows Update
- B. Computer Management
- C. System Restore
- D. System Configuration

[132.](#) A user reports that it seems like her network performance has recently become very slow. While investigating her network card properties, you notice that her network card is set to half duplex. What does this mean?

- A. That is the normal operating setting for a network card.
- B. The switch that she is connected to configured her network card to operate in this mode for backward compatibility.
- C. The card needs to be set to simplex mode for it to run faster.
- D. The card needs to be set to full duplex mode for it to run faster.

[133.](#) You have recently deployed a custom application to several

Windows workstations on your network. The application appears to have a bug, and the developer suggests you edit the Registry to fix it. Which administrative tool would you use to do this?

- A. MSINFO32
- B. COMMAND
- C. REGEDIT
- D. NOTEPAD

[134.](#) You will be installing several new resource-intensive applications on a Windows 7 workstation, and the user has concerns over system performance. You want to monitor memory and CPU performance and set up the workstation so that it logs performance over time. Which utility should you use to set this up?

- A. Resource Monitor
- B. Performance Monitor
- C. Task Manager
- D. Event Viewer

[135.](#) Which Windows 7 utility allows you to view error messages generated by applications or login failures?

- A. Action Center
- B. Windows Defender
- C. Message Center
- D. Event Viewer

[136.](#) A user with a Windows 8.1 workstation recently received a second hard drive. Another administrator created a partition on the hard drive, and it's ready for use. He will store the raw video files he creates on that drive and insists that it be called the  $R:$  drive. Which of the following statements is true?

- A. You can use Disk Management to change the drive letter to  $R:$ .

- B. You can use Disk Management to change the drive letter to R:, but only if it's a dynamic disk.
- C. You can use Disk Management to change the drive letter to R:, but only if it's in an extended partition.
- D. You will need to use Disk Management to delete the partition and re-create it as R:.

[137.](#) You have a Windows 8 workstation with corrupt files in the operating system. It will not boot properly. You need to boot the computer using its network card to connect to an image server to restore Windows. What is this boot process called?

- A. Netboot
- B. PXE boot
- C. The WinPE process
- D. The WinRE process

[138.](#) You need to format a blank SDXC card and transfer files to it. Which file system is ideally suited for this type of media?

- A. CDFS
- B. FAT32
- C. NTFS
- D. ExFAT

[139.](#) You have a Windows 8.1 workstation. You want to connect to a printer located on a Windows 7 workstation. What do you need to do?

- A. Right-click the printer, choose Printer Properties, and share the printer.
- B. Right-click the printer, choose Printer Properties, and map the network printer.
- C. Open the Add a Printer Wizard and share the printer.
- D. Open the Add a Printer Wizard and map the network printer.

[140.](#) You are installing Windows Vista on a computer. When you partition the hard drive, which type of partition is limited to

having only one logical drive on it?

- A. Primary
- B. Basic
- C. Extended
- D. GPT

[141.](#) A laptop user has traveled to visit a client and forgot his power adapter. Before going to lunch with the client, he wants to conserve battery power, but he wants to enable the fastest possible startup when he gets back, with his applications already open. Which power mode will conserve battery life but enable the fastest startup?

- A. Shut down
- B. Sleep
- C. Hibernate
- D. Resting

[142.](#) You have just installed a second hard drive into a Windows 7 workstation. The drive is properly recognized by the BIOS when the system boots, but you are unable to see it in Windows Explorer. What do you need to do?

- A. Mount the drive.
- B. Assign a drive letter.
- C. Initialize the drive.
- D. Create an array.

[143.](#) Which Windows user interface was the first one to have translucent windows and provides the ability to create a three-dimensional stack of open windows for users to cycle through?

- A. Metro
- B. Aero
- C. WinPE
- D. Windows Explorer



[144.](#) You have a Windows 7 workstation with four hard disks. You want to take advantage of having multiple disks by creating a disk array. What types of arrays can you create in Windows that will combine the disks into one volume? (Choose two.)

- A. Simple
- B. Spanned
- C. Mirrored
- D. Extended

[145.](#) Which versions of Windows 7 support BitLocker? (Choose two.)

- A. Enterprise
- B. Professional
- C. Ultimate
- D. Home Premium

[146.](#) You are working on a Windows 8.1 workstation that you believe has cross-linked files. At a command prompt, you want to check for these files and automatically fix any problems. Which command should you run to do this?

- A. `chkdsk /f`
- B. `chkdsk /c`
- C. `chkdsk /scan`
- D. `chkdsk /r`

[147.](#) You are configuring a secondary hard drive using Disk Management in Windows Vista. When setting up basic storage, which two types of partitions can you create? (Choose two.)

- A. Primary
- B. Simple
- C. Extended
- D. Spanned

[148.](#) You are installing Windows 8.1 on a new workstation.

Before you format the drive with NTFS, your manager tells you to perform a full format. Which of the following statements best describes what a full format does?

- A. Remove files from the partition, create a new file allocation table, and scan the hard disk for bad sectors.
- B. Remove files from the partition and create a new file allocation table.
- C. Create a new file allocation table and scan the hard disk for bad sectors.
- D. Delete the partition, re-create the partition, create a new file allocation table, and scan the hard disk for bad sectors.

[149.](#) You are at a Windows 8.1 command prompt. Which command should you use to create and manage partitions?

- A. `fdisk`
- B. `diskpart`
- C. `sfc`
- D. `format`

[150.](#) You need to install Windows 8.1 on 30 identical workstations. You do not want to manually input information into each of the workstations. What type of installation should you perform?

- A. Upgrade
- B. Unattended
- C. Deployment
- D. Clean

[151.](#) You are working at a Windows Vista command prompt. Which command should you use to copy directories and subdirectories but not empty directories?

- A. `xcopy /e`
- B. `xcopy /s`
- C. `xcopy /h`

D. `xcopy /a`

[152.](#) You need to configure Internet connections on a Windows 7 workstation. In which tabs of Internet options do you set the home page and enable the pop-up blocker?

A. Connections, security

B. General, security

C. General, privacy

D. Connections, privacy

# **Chapter 6**

## **Other Operating Systems and Technologies**

**THE COMPTIA A+ EXAM 220-902 TOPICS COVERED IN THIS CHAPTER INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:**

**2.1 Identify common features and functionality of the Mac OS and Linux operating systems.**

- Best practices
  - Scheduled backups
  - Scheduled disk maintenance
  - System updates/App Store
  - Patch management
  - Driver/firmware updates
  - Antivirus/anti-malware updates
- Tools
  - Backup/Time Machine
  - Restore/snapshot
  - Image recovery
  - Disk maintenance utilities
  - Shell/Terminal
  - Screen sharing
  - Force Quit
- Features
  - Multiple desktops/Mission Control
  - Key Chain
  - Spot Light

- iCloud
- Gestures
- Finder
- Remote Disc
- Dock
- Boot Camp
- Basic Linux commands
  - ls
  - grep
  - cd
  - shutdown
  - pwd vs. passwd
  - mv
  - cp
  - rm
  - chmod
  - chown
  - iwconfig/ifconfig
  - ps
  - su/sudo
  - apt-get
  - vi
  - dd

## **✓2.2 Given a scenario, setup and use client-side virtualization.**

- Purpose of virtual machines
- Resource requirements

- Emulator requirements
- Security requirements
- Network requirements
- Hypervisor

### **✓2.3 Identify basic cloud concepts.**

- SaaS
- IaaS
- PaaS
- Public vs. Private vs. Hybrid vs. Community
- Rapid Elasticity
- On-demand
- Resource pooling
- Measured service

### **✓2.4 Summarize the properties and purpose of services provided by networked hosts.**

- Server roles
  - Web server
  - File server
  - Print server
  - DHCP server
  - DNS server
  - Proxy server
  - Mail server
  - Authentication server
- Internet appliance
  - UTM
  - IDS

- IPS
- Legacy/embedded systems

## **✓2.5 Identify basic features of mobile operating systems.**

- Android vs. iOS vs. Windows
  - Open source vs. closed source/vendor specific
  - App source (Google Play Store, App Store, and Store)
  - Screen orientation (accelerometer/gyroscope)
  - Screen calibration
  - GPS and geotracking
  - WiFi calling
  - Launcher/GUI
  - Virtual assistant
  - SDK/APK
  - Emergency notification
  - Mobile payment service

## **✓2.6 Install and configure basic mobile device network connectivity and email.**

- Wireless/cellular data network (enable/disable)
  - Hotspot
  - Tethering
  - Airplane mode
- Bluetooth
  - Enable Bluetooth
  - Enable pairing
  - Find device for pairing
  - Enter appropriate pin code
  - Test connectivity

- Corporate and ISP email configuration
  - POP3
  - IMAP
  - Port and SSL settings
  - Exchange, S/MIME
- Integrated commercial provider email configuration
  - Google/Inbox
  - Yahoo
  - [Outlook.com](https://outlook.com)
  - iCloud
- PRI updates/PRL updates/Baseband updates
- Radio firmware
- IMEI vs. IMSI
- VPN

## **2.7 Summarize methods and data related to mobile device synchronization.**

- Types of data to synchronize
  - Contacts
  - Programs
  - Email
  - Pictures
  - Music
  - Videos
  - Calendar
  - Bookmarks
  - Documents
  - Location data



- Social media data
- eBooks
- Synchronization methods
  - Synchronize to the Cloud
  - Synchronize to the Desktop
- Mutual authentication for multiple services (SSO)
- Software requirements to install the application on the PC
- Connection types to enable synchronization

1. You have a user who just purchased a Windows Phone. He wants to know what the name of the virtual assistant is on his phone. What do you tell him?

- A. Windows Phone does not have a virtual assistant.
- B. Windy.
- C. Siri.
- D. Cortana.
- E. Alexa.

2. Which type of server on your network will utilize UDP ports 67 and 68 to communicate with other computers?

- A. Authentication server
- B. Print server
- C. DHCP server
- D. DNS server

3. Which Linux command is used to copy and convert files from one format to another?

- A. `dd`
- B. `cp`
- C. `mv`
- D. `rm`

4. You are consulting with a mobile phone company. They tell you that for a new usage tracking program, they want to use the 15-digit number that identifies a user and their network. Which number are they looking for?

- A. IMEI
- B. IMSI
- C. PRI
- D. PRL

5. Your manager tells you to purchase cloud-based services. Your network needs extra processing power and file storage. What type of service should you purchase?

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

6. Which type of server maintains a database called a zone file, which it uses to provide clients with requested information?

- A. Authentication server
- B. DNS server
- C. DHCP server
- D. Proxy server

7. You have just joined a new network team, and one of your co-workers reports that he is frustrated from working on a legacy system. Which of the following might he be referring to? (Choose two.)

- A. The sales management software that was created in the 1980s
- B. The file server that runs on a Windows NT 4.0 server
- C. The accounting software that runs on a Linux server
- D. The graphic arts package that runs on an iMac

[8.](#) Your company produces software and employs about 20 developers. They need to program apps for different operating systems. You decide to purchase cloud-based services to support the development team. What type of service should you purchase so they can develop their programs and then test them in environments other than where they were developed?

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

[9.](#) On your MacBook Pro, what is the name of the utility used to browse through files and folders?

- A. Spotlight
- B. Remote Disc
- C. iCloud
- D. Finder

[10.](#) While using your mobile phone, you want to set up a secure connection over a Wi-Fi network. What type of connection do you need to enable?

- A. VPN
- B. IMEI
- C. IMSI
- D. PRI/PRL

[11.](#) Which feature of cloud service allows you to instantly obtain additional storage space or processing power as your company needs it?

- A. Ubiquitous access
- B. Rapid elasticity
- C. Resource pooling
- D. Measured service

[12.](#) You need to start a new shell on a Linux workstation, with `root` permissions. Which command should you use to do this?

- A. `su`
- B. `sudo`
- C. `vi`
- D. `dd`

[13.](#) Which type of cloud service provides your company with the network hardware, infrastructure, and software needed to run your business?

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

[14.](#) In Linux, what is the name of the interpreter between the user and the operating system?

- A. Terminal
- B. Command prompt
- C. GUI
- D. Shell

[15.](#) A user types in her username and password into a workstation that is configured in a domain. Which type of server examines her information and determines whether she gets access to network resources?

- A. Authentication server
- B. Proxy server
- C. File server
- D. DHCP server

[16.](#) On your network, a few users have been accessing material on inappropriate websites. What type of server can you install to block content from a list of prohibited websites?

- A. DNS server
- B. Authentication server
- C. Proxy server
- D. Web server

17. Which type of server on a network is responsible for listening for inbound traffic on ports 80 and 443?

- A. DHCP server
- B. DNS server
- C. Mail server
- D. Web server

18. You are working on a Linux file server. Which command would you use to see the amount of free disk space on a volume?

- A. `fsck`
- B. `df`
- C. `du`
- D. `vi`

19. In your web browser, you type [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) and press Enter. Which type of server identifies the owner of that name and tells your computer the IP address of the server you want to communicate with?

- A. Proxy server
- B. DHCP server
- C. DNS server
- D. Authentication server

20. You are installing virtualization on a workstation that needs to support multiple operating systems. Which type of hypervisor is best suited for this environment?

- A. Type 1.
- B. Type 2.

- C. Either Type 1 or Type 2 will function in the same way.
- D. Virtual machine manager.

[21.](#) Which piece of software on a mobile phone manages all wireless communication for the phone?

- A. PRI
- B. PRL
- C. Baseband OS
- D. SIM OS

[22.](#) You have a MacBook running macOS Yosemite on your network. You want to create a backup of critical operating system files in case the system crashes and is unable to locate the hard drive. What should you create?

- A. Recovery disk
- B. Image
- C. Snapshot
- D. Time Machine

[23.](#) A user recently left the company, and you need to change ownership of his files on the Linux server to a new user. Which command should you use to do this?

- A. `chown`
- B. `chmod`
- C. `chperm`
- D. `cp`

[24.](#) One of your network users has a MacBook Pro running OS X Yosemite. Where should this user go to see whether there are any OS updates available?

- A. Open the App Store and click Updates in the toolbar.
- B. Open Safari and click Updates in the toolbar.
- C. Open System Preferences and click Updates in the toolbar.
- D. Open iTunes and click Updates in the toolbar.

[25.](#) Which two commands are used in Linux to check or modify network configuration settings? (Choose two.)

- A. `ipconfig`
- B. `ifconfig`
- C. `iwconfig`
- D. `inconfig`

[26.](#) You want to enable data synchronization for your iPhone. Which two statements are true regarding Wi-Fi synchronization? (Choose two.)

- A. You must enable Sync over Wi-Fi within iTunes.
- B. You can sync to iCloud only over Wi-Fi.
- C. The iPhone should be plugged into a USB port.
- D. The iPhone and computer must be on the same network SSID.

[27.](#) You are configuring client-side virtualization on an existing Windows 8.1 64-bit workstation. You will be running OS X Yosemite in the virtual environment. Each OS requires 2GB of RAM. Windows needs 20GB of disk space and Yosemite needs 8GB. What are the minimum hardware requirements for this workstation?

- A. 4GB RAM, 28GB disk space
- B. 2GB RAM, 20GB disk space
- C. 2GB RAM, 28GB disk space
- D. 4GB RAM, 20GB disk space

[28.](#) Which type of server will extensively use ports 25 and 143 in its communications with clients on the network?

- A. Print server
- B. Mail server
- C. DHCP server
- D. Authentication server

[29.](#) You are working on a Linux workstation. A file named `docs` needs to be renamed to `newdocs`. What is the right command to execute this?

- A. `ren docs newdocs`
- B. `mv docs newdocs`
- C. `cp docs newdocs`
- D. `rm docs newdocs`

[30.](#) You want to download applications for a device running iOS. Where will you download them from?

- A. Android Market
- B. Google Play
- C. App Store
- D. Windows Store

[31.](#) You are at a Linux workstation and need to search for text within several files. Which command should you use?

- A. `sudo`
- B. `grep`
- C. `cp`
- D. `ls`

[32.](#) One of your network users has a MacBook Pro running OS X Mavericks. She asks you about installing or updating antivirus software. What should you tell her?

- A. There are no viruses for Macs, so no antivirus software is needed.
- B. Use the free MacAntiVirus program that comes with the OS and set it to update automatically.
- C. Install a commercial antivirus program and set it to update automatically.
- D. Install a host-based firewall and set it to update automatically.



[33.](#) The MacBook you are using does not have a built-in DVD player, but you need to access some files stored on one. Which macOS feature allows you to access the DVD player on another computer?

- A. Remote Disc
- B. Finder
- C. Spotlight
- D. iCloud

[34.](#) Your company has decided to purchase cloud services from Google. What type of cloud does Google provide?

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

[35.](#) You are working on a MacBook Pro and need to search the computer for a document you wrote a few months ago. Which feature should you use to search the hard drive?

- A. Keychain
- B. Spotlight
- C. Finder
- D. Siri

[36.](#) You have a MacBook Pro and need to run a critical application for work that is compatible only with Windows. Is there any way you can do this?

- A. Yes, Macs will run Windows applications natively.
- B. Yes, use Boot Camp to install Windows and dual boot.
- C. Yes, use Dock to install Windows and dual boot.
- D. No, you can't run the Windows application.

[37.](#) On a Linux workstation, which command do you use to display the contents of a directory?

- A. `dir`
- B. `grep`
- C. `cp`
- D. `ls`

[38.](#) You are configuring your tablet computer to connect to your corporate email server. Which ports do you need to set up if you want to use SMTP with SSL and IMAP4 with SSL?

- A. 25 and 143
- B. 465 and 993
- C. 465 and 995
- D. 587 and 993
- E. 587 and 995

[39.](#) Which command is used to change a file's permissions in Linux?

- A. `chperm`
- B. `cp`
- C. `chown`
- D. `chmod`

[40.](#) What type of update does your mobile phone need if you need to refresh the reference list the phone uses to connect to the proper cell phone tower when roaming?

- A. PRL
- B. PRI
- C. Baseband
- D. IMEI

[41.](#) Your network uses a Linux file server. It has four volumes, each formatted with ext4. You want to check the `/ops/files` volume for any filesystem errors and fix them. Which command should you use?

- A. `fsck /ops/files`

- B. `du /ops/files`
- C. `df /ops/files`
- D. `chkdsk /ops/files`

[42.](#) A network consultant recommended to your boss that you install an IPS. Which of the following statements best describes what an IPS does?

- A. It detects anomalies in network traffic, logs the activity, and takes actions to stop the activity.
- B. It detects viruses transmitted across the network, logs the activity, and deletes the network packets infected with the virus.
- C. It detects anomalies in network traffic, logs the activity, and sends an alert to the administrator.
- D. It allows or denies incoming network traffic based on a set of rules.

[43.](#) Which mobile operating system has versions named for types of candy or sweets?

- A. BlackBerry OS
- B. Android
- C. iOS
- D. Windows Phone

[44.](#) One of the designers on your network has an iMac running OS X El Capitan. Which of the following is not considered necessary with this workstation?

- A. Running scheduled backups
- B. Installing antivirus software
- C. Updating drivers and firmware
- D. Defragmenting the hard drive

[45.](#) Which type of server on your network could have its functionality replaced with NAS or a SAN?

- A. Mail server
- B. File server
- C. Print server
- D. Web server

[46.](#) You have a MacBook Pro and want to share files with a small group of Mac users. Because your team edits the files frequently, you want to make sure everyone has access to the same version of the files online. What storage solution should you use?

- A. iCloud
- B. Finder
- C. Remote Disc
- D. Spotlight

[47.](#) The Linux workstation you are using seems slow. You want to see what processes are running on the computer. Which command should you use?

- A. `vi`
- B. `cp`
- C. `dd`
- D. `ps`

[48.](#) You are working on an iMac, and about a dozen applications are open. Which feature allows you to easily see all of them and switch to your desired application?

- A. Spotlight
- B. Keychain
- C. Mission Control
- D. Finder

[49.](#) You are configuring your Android phone to synchronize with your Windows 8.1 workstation. Which of the following types of data will not be synchronized between the devices?

- A. Passwords
- B. Bookmarks
- C. Email
- D. Social media data

**50.** Your manager asked you to find a device for network security. He wants it to be able to perform packet filtering, shut down network attacks, block spam, and prohibit access to inappropriate websites. What type of device should you look for?

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

**51.** Your company has an application developer who creates programs for Windows, Linux, and macOS. What is the most cost-effective solution for her to be able to test her programs in multiple operating systems as quickly as possible?

- A. Buy workstations for each of the OSs she codes in.
- B. Set up her workstation to dual boot.
- C. Set up her workstation with virtual machines.
- D. Create one version of each application that will run in all three OSs.

**52.** One of your users has a MacBook Pro, and an application appears to have crashed. What can she use to force the app to close?

- A. Task Manager
- B. Force Quit
- C. Shell/Terminal
- D. Time Machine

**53.** What type of cloud service offers the best security?

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

**54.** A user with an Android phone reports that it isn't properly detecting where she touches the virtual keyboard—it seems to be a bit off. What should she do to resolve the issue?

- A. Recalibrate the screen.
- B. Turn the phone off and back on again.
- C. Perform a reset to factory specifications.
- D. Purchase a new device.

**55.** You call your cell phone provider to do some troubleshooting, and they tell you they need the phone's 15-digit serial number. What number are they looking for?

- A. PRI
- B. PRL
- C. IMEI
- D. IMSI

**56.** You are updating user accounts on a Linux workstation and need to change a user's password. Which command do you use to do this?

- A. `chperm`
- B. `cp`
- C. `pwd`
- D. `passwd`

**57.** A user wants to perform a backup on his MacBook running OS X El Capitan. Which software utility should he use to do this?

- A. Image Recovery
- B. Time Machine

- C. iBackup
- D. MacBackup

[58.](#) Which of the following mobile operating systems is an open-source OS?

- A. iOS
- B. Windows Phone
- C. BlackBerry OS
- D. Android

[59.](#) You are at a Linux workstation on your network with the terminal open. Which command can you issue to see the size of files and directories on this computer?

- A. `fsck`
- B. `df`
- C. `du`
- D. `vi`

[60.](#) You want to start the visual file editor on your Linux server. Which command is used to do that?

- A. `cd`
- B. `ps`
- C. `vi`
- D. `cp`

[61.](#) You are setting up virtualization on a server that will be running four instances of Windows Server 2012 R2. Four different departments will be using one instance each, and all departments have been promised 16GB RAM. Using resource pooling and using a bare-metal hypervisor, what is the minimum amount of physical RAM needed on the server?

- A. 16GB
- B. 32GB
- C. 64GB

D. 8GB

[62.](#) One of the workstations on your network runs Ubuntu Linux. Which command can you use to install patches to upgrade the operating system?

A. `apt-cache`

B. `apt-get`

C. `vi-get`

D. `chown-get`

[63.](#) You are configuring the Mail app on an iPhone to use an [Outlook.com](#) email address. What configuration information do you need to enter to establish connectivity?

A. Email address and password

B. Email address, password, and server name

C. Email address, password, server name, and mail protocol

D. Email address, password, server name or IP address, and mail protocol

[64.](#) Which of the following features are typically present in mobile operating systems by default, but not in desktop operating systems? (Choose two.)

A. SDK

B. Power options

C. Gesture-based interaction

D. Emergency notifications

[65.](#) Which feature of macOS allows others to see your screen, and requires a Virtual Network Computing (VNC) connection?

A. Remote assistance

B. Shell/Terminal

C. Image sharing

D. Screen sharing



# Chapter 7

## Security

**THE COMPTIA A+ EXAM 220-902 TOPICS COVERED IN THIS CHAPTER INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:**

**3.1 Identify common security threats and vulnerabilities.**

- Malware
  - Spyware
  - Viruses
  - Worms
  - Trojans
  - Rootkits
  - Ransomware
- Phishing
- Spear phishing
- Spoofing
- Social engineering
- Shoulder surfing
- Zero-day attack
- Zombie/botnet
- Brute forcing
- Dictionary attacks
- Non-compliant systems
- Violations of security best practices
- Tailgating
- Man-in-the-middle

### **3.2 Compare and contrast common prevention methods.**

- Physical security
  - Lock doors
  - Mantrap
  - Cable locks
  - Securing physical documents/passwords/shredding
  - Biometrics
  - ID badges
  - Key fobs
  - RFID badge
  - Smart card
  - Tokens
  - Privacy filters
  - Entry control roster
- Digital security
  - Antivirus/Anti-malware
  - Firewalls
  - User authentication/strong passwords
  - Multifactor authentication
  - Directory permissions
  - VPN
  - DLP
  - Disabling ports
  - Access control lists
  - Smart card
  - Email filtering

- Trusted/untrusted software sources
- User education/AUP
- Principle of least privilege

### **✓3.3 Compare and contrast differences of basic Windows OS security settings.**

- User and groups
  - Administrator
  - Power user
  - Guest
  - Standard user
- NTFS vs. Share permissions
  - Allow vs. deny
  - Moving vs. copying folders and files
  - File attributes
- Shared files and folders
  - Administrative shares vs. local shares
  - Permission propagation
  - Inheritance
- System files and folders
- User authentication
  - Single sign-on
- Run as administrator vs. standard user
- BitLocker
- BitLocker-To-Go
- EFS

### **✓3.4 Given a scenario, deploy and enforce security best practices to secure a workstation.**

- Password best practices

- Setting strong passwords
- Password expiration
- Changing default user names/passwords
- Screensaver required password
- BIOS/UEFI passwords
- Requiring passwords
- Account management
  - Restricting user permissions
  - Login time restrictions
  - Disabling guest account
  - Failed attempts logout
  - Timeout/screen lock
- Disable autorun
- Data encryption
- Patch/update management

### **✓3.5 Compare and contrast various methods for securing mobile devices.**

- Screen locks
  - Fingerprint lock
  - Face lock
  - Swipe lock
  - Passcode lock
- Remote wipes
- Locator applications
- Remote backup applications
- Failed login attempts restrictions
- Antivirus/anti-malware

- Patching/OS updates
- Biometric authentication
- Full device encryption
- Multifactor authentication
- Authenticator applications
- Trusted sources vs. untrusted sources
- Firewalls
- Policies and procedures
  - BYOD vs. corporate owned
  - Profile security requirements

### **✓3.6 Given a scenario, use appropriate data destruction and disposal methods.**

- Physical destruction
  - Shredder
  - Drill/hammer
  - Electromagnetic (Degaussing)
  - Incineration
  - Certificate of destruction
- Recycling or repurposing best practices
  - Low level format vs. standard format
  - Overwrite
  - Drive wipe

### **✓3.7 Given a scenario, secure SOHO wireless and wired networks.**

- Wireless specific
  - Changing default SSID
  - Setting encryption
  - Disabling SSID broadcast

- Antenna and access point placement
- Radio power levels
- WPS
- Change default user-names and passwords
- Enable MAC filtering
- Assign static IP addresses
- Firewall settings
- Port forwarding/mapping
- Disabling ports
- Content filtering/parental controls
- Update firmware
- Physical security

1. Your network has 20 Windows 8.1 workstations. When it comes to managing patches and updates, which of the following is the best practice?

- A. Apply patches and updates only after they have received good reviews on the Internet.
- B. Apply patches and updates once per month.
- C. Apply patches and updates immediately after they become available.
- D. Apply patches and updates only if they fix a critical security flaw.

2. You have a Windows 8.1 workstation and want to prevent a potential hacker from booting to a CD from the optical drive. What should you do to help prevent this?

- A. Require strong Windows passwords.
- B. Restrict user permissions.
- C. Set a BIOS/UEFI password.

D. Disable autorun.

3. Which type of security solution generally functions as a packet filter and can perform stateful inspection?

A. VPN

B. DLP

C. Antivirus/anti-malware

D. Firewall

4. Which of the following are examples of physical security methods? (Choose two.)

A. Biometrics

B. Multifactor authentication

C. Privacy filters

D. Firewalls

5. A user on your network reported that he got a telephone call from Diane in the IT department saying that he needed to reset his password. She offered to do it for him if he could provide her with his current one. What is this most likely an example of?

A. The IT department needs to reset the user's password.

B. A spoofing attack.

C. A social engineering attack.

D. A man-in-the-middle attack.

6. Your corporate IT department has decided that to enhance security, they want to configure all mobile devices to require both a passcode and fingerprint scan to unlock a mobile device for use. What is this an example of?

A. Authenticator application

B. Biometric authentication

C. Multifactor authentication

D. Full device encryption

7. Several employees at your company have been tailgating to gain access to secure areas. Which of the following security methods is the best choice for stopping this practice?

- A. Lock doors
- B. Entry control roster
- C. Mantrap
- D. ID badges

8. Robert has joined your company as a network administrator. His user account name is RobertS. What is the recommended way to give Robert the administrative privileges he needs?

- A. Add the RobertS user account to the Administrators group.
- B. Create an account called AdminRobertS. Add that account to the Administrators group. Have Robert use the RobertS account unless he needs administrative rights, in which case he should use the other account.
- C. Copy the Administrator account and rename it to RobertS.
- D. Add the RobertS user account to the Power Users group.

9. You are designing a security policy for mobile phones on your network. Which of the following are common methods of biometric authentication used with mobile devices today? (Choose two.)

- A. Fingerprint lock
- B. Face lock
- C. Swipe lock
- D. DNA lock

10. You have a Windows 7 workstation with one volume, c:, that is formatted with FAT32. What is the easiest way to enable this volume to have file- and folder-level security permissions?

- A. Reformat the volume with NTFS and restore all of the data from backup.
- B. Enable file and folder permissions in System Properties.



C. At a command prompt, type `reformat c: /fs:ntfs`.

D. At a command prompt, type `convert c: /fs:ntfs`.

[11.](#) Luana is a member of the Dev group and the HR group. She is trying to access a local resource on an NTFS volume. The HR group has Allow Full Control permission for the `payroll` folder, and the Dev group has Deny Read permission for the same folder. What is Luana's effective access to the `payroll` folder?

A. Full Control

B. Read

C. Write

D. No access

[12.](#) Which default Windows group was designed to have more power than normal users but not as much power as administrators?

A. Superuser

B. Standard user

C. Power user

D. Advanced user

[13.](#) You have just transformed a Windows workgroup into a small domain and are configuring user accounts. Which of the following is considered a best practice for managing user account security?

A. Require every user to log on as a Guest user.

B. Allow all users Read and Write access to all server files.

C. Follow the principle of least privilege.

D. Place all user accounts in the Power Users group.

[14.](#) Someone has placed an unauthorized wireless router on your network and configured it with the same SSID as your network. Users can access the network through that router, even though it's not supposed to be there. What type of security threat could this lead to?

- A. Zombie/botnet
- B. Spoofing
- C. Noncompliant system
- D. Man-in-the-middle

15. A security consultant for your company recommended that you begin shredding or burning classified documents before disposing of them. What security risk is the consultant trying to protect the company from?

- A. Shoulder surfing
- B. Dumpster diving
- C. Social engineering
- D. Brute forcing

16. You have installed a Windows 8.1 workstation into a HomeGroup. Which of the following are recommended best practices for maximizing security regarding the Administrator account? (Choose two.)

- A. Disable the Administrator account.
- B. Rename the Administrator account.
- C. Remove the Administrator account from the Administrators group.
- D. Require a strong password.

17. Which digital security method makes use of encapsulation to transfer data across networks?

- A. VPN
- B. Firewall
- C. Email filtering
- D. DLP

18. Which of the following are advantages of using NTFS permissions over using Share permissions?

- A. NTFS permissions will override Share permissions if there is

a conflict.

- B. NTFS permissions affect users at the local computer, but Share permissions do not.
- C. NTFS permissions are more restrictive in their access levels than Share permissions.
- D. NTFS permissions can be set at the file level, but Share permissions cannot.

19. Which type of security method is worn by employees and usually has a picture on it?

- A. Key fobs
- B. ID badges
- C. Smart card
- D. Biometrics

20. You and your family members all have iPhones. Someone generally forgets where they put their phone, and it would be nice to easily find it. In addition, you want to see where other family members are when they are around town. Which type of app will allow you to do this?

- A. Trusted source app
- B. Remote control app
- C. Locator app
- D. Firewall app

21. Which security mechanism specifies permissions for users and groups as well as the type of activities the users or groups can perform?

- A. ACL
- B. DLP
- C. AUP
- D. VPN

22. Which of the following statements are true regarding file

attributes on a Windows 7 workstation? (Choose two.)

- A. File attributes are available only on NTFS volumes.
- B. Only members of the Administrators group can change file attributes.
- C. The `attrib` command modifies file attributes.
- D. Compression is enabled as a file attribute.

[23.](#) Several workstations on your network have not had their operating systems updated in more than a year, and your antivirus software is also out-of-date. What type of security threat does this represent?

- A. Noncompliant systems
- B. Zombie/botnet
- C. Zero-day attack
- D. Brute forcing

[24.](#) You have been hired to implement new network security practices. One of the things you need to do is create a document describing the proper usage of company hardware and software. What is this type of document called?

- A. DLP
- B. AUP
- C. ACL
- D. Least privilege

[25.](#) You have a Windows 7 Enterprise workstation and want to encrypt the entire hard drive, including startup files. Which technology best meets your needs?

- A. Windows 7 Enterprise does not allow for the encryption of startup files.
- B. BitLocker.
- C. BitLocker To Go.
- D. EFS.

[26.](#) Software was installed on a laptop without the user's knowledge. The software has been tracking the user's keystrokes and has transmitted the user's credit card information to an attacker. What type of threat is this?

- A. Zombie/botnet
- B. Spoofing
- C. Spyware
- D. Ransomware

[27.](#) A new user named Jelica has joined your company as a network administrator. Which of the following statements is most correct regarding her network access?

- A. She should have just one user account, with administrator-level permissions.
- B. She should have just one user account, with standard user-level permissions.
- C. She should have two user accounts, one with user-level permissions and one with administrator-level permissions.
- D. She should have three user accounts, one with user-level permissions, one with administrator-level permissions, and one with remote access administrator-permissions.

[28.](#) Which types of security threats are direct attacks on user passwords? (Choose two.)

- A. Brute force
- B. Zombie/botnet
- C. Dictionary attack
- D. Spoofing

[29.](#) You read corporate email on your iPhone and do not want others to access the phone if you leave it somewhere. What is the first layer of security that you should implement to keep others from using your phone?

- A. Multifactor authentication

- B. Full device encryption
- C. Screen lock
- D. Remote wipe software

[30.](#) You use your mobile phone for email and extensive Internet browsing. You want to add an additional level of security to always verify your identity online when accessing various accounts. Which type of app do you need?

- A. Authenticator app
- B. Trusted source app
- C. Biometric authentication app
- D. Account encryption app

[31.](#) You have instructed users on your network to not use common words for their passwords. What type of attack are you trying to prevent?

- A. Brute forcing
- B. Dictionary attack
- C. Social engineering
- D. Shoulder surfing

[32.](#) Which type of malware is designed to look like a different program and, when installed, create a back door for an attacker to access the target system?

- A. Trojan
- B. Spyware
- C. Virus
- D. Worm

[33.](#) You have been asked to dispose of several old magnetic hard drives. What is the name of the process of using a large magnet to clear the data off a hard drive?

- A. Overwriting
- B. Zero writing

- C. Degaussing
- D. Incineration

**34.** You recently noticed a change on your computer. Now when you open your web browser, no matter what you search for, you get a dozen unsolicited pop-up windows offering to sell you items you didn't ask for. What type of problem does your computer have?

- A. Spyware
- B. Ransomware
- C. Zombie/botnet
- D. Trojan

**35.** On a Windows 7 workstation, there is one volume formatted with NTFS. The Developers group has Modify access to the `C:\dev` directory. You copy the folder to the `C:\operations` folder, to which the Developers group has Read access. What level of permissions will the Developers group have to the new `C:\operations\dev` directory?

- A. Full Control
- B. Modify
- C. Read & Execute
- D. Read

**36.** Your office has recently experienced several laptop thefts. Which security mechanism is designed to protect mobile devices from theft?

- A. Security token
- B. Cable lock
- C. Key fob
- D. Privacy filter

**37.** Which type of security device displays a randomly generated code that the user enters for access to computer resources?

- A. ID badge

- B. RFID badge
- C. Smart card
- D. Key fob

[38.](#) Which type of digital security needs to have constant updates to best protect your network or computer?

- A. Antivirus
- B. Firewall
- C. Access control list
- D. Directory permissions

[39.](#) You are at work and receive a phone call. The caller ID indicates it's coming from your manager's desk. You can see your manager's desk and no one is sitting there. What is likely happening?

- A. A zombie/botnet attack
- B. A spoofing attack
- C. A zero-day attack
- D. A phishing attack

[40.](#) Graham is working on a Windows 7 workstation. His user account is a member of the Managers group. He is trying to access a folder named `reports`, located on a different computer. The NTFS permissions for the `reports` shared folder on that computer for the Managers group are Read and Write. The folder's shared permissions for the Managers group is Read permission. What is Graham's effective permissions on the `reports` folder?

- A. Full Control
- B. Read and Write
- C. Read
- D. No access

[41.](#) A system administrator is concerned about Windows users inadvertently installing malware from CD- or DVD-ROMs that



contain malicious code. What can she do to help prevent this from happening?

- A. Set restrictive user permissions.
- B. Enable BIOS/UEFI passwords.
- C. Disable autorun.
- D. Enable data encryption.

[42.](#) You are configuring NTFS and Share permissions on a Windows 8.1 workstation. Which of the following statements is true regarding permissions?

- A. NTFS and Share permissions apply only when you are accessing a resource on the local machine.
- B. NTFS and Share permissions apply only when you are accessing a resource across the network.
- C. NTFS permissions apply when you are accessing a resource on the local machine or across the network. Share permissions apply only when you are accessing a resource across the network.
- D. NTFS permissions apply only when you are accessing a resource across the network. Share permissions apply when you are accessing resources on the local machine or across the network.

[43.](#) Which type of malware will attempt to hide itself by encrypting parts of itself, therefore changing its signature, to avoid detection?

- A. Retrovirus
- B. Stealth virus
- C. Phage virus
- D. Polymorphic virus

[44.](#) Which type of security threat gains administrative-level access for an attacker to perform another attack and then hides its presence from system management tools?

- A. Virus

- B. Spyware
- C. Rootkit
- D. Ransomware

[45.](#) Venkat wants to encrypt a few files on the NTFS volume on his Windows 7 workstation. He does not have administrative rights to the computer. Which of the following statements is correct?

- A. He can't encrypt files without administrative rights.
- B. He can use BitLocker.
- C. He can use BitLocker To Go.
- D. He can use EFS.

[46.](#) Which type of digital security is designed to protect your network from malicious software programs?

- A. Firewall
- B. DLP
- C. VPN
- D. Anti-malware

[47.](#) You are examining shared folders on a Windows 7 workstation. You notice that there is a shared folder named `c$` that you didn't create. What is the most likely explanation for this share?

- A. An attacker has compromised the workstation and is using the share to control it.
- B. It's a local share that all users have access to.
- C. It's an administrative share that requires administrative privileges to access.
- D. It's an administrative share that all users have access to.

[48.](#) You are configuring NTFS and Share permissions on a Windows 7 workstation. Which of the following statements is true regarding permissions?

- A. Both NTFS and Share permissions can be applied only at the folder level.
- B. NTFS permissions can be applied at the file or folder level, and Share permissions can be applied only at the folder level.
- C. NTFS permissions can be applied only at the folder level, and Share permissions can be applied at the file or folder level.
- D. Both NTFS and Share permissions can be applied at the file or folder level.

**49.** Fiona is trying to access a folder on an NTFS volume on her local computer. She is a member of the Dev group. The Dev group's NTFS permissions are Allow Read & Execute. The share permissions for the Dev group are Deny Full Control. What is Fiona's effective permissions to this folder?

- A. Full Control
- B. Read & Execute
- C. Read
- D. No access

**50.** Which of the following security methods is a physical device that users carry around that provides access to network resources?

- A. Security token
- B. ID badge
- C. Biometrics
- D. Privacy filter

**51.** A system administrator is concerned about workstation security. He wants to be sure that workstations are not compromised when users are away from them during the workday. What should he implement?

- A. Login time restrictions
- B. Screen lock/timeout and screensaver passwords

- C. BIOS/UEFI passwords
- D. Restrictive user permissions

[52.](#) You are responsible for physically destroying several old hard drives with confidential information on them. Which methods are acceptable? (Choose two.)

- A. Incineration
- B. Power drill
- C. Degaussing
- D. Drive wipe

[53.](#) A user needs to download a new video card driver for her HP laptop. She finds the driver on the HP site and asks if she can download it. The HP site is an example of what?

- A. Part of an access control list
- B. An authenticator website
- C. A trusted software source
- D. An untrusted software source

[54.](#) You are planning a wireless network for a small office. Which of the following is a good rule of thumb when considering access point placement?

- A. Place them in walls or ceilings for protection.
- B. Place them near metal objects so the signal will reflect better.
- C. Place them in the center of the network area.
- D. Place them at the edge of the network area and focus them in the proper direction.

[55.](#) On the Internet, you get a news flash that the developer of one of your core applications found a security flaw. They will issue a patch for it in two days. Before you can install the patch, it's clear that the flaw has been exploited and someone has illegally accessed your network. What type of attack is this?

- A. Zombie/botnet

- B. Noncompliant system
- C. Zero-day attack
- D. Brute forcing

[56.](#) You have just installed a new wireless router for a small office network. You changed the username and password and the default SSID. Which other step should you take to increase the security of the wireless router?

- A. Enable WPS.
- B. Assign static IP addresses.
- C. Update the firmware.
- D. Enable port forwarding.

[57.](#) Which of the following types of security threats are generally not detectable by anti-malware software and consequently difficult to stop?

- A. Ransomware
- B. Trojans
- C. Rootkits
- D. Zero-day attack

[58.](#) Which type of malware will attack different parts of your system simultaneously, such as your boot sector, executable files, and data files?

- A. Phage virus
- B. Polymorphic virus
- C. Multipartite virus
- D. Retrovirus

[59.](#) You are creating a BYOD policy for mobile phones at your company. Which of the following are typically included in such a policy?

- A. Limits of proper use and authorized users
- B. Limits of proper use, authorized users, and software and

security requirements

- C. Limits of proper use, authorized users, software and security requirements, and procedures for termination of employment
- D. Limits of proper use, authorized users, software and security requirements, procedures for termination of employment, and reimbursement policies

[60.](#) A user is worried about others peering over her shoulder to see sensitive information on her screen. What should she use to help avoid this problem?

- A. Mantrap
- B. Email filtering
- C. Privacy filter
- D. Smart card

[61.](#) Your company's website has been hit by a DDoS attack, coming from several hundred different IP addresses simultaneously. What type of attack did the hacker run first to enable this DDoS attack?

- A. Brute forcing
- B. Zero-day attack
- C. Zombie/botnet
- D. Noncompliant system

[62.](#) Aadi is trying to access a folder named `Projects` on a local NTFS volume. His user account is in the Developers group. The Developers group has Read & Execute permissions to the folder, and Aadi's user account has Full Control. What is Aadi's effective access to the `Projects` folder?

- A. Full Control
- B. Read & Execute
- C. Read
- D. No access

[63.](#) Alexandra is working on a Windows 7 workstation, formatted with NTFS. Her user account is a member of the Finance group. The Finance group has Read and Write NTFS permissions on the `D:\reports` folder. The folder is shared, and the Finance group has Read permission. What is Alexandra's effective permissions on the `D:\reports` folder?

- A. Full Control
- B. Read and Write
- C. Read
- D. No access

[64.](#) A network administrator wants to block all incoming network traffic on port 80. On which security mechanism can she disable port 80 traffic?

- A. Firewall
- B. VPN
- C. DLP
- D. Anti-malware

[65.](#) Which type of security system uses physical characteristics to allow or deny access to locations or resources?

- A. ID badges
- B. Mantrap
- C. Biometrics
- D. Tokens

[66.](#) An administrator is transferring confidential files from one Windows 8 Pro workstation to another, using a flash drive. Policy dictates that he encrypt the files on the flash drive. Which technology should he use?

- A. BitLocker To Go.
- B. BitLocker.
- C. EFS.

D. Windows 8 does not allow for the encryption of files on a flash drive.

[67.](#) Which type of malware will directly attack your antivirus software, attempting to disable the software so it can infect the target system?

- A. Retrovirus
- B. Stealth virus
- C. Polymorphic virus
- D. Multipartite virus

[68.](#) You are disposing of used hard drives, and a network administrator recommends performing a low-level format. What is the difference between a low-level format and a standard format?

- A. Low-level formats are performed at the factory, and standard formats are performed using the `format` command.
- B. Standard formats are performed at the factory, and low-level formats are performed using the `format` command.
- C. A low-level format records the tracks and marks the start of each sector on each track. A standard format creates the file allocation table and root directory.
- D. A standard format records the tracks and marks the start of each sector on each track. A low-level format creates the file allocation table and root directory.

[69.](#) You are setting up a wireless router for a small office. They want to set up the network so only specific computers are allowed to join, and they will provide you with a list. What can you enable to achieve this?

- A. WPS
- B. Static IP addresses
- C. Port mapping
- D. MAC filtering

[70.](#) Which type of malware is designed to replicate itself and



spread, without the need for inadvertent user action to help it do this?

- A. Virus
- B. Worm
- C. Trojan
- D. Spyware

[71.](#) Your network has recently been hit with a significant amount of spam messages. What should you implement to help reduce this nuisance?

- A. Firewall
- B. Email filtering
- C. Access control list
- D. A trusted software source list

[72.](#) You want to grant LaCrea the ability to change permissions for others on the `Equity` folder, which is on an NTFS volume. Which level of NTFS permission do you need to grant her?

- A. Modify
- B. Read & Execute
- C. Change Permissions
- D. Full Control

[73.](#) You read an article on the Internet about a hacker who bragged about creating a program that can try to log in by guessing one million passwords per second. What type of attack is he attempting?

- A. Dictionary attack
- B. Zombie/botnet
- C. Phishing
- D. Brute forcing

[74.](#) Which of the following security methods will prove to be ineffectual when trying to prevent software-based attacks?

(Choose two.)

- A. Mantrap
- B. Firewall
- C. Anti-malware
- D. Privacy filter

75. You have been instructed to destroy several old hard drives that contained confidential information, so you take them to a local company that specializes in this process. The IT director wants confirmation that the drives were properly destroyed. What do you need to provide him with?

- A. Hard drive fragments
- B. Photos of the destroyed hard drives
- C. A notarized letter from the disposal company
- D. A certificate of destruction

76. You have a corporate iPhone. Today, you notice that there is a new iOS update available for your device. For the best security, which of the following is recommended?

- A. Wait until Corporate IT approves the change before updating your OS.
- B. Update your OS immediately.
- C. Wait one week to ensure that the OS update has no issues and then update your device.
- D. Ignore the update until you confirm with Corporate IT that it's not a Trojan or other malware.

77. Larissa is trying to access the `Flatfiles` folder on a remote NTFS volume. She is a member of the Datateam group. The Datateam group has NTFS permissions of Allow Read & Execute. The folder is shared with the Datateam group, but there are no explicit Allow or Deny permissions checked. What is Larissa's access level to the `Flatfiles` folder?

- A. Full Control

- B. Read & Execute
- C. Read
- D. No access

[78.](#) Sue is an administrator on the network and is logged in with an account in the Users group but not the Administrators group. She needs to run SFC on the computer, which requires administrative privileges. What is the easiest way for her to do this?

- A. Log off and back on again with an account that is part of the Administrators group. Then open a command prompt and run SFC.
- B. Open a command prompt by choosing Run As Administrator and then run SFC.
- C. Right-click the SFC icon in Control Panel and choose Run As Administrator.
- D. Reboot the computer. Log on with an account that is part of the Administrators group. Then open a command prompt and run SFC.

[79.](#) Priscila is working at a Windows 8.1 workstation, formatted with NTFS. She is a member of the Dev group and the Ops group. The Dev group has Read access to the `projects` folder, and the Ops group has Write access. What is Priscila's effective permissions for the `projects` folder?

- A. Full Control
- B. Read
- C. Read and Write
- D. No access

[80.](#) Which type of security method allows you to get your security device in close proximity to a reader (but doesn't require touching) to validate access?

- A. Key fob
- B. RFID card

C. Security token

D. Biometrics

[81.](#) Someone has configured an external server with an IP address that should belong to one of your sister company's servers. With this new computer, they are attempting to establish a connection to your internal network. What type of attack is this?

A. Spoofing

B. Man-in-the-middle

C. Zombie/botnet

D. Noncompliant system

[82.](#) Which type of security device often incorporates RFID technology to grant access to secure areas or resources?

A. Smart card

B. Security token

C. Mantrap

D. Key fob

[83.](#) You are configuring a wireless network for a small office. What should you enable for the best encryption possible for network transmissions?

A. WPA2

B. WEP

C. WPA

D. WPS

[84.](#) Which of the following prevention methods will best deter the usefulness of Dumpster diving for confidential materials?

A. Document shredding

B. Privacy filters

C. Cable locks

D. Firewalls

[85.](#) Which types of security threats involve the attacker attempting to directly contact a potential victim? (Choose two.)

- A. Spoofing
- B. Phishing
- C. Social engineering
- D. Brute forcing

[86.](#) Jennie uses her security badge to enter the building through a secured door. Tim tries to enter the building behind her before the door closes, without swiping a badge. What type of behavior is Tim demonstrating?

- A. Shoulder surfing
- B. Man-in-the-middle
- C. Brute force
- D. Tailgating

[87.](#) After installing a wireless router, a technician notices that he is able to get a network signal in the parking lot. The manager is afraid of potential attackers performing war driving. What can the technician do to reduce the risk of this?

- A. Disable the SSID broadcast.
- B. Reduce the radio power level.
- C. Enable WPS.
- D. Assign static IP addresses.

[88.](#) You receive an email from one of your friends. In it, she includes a link telling you to click it to see some recent pictures she took of you. It's been several weeks since you've seen this friend, and you are suspicious. What could this be an example of?

- A. Spear phishing
- B. Zombie/botnet
- C. Social engineering

D. Zero-day attack

[89.](#) You receive an email from an overseas bank, notifying you that a relative has left you a large sum of money. You need to respond with your bank routing information so they can electronically transfer the funds directly to your account. What is this most likely an example of?

- A. Phishing
- B. Ransomware
- C. Spoofing
- D. Spear phishing

[90.](#) What type of physical security explicitly relies upon a security guard or other personnel to determine who can access the facility?

- A. Entry control roster
- B. Mantrap
- C. ID badges
- D. Biometrics

[91.](#) Which user account on a Microsoft Windows workstation has the least restrictive permissions by default?

- A. Administrator
- B. Root
- C. Guest
- D. Standard User

[92.](#) Which type of malware will often cause critical files to disappear, often while displaying a taunting message, and requires user intervention (usually inadvertent) to spread from computer to computer?

- A. Worm
- B. Virus
- C. Trojan

D. Rootkit

[93.](#) It appears as though someone is trying to log in to a user account by guessing the password. Which account management policy will help prevent this type of attack?

A. Setting failed attempts lockout

B. Disabling autologin

C. Requiring strong passwords

D. Setting password expiration

[94.](#) Dianne is typing her password in to her workstation and notices her co-worker Todd hovering nearby. When she glances up at him, it appears as though he was watching her type, and he quickly looks away. What is this an example of?

A. Phishing

B. Spoofing

C. Tailgating

D. Shoulder surfing

[95.](#) You are installing a small office wired network. The manager is concerned that employees will visit websites with objectionable material. Which feature should you look for in a router to help prevent such access?

A. Content filtering

B. Disabling ports

C. VPN access

D. Port forwarding/mapping

[96.](#) Your office is in a building with several other companies. You want to configure the wireless network so that casual users in the building are not able to easily see your network name. What should you do to configure this?

A. Enable WPA2.

B. Enable MAC filtering.

- C. Disable SSID broadcasts.
- D. Reduce radio power levels.

[97.](#) You have a Windows domain network and want to ensure that users are required to maintain strong passwords. What is the best way to implement this on the network?

- A. Use a firewall.
- B. Use a VPN.
- C. Use DLP.
- D. Use Group Policy.

[98.](#) You are planning security protocols for your company's new server room. What's the simplest way to help keep potential attackers away from your servers?

- A. Install a mantrap.
- B. Use cable locks.
- C. Lock the doors.
- D. Implement biometrics.

[99.](#) A user on your network reported that his screen went blank and a message popped up. It's telling him that his files are no longer accessible, and if he wants them back, he needs to enter a credit card number and pay a \$200 fee. Which type of malware has infected his system?

- A. Rootkit
- B. Ransomware
- C. Trojan
- D. Spyware

[100.](#) You are setting up a new wireless router for a home office. Which of the following should you change when initially configuring the network? (Choose two.)

- A. The router administrator's username and password
- B. The default SSID



C. The radio power level

D. The WPS setting

[101.](#) You are configuring a router for a small office network. The network users should be able to access regular and secure websites and send and receive email. Those are the only connections allowed to the Internet. Which security precaution should you take to prevent additional traffic from coming through the router?

A. Enable MAC filtering.

B. Enable content filtering.

C. Enable port forwarding/mapping.

D. Disable ports.

[102.](#) Your iPhone requires a passcode to unlock it. Because of recent phone thefts around your office, you want to set your phone so that all data is destroyed if incorrect passcodes are entered 10 times in a row. Which feature allows you to do this?

A. Failed login attempts restrictions

B. Screen locks

C. Remote wipes

D. Locator applications

[103.](#) On a Windows 8 workstation, there are two NTFS volumes. The Managers group has Modify access to the D:\mgmt directory. You move the folder to the D:\keyfiles folder, to which the Managers group has Read access. What level of permissions will the Managers group have to the new D:\keyfiles\mgmt directory?

A. Full Control

B. Modify

C. Read & Execute

D. Read

[104.](#) For users to log on to your network from a remote location,

they are required to supply a username and password, as well as a code from an RSA token. What type of security is this an example of?

- A. Using a firewall
- B. Using multifactor authentication
- C. Using an access control list
- D. Using the principle of least privilege

[105.](#) You want to recycle some hard drives that your company no longer uses but do not want other people to have access to the data. Which methods of removing the data are acceptable for your purposes? (Choose two.)

- A. Formatting the drive
- B. Using an overwrite utility
- C. Using a drive wipe utility
- D. Using electromagnetic fields

[106.](#) Which of the following file attributes are turned on by default for system files on a Windows 8.1 workstation? (Choose two.)

- A. Hidden
- B. Archive
- C. System
- D. Read-only

[107.](#) You have just installed a Windows 8.1 workstation. For better security, which user account should you disable?

- A. Default User
- B. Administrator
- C. Power User
- D. Guest

[108.](#) Which type of network attack involves an intermediary hardware device intercepting data and altering it or transmitting

it to an unauthorized user?

- A. Man-in-the-middle
- B. Noncompliant system
- C. Zombie/botnet
- D. Spoofing

[109.](#) You are implementing new password policies for your network, and you want to follow guidelines for password best practices. Which of the following will best help improve the security of your network? (Choose two.)

- A. Require passwords to expire every 180 days.
- B. Require passwords to be at least eight characters long.
- C. Require passwords to have a special character.
- D. Require passwords to be no more than 10 characters long.

[110.](#) What does the NTFS file system use to track users and groups and their level of access?

- A. ACLs
- B. Tokens
- C. Badges
- D. Control rosters

[111.](#) An administrator has granted a user Read & Execute permissions to the `C:\files` folder. Which of the following statements are true regarding subfolders of `C:\files`? (Choose two.)

- A. The user will have no access to subfolders of `C:\files`.
- B. The user will have Read & Execute access to subfolders of `C:\files`.
- C. Explicit permissions assigned to `C:\files\morefiles` will override those set on `C:\files`.
- D. Explicit permissions assigned to `C:\files` files override those set on `C:\files\morefiles`.

[112.](#) Which type of digital security method would you use if you wanted to monitor who is using data and transmitting it on the network?

- A. VPN
- B. Firewall
- C. Access control system
- D. DLP

[113.](#) You have created a user account for a contract employee, who will be with the company for one month. Which user group should this user's account be placed in?

- A. Power Users
- B. Administrators
- C. Standard Users
- D. Guest

[114.](#) On your network, there are multiple systems that users need to access, such as a Windows domain, a Box (cloud) site for storage, and SAP. You want to configure the network such that users do not need to remember separate usernames or passwords for each site; their login credentials will be good for different systems. Which technology should you use?

- A. EFS
- B. BTG
- C. SSO
- D. DLP

# Chapter 8

## Software Troubleshooting

**THE COMPTIA A+ EXAM 220-902 TOPICS COVERED IN THIS CHAPTER INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:**

**✓4.1 Given a scenario, troubleshoot PC operating system problems with appropriate tools.**

- Common symptoms
  - Proprietary crash screens (BSOD/pinwheel)
  - Failure to boot
  - Improper shutdown
  - Spontaneous shutdown/restart
  - Device fails to start/detected
  - Missing DLL message
  - Service fails to start
  - Compatibility error
  - Slow system performance
  - Boots to safe mode
  - File fails to open
  - Missing NTLDR
  - Missing boot configuration data
  - Missing operating system
  - Missing graphical interface
  - Missing GRUB/LILO
  - Kernel panic
  - Graphical Interface fails to load
  - Multiple monitor misalignment/orientation

- Tools
  - BIOS/UEFI
  - SFC
  - Logs
  - System Recovery Options
  - Repair disks
  - Pre-installation environments
  - MSCONFIG
  - DEFRAG
  - REGSVR32
  - REGEDIT
  - Event viewer
  - Safe mode
  - Command prompt
  - Uninstall/reinstall/repair

**✓4.2 Given a scenario, troubleshoot common PC security issues with appropriate tools and best practices.**

- Common symptoms
  - Pop-ups
  - Browser redirection
  - Security alerts
  - Slow performance
  - Internet connectivity issues
  - PC/OS lock up
  - Application crash
  - OS updates failures
  - Rogue antivirus

- Spam
- Renamed system files
- Files disappearing
- File permission changes
- Hijacked email
  - Responses from users regarding email
  - Automated replies from unknown sent email
- Access denied
- Invalid certificate (trusted root CA)
- Tools
  - Antivirus software
  - Anti-malware software
  - Recovery console
  - Terminal
  - System restore/Snapshot
  - Pre-installation environments
  - Event viewer
  - Refresh/restore
  - MSCONFIG/Safe boot
- Best practice procedure for malware removal
  - 1. Identify malware symptoms
  - 2. Quarantine infected system
  - 3. Disable system restore (in Windows)
  - 4. Remediate infected systems
    - a. Update anti-malware software
    - b. Scan and removal techniques (safe mode, pre-installation environment)

- 5. Schedule scans and run updates
- 6. Enable system restore and create restore point (in Windows)
- 7. Educate end user

#### **✓4.3 Given a scenario, troubleshoot common mobile OS and application issues with appropriate tools.**

- Common symptoms
  - Dim display
  - Intermittent wireless
  - No wireless connectivity
  - No Bluetooth connectivity
  - Cannot broadcast to external monitor
  - Touchscreen non-responsive
  - Apps not loading
  - Slow performance
  - Unable to decrypt email
  - Extremely short battery life
  - Overheating
  - Frozen system
  - No sound from speakers
  - Inaccurate touch screen response
  - System lockout
- Tools
  - Hard reset
  - Soft reset
  - Close running applications
  - Reset to factory default
  - Adjust configurations/settings



- Uninstall/reinstall apps
- Force stop

#### **✓4.4 Given a scenario, troubleshoot common mobile OS and application security issues with appropriate tools.**

- Common symptoms
  - Signal drop/weak signal
  - Power drain
  - Slow data speeds
  - Unintended WiFi connection
  - Unintended Bluetooth pairing
  - Leaked personal files/data
  - Data transmission overlimit
  - Unauthorized account access
  - Unauthorized root access
  - Unauthorized location tracking
  - Unauthorized camera/microphone activation
  - High resource utilization
- Tools
  - Anti-malware
  - App scanner
  - Factory reset/clean install
  - Uninstall/reinstall apps
  - WiFi analyzer
  - Force stop
  - Cell tower analyzer
  - Backup/restore
    - iTunes/iCloud/Apple Configurator

- Google Sync
- One Drive

[1.](#) Your network has 24 Windows 8.1 workstations. The office manager is concerned about spyware. What does Windows 8.1 come with, if anything, that will help thwart spyware?

- A. Windows 8.1 does not come with spyware protection.
- B. Windows Firewall.
- C. Windows Defender.
- D. Windows Anti-malware.

[2.](#) An iPhone user calls to report that his phone has no wireless connectivity. What is the first thing you should tell him to do?

- A. Turn the phone off and back on.
- B. Perform a reset to the factory default.
- C. Check whether airplane mode is on.
- D. Adjust the Wi-Fi signal receptivity.

[3.](#) A Windows 7 workstation will not boot properly. Instead, there is an error message stating that the operating system is missing. How do you fix this problem?

- A. Boot to the installation DVD, open a command prompt, and type Startup Repair.
- B. Boot to the installation DVD, open SFC, and choose Startup Repair.
- C. Boot to the installation DVD, open System Recovery Options, and choose Startup Repair.
- D. Boot to Safe Mode, open System Recovery Options, and choose Startup Repair.

[4.](#) You have a user with an iPhone, and the device appears to be locked up. You need to tell him how to perform a hard reset. What do you tell him?

- A. Press and hold the Sleep/Wake and Home buttons for at

- least 10 seconds until you see the Apple logo and then let go.
- B. Press and hold the Sleep/Wake button until the red slider appears and then drag the slider to power off the device.
  - C. Use a paperclip or pen point to press and hold the indented reset button on the bottom of the phone until you see the Apple logo and then let go.
  - D. Open iTunes or iCloud, log in with his account, and enter recovery mode.

5. Your company purchases a custom database software package from an outside vendor. You install the client software on a Windows Vista workstation, and it crashes when you try to open it. You remove the software and reinstall it, but it still crashes when you open it. What should you do next?

- A. Run an antivirus remediation on the workstation.
- B. Contact the vendor to see whether an update or patch is available.
- C. Delete and reinstall Windows.
- D. Enable Software Compatibility through Control Panel.

6. On your MacBook Pro, you use the Safari browser to surf the Internet. Yesterday a friend borrowed your laptop. Today, when you try to browse the Web, no matter what site you type in to the address bar, you are sent to a different website. What is most likely happening to your computer?

- A. A practical joke by your friend.
- B. Browser redirection.
- C. Rogue antivirus.
- D. It has been infected with spam.

7. A Windows 8.1 workstation boots with this error message:  
`Security Center service cannot be started.` You try to start the service manually, but it still refuses to start. What should you do to try to fix the issue?

- A. Use Event Viewer to see whether it produced any error

codes.

- B. Use automated system recovery to fix the service.
- C. Run `REGSVR32` to fix the issue.
- D. Run `SFC /scannow` to fix the issue.

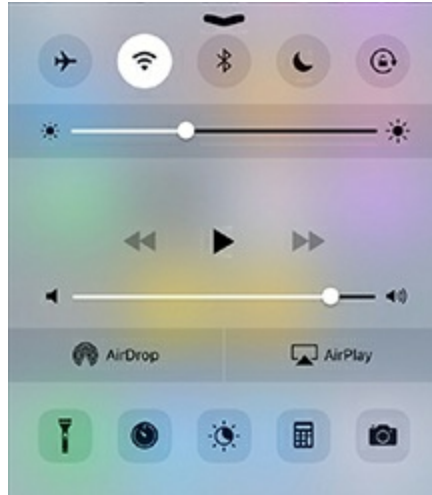
[8.](#) A user has an iPhone and has forgotten the passcode. He has entered in the passcode several times, and it will not unlock. He turned the phone off and back on, and the passcode is still invalid. What can he do to unlock the phone?

- A. Perform a reset to the factory default.
- B. Crack the phone using a backdoor from Apple.
- C. Perform a hard reset.
- D. Perform a soft reset.

[9.](#) You want to display the contents of your iPad on a full-sized computer monitor. The monitor has a DVI connector. What do you need to do?

- A. Turn on video broadcast mode.
- B. Plug the monitor in to the iPad's DVI port.
- C. Purchase a USB to DVI adapter.
- D. Purchase a Lightning to DVI adapter.

[10.](#) An iPhone user reports that his phone will not connect to his wireless headset for hands-free phone calls. His headset is powered on and has worked previously. His iPhone screen is shown here. What is most likely the problem?



- A. The headset is not paired with the iPhone.
- B. Bluetooth is turned off.
- C. Wi-Fi is turned off.
- D. Airplane mode is turned on.

11. You are troubleshooting a Windows Vista workstation that could have malware on it. To follow the best practices for malware removal, what is the first step you should take?

- A. Quarantine the infected system.
- B. Update the anti-malware software.
- C. Enable system restore and create a restore point.
- D. Identify malware symptoms.

12. Recently, users on your company network have been flooded with unrequested emails trying to sell them goods and services. Which solution will most likely resolve this issue?

- A. Install anti-malware on all client computers.
- B. Install antivirus on all client computers.
- C. Install a spam filter on the email server.
- D. Renew the invalid certificate on the email server.

13. Your network has several dozen mobile device users. Several of them have reported that there are areas within your office where network access is very slow. What can you use to test wireless access?

- A. Wi-Fi analyzer
- B. Cell tower analyzer
- C. Data transmission analyzer
- D. Hot spot analyzer

[14.](#) You just installed a new sound card in a Windows 7 workstation. Now, the computer has crashed and given you a blue screen of death. You turn the computer off. What should you try to resolve the issue?

- A. Reinstall Windows.
- B. Boot to the Windows installation CD and start the Recovery Console.
- C. Boot to Safe Mode and uninstall the sound card driver.
- D. Remove the sound card from the computer and reboot.

[15.](#) An iPad user reports that when he is in a certain part of the building, his wireless connection intermittently drops. What are the two most likely causes of this? (Choose two.)

- A. Poor wireless buffering in the iPad
- B. Interference with the wireless signal
- C. Weak signal strength from the wireless access point
- D. Retracted Wi-Fi antenna on the iPad

[16.](#) A network user with an Android tablet wants to back up and synchronize her data with her phone. Which service should she use to perform these tasks?

- A. Google Sync
- B. Google Cloud
- C. Android Sync
- D. Android Cloud

[17.](#) A technician is troubleshooting a Windows Vista computer that is acting strangely, and she suspects that it's infected with a virus. She has followed the best practices for malware removal

and remediated the computer. What should she do next?

- A. Schedule scans and run updates.
- B. Educate the end user.
- C. Enable system restore and create a restore point.
- D. Disable system restore.

[18.](#) You are training technicians on the shutdown methods of an iPhone. What are two key differences between a soft reset and a hard reset? (Choose two.)

- A. A hard reset will delete all data on the phone, and a soft reset will not.
- B. A hard reset will work if the touchscreen is unresponsive, and a soft reset will not.
- C. A soft reset will keep the data of running applications, and a hard reset will not.
- D. A soft reset will not reset the password, and a hard reset will.

[19.](#) A Windows 8 workstation will not load properly. During the Windows 8 boot process, the MBR is responsible for loading which key Windows file?

- A. BOOTMGR
- B. NTLDR
- C. WINRESUME
- D. WINLOAD

[20.](#) You are training a class on the installation and repair of Windows Vista. What is the purpose of the Windows PE? (Choose two.)

- A. Runs as an operating system on thin clients
- B. Collects information during a Windows Vista install
- C. Launches the Windows RE for troubleshooting
- D. Repairs system files if any become corrupted

[21.](#) A technician is working on a Windows Vista workstation.

Which command should she use to scan and fix corrupted system files?

- A. `SFC /SCANFIX`
- B. `SFC /OFFBOOTDIR`
- C. `SFC /VERIFYFILE`
- D. `SFC /SCANNOW`

[22.](#) You believe that someone has been trying to hack into a Windows 7 workstation by guessing passwords. Another administrator suggests you check the log files to be sure. Which utility can you use to see log files?

- A. Event Viewer
- B. Recovery Console
- C. Security Console
- D. System Monitor

[23.](#) You power on your Windows 8.1 client computer, and Windows will not load. When you investigate, you notice that the `BOOTMGR` file has been renamed to `DASBOOTMGR`. You were the last one to use this workstation. What is the most likely cause?

- A. Practical joke
- B. Rogue antivirus
- C. Malware infection
- D. Quarantined boot files

[24.](#) You are talking to a friend about purchasing a gift, and he recommends a website to purchase it. When you put the website's address into your browser, you receive a message stating that there is an invalid certificate. What should you do?

- A. Visit the website anyway; it's probably OK.
- B. Do not visit the website.
- C. Visit the secure version of the website by changing the address to start with `HTTPS://`.



D. Visit the unsecure version of the website by changing the address to start with HTTP://.

25. A workstation will not load Windows 7 properly after a driver was recently installed. The troubleshooting guide says to boot into Safe Mode. How do you do this in Windows 7?

- A. During the boot process, press F1.
- B. During the boot process, press Ctrl+Alt+Del.
- C. During the boot process, press F8.
- D. During the boot process, press F10.

26. You are concerned about workstations on your network getting viruses. You configure each machine with antivirus software. How often should the antivirus software update its database?

- A. Once per year
- B. Once per month
- C. Once per week
- D. Only as new threats are discovered

27. A user reports that his iPhone will not decrypt email. What is the most likely cause of this problem?

- A. iPhones can't read encrypted email.
- B. There's a problem with the S/MIME certificate.
- C. The user has a corrupt Mail app.
- D. Low memory. Restart the phone.

28. A user reports that his mobile phone has been experiencing high resource utilization for about a week. What two things should you immediately suspect could be causing the problem? (Choose two.)

- A. Unauthorized root access
- B. Failing battery
- C. Excessive open apps

D. Stuck sync operation

[29.](#) A Windows 7 workstation will not boot properly. Windows starts to load but never finishes. After troubleshooting, you find that devices are not initializing. Which file is responsible for checking for installed devices and initializing them?

A. WINRESUME

B. WINLOAD

C. BOOTMGR

D. NTDETECT.COM

[30.](#) You are using an iPhone. When is it generally necessary to close running apps on the iPhone? (Choose two.)

A. When you receive out-of-memory errors

B. When the phone begins to overheat

C. When an app locks up

D. When you are done using them for the day

[31.](#) While working on a Windows 7 workstation, a user receives a flashing pop-up message saying that her computer has been infected with a virus, and she needs to download a virus scanner now to fix it. What will most likely happen when she clicks the button to download the recommended virus scanner?

A. It will download a virus to her computer.

B. It will download an antivirus program to her computer and remediate the virus.

C. The antivirus program she downloads will scan her computer and find nothing, because her company already uses an antivirus program.

D. It will take her to a website that will allow her to purchase an antivirus program to remediate the virus.

[32.](#) A Windows 7 workstation will not boot properly. It shows the Windows logo upon boot and then appears to lock up. No changes have recently been made to the workstation. What is most likely causing the problem?

- A. A missing or corrupt `NTLDR` file
- B. A missing or corrupt `BOOTMGR` file
- C. A missing or corrupt `DLL` file
- D. A corrupt file system driver

**33.** You have 20 Windows 7 workstations on your network. You want to create a bootable CD that will allow you to fix Windows boot issues, in the event that you do not have a Windows installation CD available. Where can you create such a disc?

- A. Backup and Restore
- B. Emergency Repair Disk creator
- C. System Recovery Options
- D. Recovery Console

**34.** You are training technicians on the creation and use of restore points. Which of the following is not a way in which restore points get created?

- A. Windows creates them automatically by default.
- B. Windows creates them before a system crash.
- C. You can manually create them.
- D. Some installation utilities will create them before installing a new program.

**35.** You have a Windows 8.1 workstation that is running very slowly. When you look at the hard drive, you notice that very little space is available. Which tool should you run to attempt to free up space?

- A. `DEFRAG`
- B. Disk Cleanup
- C. `REGSVR32`
- D. `SFC`

**36.** A user reports that a Word document he needs will not open. Other documents open as they should. He has not made a

backup of this file. Which of the following statements is true?

- A. The file is probably corrupt, and its contents are lost.
- B. He can use a restore point to get the file back.
- C. He can reboot into the Last Known Good configuration and then open the file.
- D. He can use the Emergency Repair Disk to repair the file and then open it.

37. You have an iPhone that has been charging for an hour. When you unplug it from the charger, the phone feels very hot to the touch. What should your next step be?

- A. Replace the phone.
- B. Replace the phone charger.
- C. Turn the phone off and let it cool down.
- D. Turn on airplane mode.

38. You receive an email warning you of a new form of ransomware. It contains a link to receive more information on how to protect yourself from this terrible threat. What should you do next?

- A. Click the link to receive more information.
- B. Check to ensure that your system has a rogue antivirus installed.
- C. Check [www.us-cert.gov](http://www.us-cert.gov) for information on the threat.
- D. Forward the email to everyone in your contacts list.

39. A user just dropped his Android phone, and the screen now has a large crack in it. The touchscreen is unresponsive. He is in the field and needs contact information from his phone so he can call his client. What is his best option to get the phone working again?

- A. None, he will need to replace the phone.
- B. Reboot the phone.
- C. Perform a force stop.

D. Reset the phone to the factory default settings.

[40.](#) You are visiting a customer's office in a large city high-rise building. You need to make a call on your mobile phone, but you have only one bar. The call will not complete. What should you do?

A. Wait a few minutes and try again.

B. Perform a soft reset.

C. Perform a hard reset.

D. Step outside or near a window to see whether your signal improves.

[41.](#) An iPhone user brings you her phone, and it's completely frozen. Neither the touchscreen nor the buttons respond. What should you try first to make the phone work again?

A. Soft reset

B. Hard reset

C. Close running applications

D. Reset to the factory default

[42.](#) The GPS app on your mobile phone has stopped responding. What should you do to resolve the issue?

A. Perform a hard reset.

B. Perform a force stop.

C. Perform a soft reset.

D. Uninstall and reinstall the app.

[43.](#) A Windows 8 user wants to see who has successfully logged in or failed to log in to her workstation. What is the name of the specific log she should look for?

A. Security

B. Login

C. System

D. Authentication

[44.](#) A technician is troubleshooting a Windows 7 workstation that has been infected with malware. He has disabled system restore. Following the best practices for removing malware, what should he do next?

- A. Quarantine the infected system.
- B. Remediate the infected system.
- C. Schedule a malware scan and run updates.
- D. Educate the end user.

[45.](#) Mobile device users on your network are required to use a VPN app to connect to the corporate network when they are out of the office. A user reports that the app will not open for her. She turned her tablet off and back on again, and the app still will not open. What should she try next?

- A. Perform a soft reset.
- B. Perform a hard reset.
- C. Uninstall and reinstall the app.
- D. Perform a force stop.

[46.](#) A user on your network is concerned about spyware. What should be installed to help stop this threat?

- A. Antivirus software
- B. Anti-malware software
- C. Firewall
- D. Proxy server

[47.](#) A user with a Linux workstation reported that she received an error that says “kernel panic.” What should she do to resolve the issue?

- A. Close the program that caused the error and continue working.
- B. Reboot the workstation and see whether the issue persists.
- C. Reboot into Safe Mode and run Linux Diagnostics to determine the cause of the problem.

D. Reinstall Linux.

[48.](#) Your Windows Vista workstation started running very slowly. Which of the following could cause that to happen?

- A. Rogue antivirus
- B. Malware
- C. Hijacked email
- D. Invalid certificate

[49.](#) You want to broadcast the contents of your iPhone screen to a computer monitor. What are two ways you can accomplish this? (Choose two.)

- A. Use Apple TV.
- B. Enable iBroadcast on the iPhone.
- C. Download an app that lets you broadcast wirelessly.
- D. Plug the computer monitor in to the iPhone's video port.

[50.](#) You install an updated video card driver, and your Windows Vista workstation crashes with a blue screen of death. What are the quickest two options for getting your system running again? (Choose two.)

- A. Reinstall Windows.
- B. Boot to the Windows installation CD and start the Recovery Console.
- C. Boot to Safe Mode and uninstall the video card driver.
- D. Boot to the Last Known Good configuration.

[51.](#) Your Windows 7 workstation is having problems at startup. Too many applications are loading, and it is slowing the system down considerably. Which tool should you use to disable programs from loading automatically at startup?

- A. REGEDIT
- B. REGSVR32
- C. MSCONFIG

D. Safe Mode

**52.** A user just tried to boot his Windows 7 workstation, and Windows will not load. When you investigate, you notice that several key boot files for Windows have been deleted. What is this a sign of?

- A. Virus infection
- B. Ransomware infection
- C. Rogue antivirus
- D. OS expiration

**53.** You have one Linux workstation on your network. Another administrator gives you advice on how to enable an antivirus program, and she tells you that you need to type in the commands. What is the name of the interface where you do this?

- A. Shell
- B. Bash
- C. Cmd
- D. Terminal

**54.** You arrive at work in the morning to see that your inbox is full of automated replies and out-of-office messages. The subject line is for something you did not send. What is this a sign of?

- A. Ransomware
- B. Hijacked email
- C. Rogue email server
- D. Rogue antivirus

**55.** You are troubleshooting a Windows 8.1 workstation that has contracted a virus. According to the best practices for malware removal, which two steps are part of remediating the infected system? (Choose two.)

- A. Disable system restore.



- B. Schedule scans and run updates.
- C. Scan for and remove the virus.
- D. Update antivirus software.

**56.** You have a Windows 8 workstation that is not booting properly. You need to boot to the installation DVD to repair the installation. Where do you make the change to the boot settings?

- A. Recovery console
- B. Automated system recovery
- C. BIOS/UEFI
- D. `MSCONFIG`

**57.** You are visiting a website using Internet Explorer, and without you clicking anything, a new Internet Explorer window opens in front of it with an advertisement. Which of the following is the most likely explanation?

- A. Your computer has been infected with adware.
- B. Your computer has been infected with spyware.
- C. Your computer has been infected with a virus.
- D. The website is programmed to show a pop-up advertisement.

**58.** In the afternoon, you start receiving email responses from co-workers and friends. They want to know why you are trying to directly sell them electronics through a suspicious-sounding website. What is most likely the cause of this?

- A. Hijacked email
- B. Poisoned email server
- C. Rogue antivirus
- D. Invalid certificate

**59.** A technician is describing a situation he had yesterday where the workstation gave him a kernel panic error and locked up. What operating system was the technician most likely

dealing with?

- A. Windows 8.1
- B. macOS
- C. Windows Vista
- D. Linux

60. You are working on your Windows 7 computer and a security alert pops up, as shown here. What should your next action be?



- A. Click the Protect Now button.
- B. Click the X in the upper-right corner to close the alert.
- C. Shut down your computer. Reboot, and initiate a virus scan using your antivirus software.
- D. Use System Restore to create a snapshot and then click the Protect Now button.

61. When booting a Windows 8.1 workstation, a user receives an error message about a missing DLL file. However, Windows still loads. Which utility should you use to attempt to fix the issue?

- A. SFC
- B. Recovery Console
- C. REGSVR32
- D. REGEDIT

62. The touchscreen on a user's iPhone is not responding, and the phone is powered on. What should you recommend she do

as a next step to get the phone working again?

- A. Perform a hard reset.
- B. Perform a soft reset.
- C. Remove the battery to power it off. Reinsert the battery and turn it back on.
- D. Perform a force stop.

**63.** On a Windows 7 workstation, you receive an error message that says `Security Center service cannot be started`, but Windows still loads. What is the first step you should try in troubleshooting the problem?

- A. Reinstall the service with `SFC`.
- B. Reinstall the service with `MSCONFIG`.
- C. Check to see whether the service is set to be started automatically in Services.
- D. Check to see whether the service is set to be started automatically using `REGEDIT`.

**64.** An Android phone user just received a new Bluetooth headset for phone calls. She reports that it does not work with her phone. Both devices are powered on and appear to be operational. What is most likely the problem?

- A. Bluetooth is turned off on the Android device.
- B. Bluetooth is turned off on the mobile headset.
- C. The devices need to be paired.
- D. Airplane mode is on.

**65.** Your Windows Vista workstation performance has been slowing down, particularly when it comes to disk reads and writes. Which of the following tools is designed to help improve your hard disk performance?

- A. `REGEDIT`
- B. `DEFRAG`
- C. `REGSVR32`

## D. Event Viewer

[66.](#) You have a Windows 8.1 workstation that will not boot properly. After the POST, the screen displays a message saying “Operating System Not Found.” What is most likely causing the problem?

- A. NTLDR
- B. BOOTMGR
- C. BOOT.INI
- D. BCD

[67.](#) You are troubleshooting a Windows 7 workstation and believe it has malware. To follow the best practices for malware removal, after you identify the malware symptoms, which step should you take?

- A. Update the anti-malware software.
- B. Disable system restore.
- C. Quarantine the infected system.
- D. Scan for and remove the malware.

[68.](#) While driving through the remote countryside, you notice that your mobile phone battery has been quickly drained of power. What is the most likely cause of this?

- A. The battery needs to be replaced.
- B. The phone has been searching for a signal.
- C. You need to perform a soft reset.
- D. The phone needs to be replaced.

[69.](#) You have a workstation that dual-boots between Windows XP and Windows 8.1. When choosing to boot Windows XP, you receive an error message saying that NTLDR is missing. Which utilities will let you repair or replace this file? (Choose two.)

- A. Recovery Console
- B. REGSVR32

C. Repair disk

D. Safe Mode

[70.](#) An iPhone user is concerned about her privacy. She wants to ensure that others can't hack into her phone and track her location without her knowing about it. Which of the following actions will provide her with the least amount of protection to help prevent this from happening?

A. Install an iPhone anti-malware app.

B. Update iOS as soon as updates or patches are available.

C. Disable Location Services.

D. Enable sync with iCloud.

[71.](#) A user reports that the battery life on his iPhone is very short. It works for only about three hours before it needs to be recharged. What can you recommend he do to extend the battery life? (Choose two.)

A. Turn off unnecessary wireless connections.

B. Perform a reset to the factory defaults.

C. Set the screen to automatically dim.

D. Install an antivirus app.

[72.](#) You have just purchased an Android mobile phone and are concerned about security threats. Which of the following statements is true?

A. There are no viruses for Android-based mobile phones.

B. Android-based phones come with an automatically enabled antivirus app.

C. You should download and install an antivirus app.

D. As long as you automatically install OS patches, you will not get an Android virus.

[73.](#) A Windows Vista workstation has started exhibiting slow system performance. Where can you go in Windows to find tools to help you troubleshoot this problem?

- A. Control Panel ➤ Performance Information and Tools
- B. Control Panel ➤ System Tools
- C. Control Panel ➤ Device Manager
- D. Control Panel ➤ Configuration and Settings

74. You have an Android mobile phone. When you go outside, the screen of your phone is dim, and you can't see anything. What should you do to resolve the problem?

- A. Power the device off and back on again.
- B. Adjust the screen brightness settings.
- C. Remove the screen protector.
- D. Add an external battery pack.

75. Before you install a new antivirus program, a technician recommends that you manually create a restore point. What will the restore point do?

- A. It will create a copy of the entire hard drive.
- B. It will create a copy of system configuration data.
- C. It will create a copy of the `Users` folder and system configuration data.
- D. It will create a bootable disk with copies of key system files.

76. An employee with an iPhone quit, and you are giving his iPhone to a new employee. What should you do to the phone before giving it to the new user?

- A. Perform a hard reset.
- B. Perform a soft reset.
- C. Reset to the factory default.
- D. Adjust configurations/settings.

77. Your iPad is experiencing slow performance. What are the best two options to increase performance speed? (Choose two.)

- A. Close open apps.
- B. Perform a reset to the factory default.

- C. Increase the RAM.
- D. Perform a soft reset.

[78.](#) You are working on a Windows workstation. When it boots up, it produces an error message that says `Missing BOOT.INI` and does not boot any further. What is the purpose of the `BOOT.INI` file?

- A. In Windows XP and older, it identifies where the boot files are for the operating system.
- B. In Windows Vista and newer, it identifies where the boot files are for the operating system.
- C. In Windows XP and older, it starts the bootstrapping of the operating system.
- D. In Windows Vista and newer, it starts the bootstrapping of the operating system.

[79.](#) A user with an iPhone reports that almost immediately after she touches her touchscreen, the screen becomes dark and hard to read. What should she do to fix this?

- A. Remove the screen protector.
- B. Replace the phone.
- C. Adjust the settings to keep it from dimming so quickly.
- D. Power the device off and back on again.

[80.](#) You have an Android tablet. The screen does not seem to accurately sense where you are touching on the touchpad. You reboot and the problem is still there, what should you do?

- A. Replace the tablet.
- B. Calibrate the screen.
- C. Disable the gyroscope.
- D. Remove the screen protector.

[81.](#) A Windows Vista workstation will not load Windows. Which file in the boot process is responsible for switching the system from real mode to protected mode?

- A. NTLDR
- B. BOOTMGR
- C. WINLOAD
- D. WINRESUME

82. You are working on a Windows 8.1 workstation that has dual monitors. For some reason, everything on the secondary monitor is upside down. What is the easiest solution to this problem?

- A. Turn the monitor over.
- B. Right-click the desktop, choose Screen Resolution, and change the monitor orientation.
- C. Reinstall the video card driver.
- D. Right-click the desktop, choose Video, and change the monitor orientation.

83. A Windows 7 workstation will boot only into Safe Mode. Even after multiple reboots, Windows will not load properly. Which tool should you use to scan for problems?

- A. REGEDIT
- B. MSCONFIG
- C. Event Viewer
- D. Recovery Console

84. A user with an Android phone reports that she is running out of memory on her phone. Which of the following will help resolve that issue?

- A. Uninstall apps.
- B. Perform a soft reset.
- C. Perform a hard reset.
- D. Perform a force stop.

85. On your mobile phone, you notice that you are connected to a Wi-Fi network that you don't recognize, instead of your



normal home network. What is a possible consequence of this unintended Wi-Fi connection?

- A. More susceptible to hacking
- B. Better Internet access speed
- C. Battery drain
- D. Network interference

[86.](#) You are training new users on proper mobile device usage. In the class, you suggest that they disable their Bluetooth connection unless they need it. What is the biggest risk caused by an unintended Bluetooth pairing?

- A. Power drain
- B. Security risk
- C. Data transmission over-limit risk
- D. High resource utilization risk

[87.](#) Your MacBook Pro appears to be unresponsive, and the cursor has changed to a rotating pinwheel. What should you do next?

- A. Force a reboot of the system.
- B. Wait for the problem to clear and then resume working.
- C. Open Apple Diagnostics to see what the problem is.
- D. Reboot the Mac into Safe Mode.

[88.](#) A network user with an iPad wants to back up her data. Which of the following are options for her to use? (Choose two.)

- A. iSync
- B. iPadPlus
- C. iTunes
- D. iCloud

[89.](#) You are training new company employees on the proper use of Windows 8.1 workstations. What are two problems that

could likely arise from improperly shutting down a workstation? (Choose two.)

- A. Data loss in important files.
- B. Corrupt DLL files.
- C. Corrupt device drivers.
- D. Windows may fail to start.

[90.](#) You use the most recent version of Internet Explorer to browse the Internet on your Windows 8.1 workstation. Today when you try to visit any website, you receive an error message that there is an invalid certificate. It happens regardless of the site you visit. What should you do?

- A. Check your computer's time and date.
- B. Refresh your certificate through Control Panel ➤ Security.
- C. Refresh your certificate through Control Panel ➤ Internet Options.
- D. In Internet Explorer, set the security level for the Internet zone to Low.

[91.](#) You are educating network users about software security challenges. A user asks what the best way to avoid spam is. What should you recommend to the group?

- A. Install an antivirus program on your computer.
- B. Install anti-malware on your computer.
- C. Only visit websites that have a secure site (that start with HTTPS://).
- D. Don't give your email address to websites.

[92.](#) Mobile device users on your network report that the network has very slow data speeds. Which of the following are likely contributors to this problem? (Choose two.)

- A. Low battery life
- B. Signal interference
- C. Unintended Wi-Fi connections

D. Weak signal

[93.](#) A client has a Windows 8 computer with a virus on it. She has quarantined the system from the rest of her network. To follow malware removal best practices, what is the next step she should take?

- A. Identify malware symptoms.
- B. Disable system restore.
- C. Enable system restore.
- D. Update anti-malware software.

[94.](#) The GUI fails to load on a Windows 8.1 workstation. The Windows logo appears during boot and then disappears, and the workstation appears to hang. What should you do to resolve the issue?

- A. Boot to the installation DVD, open System Recovery Options, and choose Startup Repair.
- B. Boot to Safe Mode, open System Recovery Options, and choose Startup Repair.
- C. Boot to the installation DVD, open a command prompt, and type `Startup Repair`.
- D. Boot to the installation DVD, open SFC, and choose Startup Repair.

[95.](#) An iPad user reports that when he eats lunch in the garden next to the office building, he has intermittent wireless connectivity. What is the most likely cause of this?

- A. Weak signal.
- B. Retracted antenna.
- C. The iPad's signal receptivity is set to low.
- D. Low battery.

[96.](#) On your network, you are concerned about mobile users accidentally granting unauthorized account access or root access. What step should you take to help prevent these security problems?

- A. Apply patches and upgrades as soon as they are available.
- B. Monitor resource utilization and remediate high usage.
- C. Install mobile firewalls on all devices.
- D. Disable location tracking, the camera, and the microphone.

[97.](#) A user with a new iPhone wants to know how she can change her wallpaper, notifications, and battery configurations. Where should she do this?

- A. In iTunes or iCloud
- B. Using the Configuration app on the iPhone
- C. Using the Desktop, Messages, and Power apps on the iPhone
- D. Using the Settings app on the iPhone

[98.](#) Client computers on your network connect to the Internet through a proxy server. Recently, a Windows 8.1 client was infected with adware and a browser redirector. You have removed the malware, and now the computer will not connect to the Internet. What should you do to resolve the problem?

- A. Perform malware remediation again.
- B. Disable the network card. Reboot and enable the network card.
- C. Check the IP configuration to ensure it's pointing to the correct proxy server address.
- D. Disable the proxy server configuration to connect directly to the Internet.

[99.](#) You use an iPad and an iPhone at work. Which of the following represents the greatest threats to leaking personal files or data? (Choose two.)

- A. Unauthorized root access
- B. Unintended Wi-Fi connections
- C. Unauthorized location tracking
- D. High resource utilization

[100.](#) You receive a notice from your wireless provider that you are about to exceed your data transmission limit for the month. What type of risk does this present?

- A. Your account may be deactivated.
- B. You may incur a security breach.
- C. You may have to pay high fees.
- D. Your phone may be locked.

[101.](#) Your favorite restaurant locator app on your iPhone won't load. You closed it and tried to reopen it a few times and it still doesn't work. What should you try next?

- A. Remove and reinstall the app.
- B. Perform a hard reset.
- C. Perform a force stop.
- D. Reboot the phone and try the app again.

[102.](#) A Windows 7 user's antivirus software has crashed. He reboots the computer and tries to open it again, and it crashes again. What should he do to solve the problem? (Choose two.)

- A. Look for a patch or update on the manufacturer's website.
- B. Delete the antivirus software.
- C. Delete and reinstall Windows.
- D. Repair the antivirus installation through Programs in Control Panel.

[103.](#) You have a Windows 8 workstation that is spontaneously shutting down and restarting. What should you do to troubleshoot and resolve the issue?

- A. Check the system BIOS to ensure that the boot order is set properly.
- B. Boot to the Windows installation CD and start the Recovery Console.
- C. Boot to Safe Mode and see whether the problem persists.

D. Reinstall Windows.

[104.](#) An iPhone user reports that her device no longer makes sound, even when she is playing videos or receives a phone call. What is the first thing you should check?

- A. If airplane mode is on
- B. If too many applications are running
- C. If the phone has been put into silent mode
- D. If the connection to the speakers is still operational

[105.](#) You want to register some .dll files as command components in the Windows 8.1 registry. Which command should you use?

- A. REGSVR32
- B. REGEDIT
- C. MSCONFIG
- D. REGDLL

[106.](#) You have a Windows 7 workstation that was infected with adware. You've removed the adware, but now the computer is unable to connect to the Internet. It is still able to print to a local printer. What is the most likely cause of the problem?

- A. The DNS server has been poisoned.
- B. The malware changed the computer's TCP/IP configuration to point to a fake DNS server.
- C. The malware is still on the computer and has infected the boot sector.
- D. The computer has a rogue antivirus.

[107.](#) You are dual-booting a workstation with Linux and Windows 8.1. One day when you boot up, you get a GRUB error message. What is the most likely cause of the problem?

- A. The Windows boot loader is missing.
- B. The Linux boot loader is missing.

- C. The MBR is missing or corrupted.
- D. The BIOS/UEFI is missing or corrupted.

[108.](#) You have a user with an iPhone 6, and the user needs to restart the phone. He asks you how to perform a soft reset. What do you tell him?

- A. Use a paperclip or pen point to press and hold the indented reset button on the bottom of the phone until you see the Apple logo and then let go.
- B. Press and hold the Sleep/Wake and Home buttons for at least 10 seconds until you see the Apple logo and then let go.
- C. Press and hold the Sleep/Wake button until the red slider appears and then drag the slider to power the device off.
- D. Press the Home button two times, and the Home screen will appear. Swipe up to initiate a soft reset.

[109.](#) A technician just updated the network card driver for a Windows 7 workstation. Now, the network card does not appear to work. She reboots the computer and logs back in, and it still does not work. What should she do next to resolve the issue?

- A. Reboot into Safe Mode and uninstall the network card driver.
- B. Reboot using the Last Known Good configuration.
- C. Reinstall Windows.
- D. Open Device Manager, find the network card, and roll back the driver.

[110.](#) On a Windows 8.1 workstation, the user has received a full-screen message saying that his computer has been locked because of illegal activity. The message also states that he can unlock his computer by paying a \$300 fine to the government. He reboots and logs into Windows, and the message immediately reappears. What should he do to remove this message?

- A. Pay the fine.

- B. Open his anti-malware software and perform a remediation.
- C. Delete and reinstall Windows.
- D. Boot into Safe Mode and use System Restore to roll the system back to an older restore point.

[111.](#) You have recently installed new software on a Windows 7 workstation. When you try to open it, you receive an error message that the application is not compatible with Windows. What should you try first to resolve the issue?

- A. Right-click the application and choose Troubleshoot Compatibility.
- B. Run `SFC /scannow` to check for compatibility issues.
- C. Run `MSCONFIG` to see whether there are system configuration settings causing the issue.
- D. Delete and reinstall the application.

[112.](#) You are educating mobile users on best security practices. Which of the following are the biggest threats to network and data security? (Choose two.)

- A. Power drains
- B. Data transmission over-limit
- C. Unintended Wi-Fi connections
- D. Unintended Bluetooth connections

[113.](#) While working on a Windows 8.1 workstation, a user receives a pop-up message saying that his computer has been infected with a virus, and he needs to download a virus scanner now to fix it. The window does not look like it comes from the antivirus software that your company uses. What is this an example of?

- A. Ransomware
- B. Spam
- C. Rogue antivirus
- D. Hijacked antivirus



[114.](#) You have been experiencing power drains on your mobile phone recently. Which of the following is not a common cause of power drains?

- A. Placement into airplane mode
- B. Long periods of usage
- C. Searching for cellular signal
- D. Too many open apps

[115.](#) You just installed a new driver on a Windows Vista workstation, and now the operating system will not load. The manufacturer's troubleshooting suggestion is to reboot and use the Last Known Good configuration. Where do you choose this from?

- A. System Recovery Options
- B. Recovery Console
- C. Emergency Repair Disk
- D. Safe Mode

[116.](#) You have a Windows 7 workstation that will not boot properly. You suspect that the boot sector on the hard drive is corrupt. Which command in the Windows RE will allow you to create a new boot sector?

- A. `BOOTREC /FIXMBR`
- B. `BOOTREC /FIXBOOT`
- C. `BOOTREC /REBUILDBCD`
- D. `BOOTREC /REBUILDMBR`
- E. `BOOTREC /REBUILDBOOT`

[117.](#) You have an Android mobile phone, and the resource usage has been unusually high lately. What can you do to see whether your phone has acquired malware?

- A. There is no malware for Android-based phones.
- B. Download security software and use an app scanner.

- C. Download security software and use a Wi-Fi analyzer.
- D. Install the latest Android patches and perform a soft reset. If there was a virus, this will remove it.

[118.](#) You use Internet Explorer to browse the Web. Starting yesterday, whenever you try to search for anything on your favorite search engine, you are always sent to the same specific website trying to sell you stuff. This happens regardless of what you are searching for. Which two things are most likely to cause this to happen? (Choose two.)

- A. Your computer has an invalid certificate.
- B. Your computer has malware that is causing browser redirection.
- C. The DNS server has been poisoned.
- D. The search engines you use have been compromised.

[119.](#) A Windows 7 workstation on your network is exhibiting slow performance. Which of the following tools should be used to check for a potential problem causing the slowdown?

- A. Anti-malware software
- B. Event Viewer
- C. MSCONFIG
- D. REGSRV32

[120.](#) You are consulting for a high school that is deploying iPads to its students for in-school use. The iPads all need to have identical configurations. Which service should you use to configure these devices?

- A. iConfigure
- B. iPadPlus
- C. Apple Configurator
- D. Apple Installer

[121.](#) You have installed a new network card driver, and it's not working properly. According to the manufacturer's website, you

need to edit a setting in the Windows configuration database. Which tool should you use to do that?

- A. WINCONFIG
- B. REGSVR32
- C. REGEDIT
- D. MSCONFIG

**122.** You are trying to apply Windows Updates to a Windows 8.1 client computer. The update fails with this message: `Failure configuring Windows updates. Reverting changes.` What should you do next?

- A. Wait until changes are reverted. Reboot the computer and try the update again.
- B. Immediately turn off the computer. Reboot and try the update again.
- C. Ignore the update.
- D. Delete and reinstall Windows.

**123.** You installed a new anti-malware software package on a Windows 8.1 workstation. Now the system does not seem to run normally. It's very slow and seems to hang often, and the anti-malware program will not open. You want to roll the system back to a previous configuration to see whether that removes the problem. Where do you do this?

- A. System Restore
- B. Backup and Restore
- C. Windows RE
- D. Event Viewer

**124.** A network user with a Microsoft Phone wants to back up her device. Which service should she use to do this?

- A. Google Sync
- B. OneDrive
- C. Office 365

D. Microsoft Mobile

125. A technician is fixing a Windows 7 workstation that has contracted a virus. He is following the best practices for malware removal and has enabled system restore and created a restore point. What is the next step he should take?

- A. Educate the end user.
- B. Disable system restore.
- C. Quarantine the infected system.
- D. Remediate the infected system.

# Chapter 9

## Operational Procedures

**THE COMPTIA A+ EXAM 220-902 TOPICS COVERED IN THIS CHAPTER INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:**

**✓5.1 Given a scenario, use appropriate safety procedures.**

- Equipment grounding
- Proper component handling and storage
  - Antistatic bags
  - ESD straps
  - ESD mats
  - Self-grounding
- Toxic waste handling
  - Batteries
  - Toner
  - CRT
- Personal safety
  - Disconnect power before repairing PC
  - Remove jewelry
  - Lifting techniques
  - Weight limitations
  - Electrical fire safety
  - Cable management
  - Safety goggles
  - Air filter mask
- Compliance with local government regulations

**✓5.2 Given a scenario with potential environmental impacts, apply the appropriate controls.**

- MSDS documentation for handling and disposal
- Temperature, humidity level awareness and proper ventilation
- Power surges, brownouts, blackouts
  - Battery backup
  - Surge suppressor
- Protection from airborne particles
  - Enclosures
  - Air filters/mask
- Dust and debris
  - Compressed air
  - Vacuums
- Compliance to local government regulations

**✓5.3 Summarize the process of addressing prohibited content/activity, and explain privacy, licensing, and policy concepts.**

- Incident Response
  - First response
    - Identify
    - Report through proper channels
    - Data/device preservation
- Use of documentation/documentation changes
- Chain of custody
  - Tracking of evidence/documenting process
- Licensing/DRM/EULA
  - Open source vs. commercial license

- Personal license vs. enterprise licenses
- Personally Identifiable Information
- Follow corporate end-user policies and security best practices

#### **✓5.4 Demonstrate proper communication techniques and professionalism.**

- Use proper language – avoid jargon, acronyms and slang when applicable
- Maintain a positive attitude/Project confidence
- Actively listen (taking notes) and avoid interrupting the customer
- Be culturally sensitive
  - Use appropriate professional titles, when applicable
- Be on time (if late contact the customer)
- Avoid distractions
  - Personal calls
  - Texting/social media sites
  - Talking to co-workers while interacting with customers
  - Personal interruptions
- Dealing with difficult customer or situation
  - Do not argue with customers and/or be defensive
  - Avoid dismissing customer problems
  - Avoid being judgmental
  - Clarify customer statements (ask open-ended questions to narrow the scope of the problem, restate the issue or question to verify understanding)
  - Do not disclose experiences via social media outlets
- Set and meet expectations/timeline and communicate status with the customer

- Offer different repair/replacement options if applicable
- Provide proper documentation on the services provided
- Follow up with customer/user at a later date to verify satisfaction
- Deal appropriately with customers confidential and private materials
  - Located on a computer, desktop, printer, etc

### **✓5.5 Given a scenario, explain the troubleshooting theory.**

- Always consider corporate policies, procedures and impacts before implementing changes.
- 1. Identify the problem
  - Question the user and identify user changes to computer and perform backups before making changes
- 2. Establish a theory of probable cause (question the obvious)
  - If necessary, conduct external or internal research based on symptoms
- 3. Test the theory to determine cause
  - Once theory is confirmed, determine next steps to resolve problem
  - If theory is not confirmed, re-establish new theory or escalate
- 4. Establish a plan of action to resolve the problem and implement the solution
- 5. Verify full system functionality and if applicable implement preventive measures
- 6. Document findings, actions and outcomes

1. You have a client who is looking to plug three workstations and monitors into a wall outlet that has only two plugs. He's looking for the least expensive solution available. What should



you recommend he purchase?

- A. UPS
- B. Voltage conserver
- C. Surge protector
- D. Power strip

[2.](#) A technician is troubleshooting a desktop computer that he suspects has a network card problem. He has tested his theory to determine the cause of the problem. According to troubleshooting theory, which step should he take next?

- A. Conduct external or internal research based on symptoms.
- B. Document findings, actions, and outcomes.
- C. Verify full system functionality.
- D. Establish a plan of action to resolve the problem and implement the solution.

[3.](#) You are upgrading a video card in a desktop computer. You are following appropriate safety procedures. When you open the case, what is the most common danger that you should watch out for?

- A. Electrical shock
- B. Sharp edges
- C. Burns
- D. Flying debris

[4.](#) You are troubleshooting a laptop that you suspect was infected with malware. You have established your plan of action and implemented the solution. According to troubleshooting theory, which step should you take next?

- A. Test the theory to determine cause.
- B. Determine next steps to solve the problem.
- C. Verify full system functionality and, if applicable, implement preventive measures.

D. Document findings, actions, and outcomes.

5. You open a desktop computer case and discover some dust, particularly around the fans. What should you use to clean the fans out?

A. Denatured isopropyl alcohol

B. Demineralized water

C. Computer vacuum

D. Compressed air

6. You are performing an audit of trip hazards at work, and you notice several cables strung across a walking path. Which of the following solutions best resolves this problem?

A. A cable guard

B. Cable ties

C. Duct tape

D. Electrical tape

7. A technician is troubleshooting a suspected hard drive issue. He is following the troubleshooting theory. As part of identifying the problem, what should he do?

A. If necessary, conduct external or internal research based on symptoms.

B. Question the user and identify user changes to the computer.

C. Document findings, actions, and outcomes.

D. Determine next steps to resolve the problem.

8. You are troubleshooting a MacBook Pro and have identified the problem. According to troubleshooting theory, which step should you take next?

A. Establish a theory of probable cause.

B. Question the user and identify user changes to the computer.

- C. Test the theory to determine cause.
- D. Establish a plan of action to resolve the problem and implement the solution.

9. You are installing a new piece of software on your computer, and you do not agree with terms in the EULA. Which of the following statements is true?

- A. You can skip the EULA and continue the installation.
- B. You will not be able to install the software unless you agree to the terms in the EULA.
- C. You can click that you agree with the EULA and then provide notes to the parts you disagree with and will not be bound to those terms.
- D. You can install the software but will be provided with limited functionality.

10. Your company has a policy prohibiting illegal content on work computers. You have seized a workstation from an employee after finding illegal content. How do you ensure that the illegal material is managed in the correct way and that it is delivered to the proper authorities?

- A. Use documentation.
- B. Follow the chain of custody.
- C. Drive the computer to the proper law enforcement agency.
- D. Remove the hard drive and preserve it in a locked safe.

11. You are troubleshooting a Windows Vista desktop computer that appears to be having driver issues. According to troubleshooting theory, when is the appropriate time to perform backups of the system?

- A. After verifying full system functionality and implementing preventive measures
- B. Before making changes
- C. After documenting findings, actions and outcomes
- D. Before identifying the problem

[12.](#) You just got off a repair job at a customer's site, and it was difficult. To make matters worse, the customer was argumentative and difficult to work with. Which of the following should you not do?

- A. Document the situation in your work log.
- B. Try to put the experience out of your mind and focus on your next call.
- C. Call your manager and explain the situation.
- D. Post the experience on social media.

[13.](#) You recently purchased software that you installed on your laptop. It worked for 30 days and now tells you that you must activate the product. What will be required to activate the software?

- A. EULA
- B. DRM
- C. Product key
- D. Open source code

[14.](#) You are fixing a broken printer on the second floor of your office building. When you get the printer running again, you notice that it's printing off employee paychecks. What should you do?

- A. Take pictures of the paychecks and post it on social media.
- B. Look to see how much everyone gets paid compared to what you get paid.
- C. Ignore the information and focus on making sure the printer is fixed.
- D. Text your friends and tell them that you make more than they do.

[15.](#) When you are working at a client's site, which of the following is the most appropriate behavior you should exhibit?

- A. Taking personal calls

- B. Taking notes and asking questions
- C. Visiting social media sites
- D. Talking to co-workers

16. You are in the field replacing a defective PCI network card in a desktop computer. You realize that you forgot your ESD strap. The computer needs to be fixed quickly. What is the best way to proceed?

- A. Practice self-grounding by bending down to touch the ground before working on the PC
- B. Practice self-grounding by touching the plastic front of the case while working on the PC
- C. Practice self-grounding by staying in contact with the computer's desk while working on the PC
- D. Practice self-grounding by staying in contact with the metal part of the case while working on the PC

17. A technician is troubleshooting a Windows 7 laptop that won't boot properly. She has established a theory of probable cause. According to troubleshooting theory, what should she do next?

- A. Identify the problem.
- B. Test the theory to determine cause.
- C. Establish a plan of action to resolve the problem and implement the solution.
- D. Document findings.

18. A technician is concerned that he fried some RAM with ESD. Another technician says to not worry about it if he didn't feel the shock. Which of the following statements regarding ESD is true?

- A. People can feel a shock of 300 volts, and it takes 3,000 volts to damage computer components.
- B. People can feel a shock of 3,000 volts, and it takes 300 volts to damage computer components.

- C. People can feel a shock of 3,000 volts, and it takes 10,000 volts to damage computer components.
- D. People can feel a shock of 10,000 volts, and it takes 3,000 volts to damage computer components.

19. When working with a customer, which of the following demonstrates proper communication technique and professionalism?

- A. Staring at religious artifacts hanging on the wall
- B. Imitating the client's accent when speaking to them
- C. Using the client's title when speaking to them
- D. Laughing at the client's choice of clothing

20. You are practicing appropriate safety procedures as you fix computers. Which of the following are times you should wear an ESD strap? (Choose two.)

- A. When working inside a desktop case
- B. When working inside a power supply
- C. When working inside a CRT monitor
- D. When working inside a laptop case

21. While cleaning out an old filing cabinet, you discover a box filled with discarded batteries. What is the proper way to dispose of them?

- A. Burn them.
- B. Throw them in the trash.
- C. Crush them.
- D. Recycle them.

22. Your company has a policy prohibiting illegal content on work computers. A user reports that another user has illegal content, and you are the first responder at the scene. What is the first step you should take as the first responder?

- A. Follow the chain of custody.

- B. Preserve the data or device.
- C. Identify the illegal content that violates policy.
- D. Ask the user to delete the material.

23. When communicating with customers, which of the following should you do?

- A. Use jargon and acronyms to prove your abilities.
- B. Interrupt and ask questions often to clarify.
- C. Use appropriate professional titles.
- D. Assume you know what the customer wants, even if it's not what they said.

24. You are transporting several sticks of RAM and a few video cards from one of your offices to another. Which safety device should you use to help avoid electrically damaging the components?

- A. Antistatic bags
- B. ESD strap
- C. ESD mat
- D. Rubber gloves

25. You are troubleshooting a difficult network connectivity problem. You have tested your theory to determine cause and found that you were wrong. According to troubleshooting theory, you have two choices for next steps. What are they? (Choose two.)

- A. Tell the user that the problem has been fixed, and document it as such.
- B. Verify full system functionality and document findings, actions, and outcomes.
- C. Escalate the issue.
- D. Re-establish a new theory of probable cause.

26. Your company has a policy prohibiting illegal content on work computers. You have identified illegal content on a user's

computer, and the workstation has been removed from the user's desk. What is the right next step in the incident response process?

- A. Document the situation.
- B. Notify the proper authorities.
- C. Follow the chain of custody.
- D. Delete the illegal material.

[27.](#) You are working onsite and trying to fix a client's workstation. His computer has a defective video card, and it will take about three days to get a new one in. Which of the following is the best course of action for you to take?

- A. Tell him it will take three days for the video card to arrive, and you will return then to replace it.
- B. Tell him that the video card is dead, and it will take a week for the new one to arrive. Then when you replace it in three days, you will have over-delivered versus expectations.
- C. Tell him it will take three days for the video card to arrive. Offer him a loaner computer that he can use in the meantime.
- D. Tell him his computer is dead, and you'll be back to fix whenever you can fit it into your schedule.

[28.](#) You are troubleshooting a difficult problem that you have never seen before. Even after an hour, you're still not sure what is causing the problem. The customer asks what's wrong. What should you tell them?

- A. You have no idea, and it's a hard one. This is going to be a while.
- B. You're not sure yet, but you're confident that you'll get it figured out soon.
- C. It's bad. It's really bad. You're not sure if you will ever get it fixed or not.
- D. Not even your escalation line could figure it out, so you're



about ready to just give up.

[29.](#) You are about to begin troubleshooting a laptop with no display. According to troubleshooting theory, before you begin troubleshooting, what should you always consider?

- A. The user's feelings
- B. The cost associated with hardware replacement
- C. The implications of delivering bad news to management
- D. The corporate policies, procedures, and impacts before implementing changes

[30.](#) You are working on an LCD monitor that has a flickering display. Which component inside the monitor poses the biggest risk for delivering an electrical shock?

- A. Backlight
- B. Capacitors
- C. Inverter
- D. Screen

[31.](#) Your office uses five HP laser jet printers. An administrator has placed used toner cartridges in boxes and stacked them in the storage room. Which of the following statements is true regarding toner cartridge disposal?

- A. Toner is not harmful, but because they contain plastic, they should be recycled.
- B. Toner is not harmful and the cartridges are made of biodegradable plastic, so they can be thrown away.
- C. Toner is a carcinogen, so cartridges should be taken to an authorized recycling center.
- D. Toner will make a mess if it gets out of the cartridge, so to avoid making a mess, cartridges should be burned.

[32.](#) A desktop computer you are working on has a failed power supply. Another technician suggests that it could just be a failed capacitor inside the power supply, and you could fix it. What should you do?

- A. Open the power supply, and test the capacitors with a multimeter.
- B. Open the power supply, and test the capacitors with a voltmeter.
- C. Open the power supply, and test the capacitors with an electrical probe.
- D. Do not open the power supply; dispose of it properly.

**33.** You are having a conversation with your manager about corporate security best practices. She asks what the company should do if users are found to have adult content or content that advocates hate crimes on their workstations. How should you answer?

- A. Users should be allowed to keep it if it is for personal use only.
- B. The company should implement a policy that forbids such material and specifies consequences for violating the policy.
- C. The company should not condone adult or hate crime–related content but can’t legally prevent users from having it.
- D. The company should ignore the content that users have on their workstations.

**34.** You are training a new group of technicians on power issues. One asks what the difference is between a brownout and a blackout. What should you tell him?

- A. A blackout is a complete power loss, and a brownout is a drop in power without power loss. Both can damage electrical components.
- B. A blackout is a complete power loss, and a brownout is a drop in power without power loss. Neither one damages electrical components.
- C. A brownout is a complete power loss, and a blackout is a drop in power without power loss. Both can damage electrical components.

D. A brownout is a complete power loss, and a blackout is a drop in power without power loss. Neither one damages electrical components.

[35.](#) When dealing with a customer, which of the following demonstrates the communication technique for using proper language?

- A. Using jargon
- B. Using acronyms
- C. Using slang terms
- D. Using basic terms

[36.](#) You have downloaded open-source software onto your personal laptop. Which of the following statements are true regarding open-source licenses? (Choose two.)

- A. You can modify the application in any way you'd like.
- B. You do not need to pay for the application.
- C. You can make changes only to the applications that are approved by the originator.
- D. You pay a fee for every user of the application.

[37.](#) You want to install an electrical device that lets you plug in multiple devices at the same time. It should have a fuse in it so that if there is a power surge, the fuse will be blown and not the electronics plugged into it. It does not need a battery backup. What type of device do you need?

- A. UPS
- B. Power strip
- C. Voltage conserver
- D. Surge protector

[38.](#) You have several old CRT monitors that are collecting dust in a storage room. To clear out space, you decide to dispose of them. What is the proper way to do this?

- A. Throw them in a Dumpster.

- B. Smash them to bits with a hammer and then throw them in the Dumpster.
- C. Burn them.
- D. Recycle them.

[39.](#) When dealing with a customer and demonstrating proper communication techniques, what is meant by actively listening?

- A. Taking notes and making eye contact
- B. Asking many questions and moving the customer on to the important information
- C. Walking to the computer with the problem and starting to open it while listening
- D. Answering texts while listening

[40.](#) You are troubleshooting a desktop computer that is prone to shorting out and rebooting. When you open the case, there is a layer of grime on all the internal components. When you remove the expansion cards and memory, what should you use to clean the metal contacts on the cards?

- A. Demineralized water
- B. Mild soap and water
- C. Denatured isopropyl alcohol
- D. Compressed air

[41.](#) You are installing a server for a small company. They want to be sure that the server can be shut down properly in the event of a blackout, so they don't lose data. Which device should you recommend they plug the server into?

- A. UPS
- B. Voltage conserver
- C. Surge protector
- D. Power strip

[42.](#) You need to upgrade the RAM in a desktop computer. Which of the following should you do before beginning the

procedure?

- A. Leave the power running.
- B. Put the desktop into hibernate mode.
- C. Turn the power off.
- D. Put the desktop into standby mode.

[43.](#) You are moving computer equipment from an old office to a new office. Which of the following are good personal safety measures to follow to avoid injuries? (Choose two.)

- A. Bend at the knees and lift with your legs.
- B. Bend at the waist and lift straight up.
- C. Observe weight limitations and lift with a partner if needed.
- D. When lifting, lift objects as high as possible to avoid running into things.

[44.](#) You have opened a desktop computer case and will be upgrading the memory. To help prevent ESD, you put on an ESD strap. Where should you connect the other end?

- A. The RAM
- B. The motherboard
- C. The metal case
- D. The plastic table

[45.](#) You are purchasing new spreadsheet software for your company. Your manager has instructed you to ensure that you purchase enough licenses for everyone in the office to use the product. What type of license will you likely purchase, designed for large groups of users? (Choose two.)

- A. Corporate
- B. Single user
- C. Concurrent
- D. Shareware

[46.](#) You have several old computers that you want to dispose of.

When should you do with them?

- A. Throw them in the trash.
- B. Remove the hard drives to avoid having someone steal confidential data and then throw them in the trash.
- C. Dispose of them in compliance with local government regulations.
- D. Put them at the curb for someone to take for free.

[47.](#) You are troubleshooting a laptop with a video problem. According to troubleshooting theory, there are two immediate steps you can take after testing the theory to determine cause. What are those two steps? (Choose two.)

- A. Determine next steps to resolve the problem.
- B. If necessary, conduct external or internal research based on symptoms.
- C. Question the user and identify user changes to the computer.
- D. Reestablish new theory or escalate.

[48.](#) You fixed a customer's laptop about three days ago. Which of the following demonstrates proper communication techniques and professionalism?

- A. Call the customer to see whether she is satisfied with the repair.
- B. Post "Another satisfied customer!" on your social media sites with a picture of her office building.
- C. Provide an accurate bill for services provided.
- D. Call the customer and ask if she has additional work you can do.

[49.](#) You have taken an old CRT monitor into a television repair shop. The technician opens the back of the monitor and prepares to discharge the capacitors. What tool will he use to do this?

- A. High-voltage probe

- B. Multimeter
- C. Voltmeter
- D. ESD strap

[50.](#) You are troubleshooting problems in a client's office, and the client starts arguing with you as to what the problem is. What should you do?

- A. Avoid arguing and becoming defensive.
- B. Argue back to prove that you are correct.
- C. Tell the client that they are making you uncomfortable and leave immediately.
- D. Tell the client that if they know so much, they can fix it themselves. Then leave.

[51.](#) Your company has a policy prohibiting illegal content on work computers. You have identified illegal content on a company-owned workstation. What is your next step?

- A. Get a verifier.
- B. Report through proper channels.
- C. Ask the user to delete the material.
- D. Preserve the data or device.

[52.](#) You are going to be upgrading the RAM on several desktop computers. Which of the following environmental conditions increases the risk of ESD damaging computer components?

- A. High temperature
- B. Low temperature
- C. High humidity
- D. Low humidity

[53.](#) Your company has a policy prohibiting illegal content on work computers. You have found illegal content on a user's workstation. What is the proper way to preserve the data or device?

- A. Ask the user to not delete the data from the device.
- B. Take a picture of the illegal content and email it to your manager.
- C. Take a picture of the illegal content and email it to yourself.
- D. Immediately remove the data or device from the possession of the offending user and preserve it in a safe location.

54. Your company maintains a database of customer's names, vehicle license plate numbers, and driver's license numbers. What type of policy should your company have regarding this information?

- A. This information can't be used in any damaging way; therefore, no special policy is needed.
- B. This information is related to motor vehicle operation, and no special policy is needed.
- C. This information is public information, and no special policy is needed.
- D. This is PII and should be kept confidential and secure.

55. You are looking for a new software application for your company's finance users, but you have a limited budget. Which of the following types of software licensing would you expect to not have to pay for? (Choose two.)

- A. Corporate
- B. Open source
- C. Single user
- D. Freeware

56. You are setting up a repair shop for PCs. To reduce the risk of damaging computer components, which of the following devices should you use? (Choose two.)

- A. Magnetic screwdrivers
- B. ESD mats
- C. ESD straps



D. A dehumidifier

[57.](#) You have chosen to use compressed air to clean away dirt and debris from the inside of a desktop computer case. What is the recommended safety gear you should wear?

- A. Safety goggles and an air mask
- B. Safety goggles and a respirator
- C. Safety goggles, a respirator, and a hair net
- D. A biohazard suit

[58.](#) You are troubleshooting a desktop computer that is exhibiting erratic behavior. As part of establishing a theory of probable cause, what step should you take, as part of the troubleshooting process?

- A. Question the user and identify user changes to the computer.
- B. Determine next steps to resolve the problem.
- C. Establish a plan of action to resolve the problem.
- D. If necessary, conduct external or internal research based on symptoms.

[59.](#) You need to dispose of a chemical solvent but are unsure how to properly do so. Where will you find information on this as well as the potential dangers the solvent possesses?

- A. MSDS
- B. OSHA
- C. Warning label
- D. Bottom of the container

[60.](#) You are discussing the placement of several new computers with one of your co-workers. Which of the following are the best places to put them? (Choose two.)

- A. In the corner of a room that is typically about 15 degrees warmer than room temperature
- B. In an open area at room temperature

- C. In the corner of a room that is typically about 15 degrees colder than room temperature
- D. In an enclosed kiosk so that no users can damage the system

[61.](#) A user's work area is littered with debris and crumbs, and he reports that keys on his keyboard stick or sometimes make a crunching sound. What should you recommend he clean his keyboard with?

- A. Denatured isopropyl alcohol
- B. Demineralized water
- C. Computer vacuum
- D. Compressed air

[62.](#) You are performing a safety audit for your company and are examining the company's fire extinguishers. Which type of fire extinguisher is designed to put out electrical fires?

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

[63.](#) You have a set meeting time with a client to upgrade their computer. Your prior service call runs long, and you will be late to the meeting. What should you do?

- A. Get to your meeting as soon as you can.
- B. Take your time; you're already late and a few more minutes won't matter.
- C. Don't show up. Call the client later and tell them you were sick.
- D. Call the client and apologize for being late and that your last call went over. You will be there as soon as possible or can reschedule if they would prefer.

[64.](#) You are asked to help a client who is unable to send or receive email. When you get to the client's desk, what should

you do?

- A. Tell him that this problem is nothing and you have dealt with far worse issues today.
- B. Ask him what he did to break his email.
- C. Tell him that you would rather be working on updating the server, but you suppose you'll deal with him first.
- D. Clarify the scope of the problem and verify that you understand what isn't working.

[65.](#) You are running network cables to support 20 new workstations in an office area. Which of the following is the best way to handle cable management and avoid safety issues?

- A. Run the cables along the floor next to the cubicle walls.
- B. Run the cables across the floor and duct tape them down.
- C. Run the cables through a raised floor or drop ceiling.
- D. Run the cables across the floor and use a cable guard.

[66.](#) You need to troubleshoot a laptop computer that is having video problems. According to troubleshooting theory, what is the first step you should take?

- A. Establish a theory of probable cause.
- B. Establish a plan of action to resolve the problem and implement the solution.
- C. Identify the problem.
- D. Conduct external or internal research based on symptoms.

[67.](#) While changing a laser printer toner cartridge, a technician spilled toner on a desk. What should she use to clean the mess up?

- A. Compressed air
- B. Mild soap and water
- C. Toner vacuum
- D. Denatured isopropyl alcohol

[68.](#) You are repairing a desktop PC and upgrading the memory. What is the most important reason that equipment grounding is an important safety procedure?

- A. To prevent an electrical shock to the technician
- B. To prevent an electrical shock from damaging components
- C. To prevent fire from starting inside the case
- D. To prevent the desktop PC from slipping off of the workspace

# Chapter 10

## Practice Exam 1 (220-901)

[1.](#) You are investigating computer specifications for a new desktop workstation. If the specifications include 256KB of L2 cache, approximately how much L1 cache would it be reasonable to expect the computer to have?

- A. 64KB
- B. 256KB
- C. 512KB
- D. 12MB

[2.](#) You have installed a printer on your Windows 10 computer using TCP printing and configured it to use the RAW protocol. Which port number will you need to open in Windows Firewall for this to work successfully?

- A. 9100
- B. 721
- C. 515
- D. 443

[3.](#) A user reports that his iPhone will not make any sounds. He has turned the phone off and back on, and the problem is still there. You check his settings, and the phone is not on silent mode and the volume is set to maximum. What can you do to fix this problem?

- A. Reset the phone to factory specifications.
- B. Replace the speakers.
- C. Replace the sound card.
- D. Replace the phone.

[4.](#) You have a laptop with a dead hard drive. You want to replace it with a newer SSD but have a few concerns. What

disadvantages do SSDs have versus HDDs? (Choose two.)

- A. They produce more heat.
- B. They are more expensive.
- C. They are more susceptible to damage.
- D. They have less capacity.

5. You purchased a new monitor that has a native resolution of 1920×1080. What aspect ratio is this, and is it compatible with widescreen television aspect ratios?

- A. 16:9, yes
- B. 16:9, no
- C. 16:10, yes
- D. 16:10, no

6. A laser printer you are working on is producing images that have vertical black streaks running the length of the page. Which of the following could be causing this? (Choose two.)

- A. Scratch in the EP drum
- B. Fusing assembly not heating up properly
- C. Worn exit rollers
- D. Dirty charging corona wire

7. You have installed an 802.11g Wi-Fi network. The network has three overlapping wireless access points. What channels should you set the access points to in order to avoid communications problems?

- A. 1, 5, and 9.
- B. 1, 6, and 11.
- C. 2, 7, and 12.
- D. Any three different channels will work fine.

8. You are installing an ATX power supply. Which of the following is not a voltage provided by the power supply?

- A. -3.3VDC

- B. +5VDC
- C. +12VDC
- D. -12VDC

[9.](#) A user complains that his desktop computer randomly reboots. He does not see any error messages before it happens, and there is not a specific program that triggers the reboot. Which of the following components is most likely to be causing this problem?

- A. RAM
- B. Hard drive
- C. BIOS
- D. Network adapter

[10.](#) A user calls the help desk to report that she has no network connectivity. She had connectivity yesterday, but when she booted up her desktop computer this morning, she could not connect. She does not use the wireless network. No other users have reported issues. What is the first thing you should do?

- A. Check to see whether the network card driver is responding.
- B. Run `IPCONFIG` to see what her IP address is.
- C. Use a loopback plug to test the network card.
- D. Check to ensure that the network cable is plugged in.

[11.](#) A user calls to report that he can't access the Internet or a corporate server. However, he is still able to print to a printer nearby. He has not received any error messages. Other users in his area are able to access all network resources and the Internet. What is most likely the problem?

- A. Incorrect subnet mask
- B. Network card failure
- C. IP address conflict
- D. Default gateway is down

[12.](#) Which of the following statements are true regarding CPUs

and operating systems? (Choose two.)

- A. A 64-bit OS can run on a 32-bit CPU or a 64-bit CPU.
- B. A 32-bit OS can run on a 32-bit CPU or a 64-bit CPU.
- C. A 32-bit OS can run only on a 32-bit CPU.
- D. A 64-bit OS can run only on a 64-bit CPU.

13. Which of the following wireless connection types generally has a functional communication distance of 10 meters?

- A. NFC
- B. IR
- C. Bluetooth
- D. Wi-Fi

14. The Southbridge on a motherboard is responsible for managing which type of communications?

- A. High-speed peripherals
- B. Slower onboard peripherals
- C. CPU to RAM
- D. CPU to HDD

15. In your company's lobby, there is a desktop computer with an LCD monitor that plays a continuous loop of a welcome video. The monitor is enclosed in a cabinet. Recently, the monitor will shut itself down near the end of the day, for no apparent reason. What is likely causing this problem?

- A. Backlight failure
- B. Incorrect video resolution
- C. Video card failure
- D. Monitor overheating

16. One of your network users develops software for multiple operating systems. He asks for a specialized computer that will allow him to run multiple operating systems at the same time in virtualized environments. Which two components should



you optimize in his computer? (Choose two.)

- A. CPU
- B. RAM
- C. HDD
- D. GPU

[17.](#) The design of the micro-ATX motherboard makes which of the following statements true?

- A. It will fit in standard ATX cases.
- B. It will fit in standard ATX cases when used with a mounting adapter kit.
- C. It will fit in standard ATX cases but can't support full-length expansion cards.
- D. It will not fit in standard ATX cases.

[18.](#) A 32-bit PCI expansion bus will operate at one of which of the following two data rates? (Choose two.)

- A. 33MBps
- B. 66MBps
- C. 133MBps
- D. 266MBps

[19.](#) What is the maximum speed of an ExpressCard 1.x card running in PCIe 1.0 x1 mode?

- A. 480Mbps
- B. 2.5Gbps
- C. 5.0Gbps
- D. 6.0Gbps

[20.](#) Which two TCP/IP protocols are designed to download email from mail servers? (Choose two.)

- A. SMTP
- B. POP3

C. IMAP

D. SMB

[21.](#) You are testing the power levels provided to the paper transport motor inside a laser printer. What voltage does this motor require?

A. +5VDC

B. -5VDC

C. +24VDC

D. -24VDC

[22.](#) You are examining an existing coaxial cable installation and notice that the previous technician installed a splitter. Which of the following statements is true?

A. The splitter will degrade the quality of the network signal.

B. The splitter will cause the network connection to fail.

C. The splitter will increase the distance the network signal will travel.

D. The splitter will have no effect on the network signal.

[23.](#) Users on your network complain of poor wireless network access in a certain part of your building. They say that the connection is slow and disconnects frequently. You are using 802.11n wireless routers and access points. What tool should you use to troubleshoot the situation?

A. Wi-Fi analyzer

B. Protocol analyzer

C. Tone generator and probe

D. Multimeter

[24.](#) In which scenario would you use the Fn key and the F7 key shown here?



- A. To turn the screen brightness down
- B. To turn the screen brightness up
- C. To turn the speaker volume down
- D. To turn the speaker volume up

25. A desktop computer will not retain the system time or date. The user always needs to reset them after their system is powered off. What should you do to fix the problem?

- A. Flash the BIOS.
- B. Replace the BIOS chip.
- C. Replace the CMOS battery.
- D. Use the jumper on the motherboard to set the BIOS back to factory specifications.

26. What type of power connector is shown here, and what device does it provide power to?



- A. ATX, motherboard
- B. Molex, hard drive
- C. PCIe, PCIe adapters

D. SATA, hard drive

27. You have just installed a new printer on a client's workstation. When you attempt to print, nothing but garbled characters appear on the paper. Which two things are most likely to cause a problem like this? (Choose two.)

- A. The print spooler
- B. The printer driver
- C. The formatter board
- D. The printer's memory

28. A user has turned in a tablet computer that has a swollen battery. What should you do to resolve the problem?

- A. Turn the tablet off, let it cool down, and then return it to the user.
- B. Order a new tablet for the user, drain the excess electrolyte from the battery, and then dispose of the defective one in the trash.
- C. Order a new tablet for the user and dispose of the defective one in the trash.
- D. Order a new tablet for the user and take the defective one to a recycling center.

29. You are troubleshooting a Windows 10 desktop computer that boots into VGA mode. You have tried changing the resolution and reinstalled the video driver, but it still will only boot into VGA mode. What should you do next?

- A. Replace the monitor.
- B. Replace the video card.
- C. Flash the system BIOS.
- D. Flash the video card BIOS.

30. You are troubleshooting a laptop computer that will not boot properly. When you power it on, there is nothing on the display, and you hear beeps in a pattern of 1-3-3. What two things could you use to troubleshoot the problem? (Choose

two.)

- A. Manufacturer's website
- B. PCIe POST card
- C. USB POST card
- D. BOOT tester

**31.** When creating a custom computer configuration, what type of system will most benefit from high-end video card and cooling systems?

- A. Thick client
- B. Gaming PC
- C. Home theater PC
- D. A/V editing workstation

**32.** Which RAM modules have 240 pins? (Choose two.)

- A. DIMM DDR2
- B. DIMM DDR3
- C. SODIMM DDR2
- D. SODIMM DDR3

**33.** Several Bluetooth devices are connected in an ad hoc network. Which acronym best describes this type of network?

- A. LAN
- B. WAN
- C. PAN
- D. MAN

**34.** Your motherboard supports up-plugging for PCIe adapter cards. Which of the following statements is true?

- A. You can't put an x8 card into an x16 slot.
- B. You can put an x8 card into an x16 slot, but it will run at x1 speed.
- C. You can put an x8 card into an x16 slot, and it will run at x8

speed.

- D. You can put an x8 card into an x16 slot, and it will run at x16 speed.

[35.](#) The AES security algorithm was introduced with which Wi-Fi encryption standard?

- A. WEP
- B. WPA
- C. WPA2
- D. TKIP

[36.](#) You need to create several UTP patch cables from a roll of bulk cable. Your company uses the T568A standard. What is the correct order for wires in the connectors?

- A. White/orange, orange, white/green, blue, white/blue, green, white/brown, brown
- B. White/orange, green, white/green, blue, white/blue, orange, white/brown, brown
- C. White/green, green, white/orange, blue, white/blue, orange, white/brown, brown
- D. White/green, green, orange, blue, white/blue, white/orange, white/brown, brown

[37.](#) You are troubleshooting wireless networking issues on a Windows 8.1 laptop. Which command should you use to check the laptop's IP address?

- A. IFCONFIG
- B. IPCONFIG
- C. PING
- D. NETSTAT

[38.](#) Identify the connectors shown here.



- A. ST
- B. SC
- C. LC
- D. BNC

[39.](#) Which computer component is most likely to use a DB15 connector?

- A. Modem
- B. Hard drive
- C. Monitor
- D. Keyboard

[40.](#) Which of the following statements is true about the function of the laser in the exposing step of the laser printer imaging process?

- A. It increases the charge from +100VDC to +600VDC.
- B. It decreases the charge from +600VDC to +100VDC.
- C. It increases the charge from -100VDC to -600VDC.
- D. It decreases the charge from -600VDC to -100VDC.

[41.](#) Your co-worker needs to transfer files from a mobile device using a memory card reader and an SD memory card. He quickly finds out that his maximum capacity is only 4GB. Which technology does he have?

- A. SD
- B. SDLC
- C. SDHC

D. SDXC

[42.](#) You need to purchase new RAM for two computer systems, both of which have an FSB speed of 667MHz. The computer specifications require DDR2. Which RAM modules should you purchase?

A. PC2-667

B. PC2-3200

C. PC2-5300

D. PC2-6400

[43.](#) After a lightning storm, the laser printer in your office will not power up. You are testing it with a multimeter. What voltage do you expect to see from pin 9?

A. -24v

B. +24v

C. -5v

D. +5v

[44.](#) You need to print documents containing sensitive information, but all the printers are in a shared workspace. Which technology will allow you to hold the print job until you enter a PIN on the printer?

A. Virtual printing

B. Safe printing

C. Cloud printing

D. Secure printing

[45.](#) A guest speaker plugs an external projector into her laptop, using the VGA port on the back of the laptop. The projector is on but just shows a blue screen instead of her presentation. What is the easiest way for her to fix this issue?

A. Turn the projector off and back on to synchronize it with the laptop.

B. Press the Fn key on her keyboard and toggle the projector



backlight Function key until the image appears.

- C. Press the Fn key on her keyboard and toggle the video output Function key until the image appears.
- D. Press the Fn key on her keyboard and toggle the screen brightness Function key until the image appears.

[46.](#) Which of the following IP addresses is not routable on the Internet?

- A. 192.168.1.1
- B. 192.169.1.1
- C. 168.192.1.1
- D. 169.192.1.1

[47.](#) A technician is troubleshooting a computer in the field and calls you to report that she is getting a S.M.A.R.T. error ID 188, Command timeout. Which component is likely to be causing this error?

- A. CPU
- B. RAM
- C. Motherboard
- D. HDD

[48.](#) A user reports that when he presses the L key on his laptop keyboard, the L character repeats across the screen and doesn't stop until he presses the L key several more times. When you look at the laptop, it does not appear that the key is physically sticking. What should you tell him to do next?

- A. Replace the keyboard.
- B. Replace the L key.
- C. Clean under the key with compressed air.
- D. Reboot the laptop.

[49.](#) A technician is configuring a wireless router for use on a small office network. If he wants to assign private IP addresses to client computers but still allow them to have Internet access

from the ISP, what option does he need to configure?

- A. DHCP
- B. DMZ
- C. NAT
- D. UPnP

**50.** You are troubleshooting a computer with a RAID 10 array using four disks. One of the disks fails. What can you do to recover the array?

- A. Replace the failed disk and restore from backup.
- B. Remove the failed disk and rebuild the array.
- C. Rebuild the failed disk and restore from backup.
- D. Replace the failed disk and rebuild the array.

**51.** A technician has two hard drives and wants to increase the data access speed of her computer. Which of the following is her best option?

- A. Install both drives and configure them as separate volumes.
- B. Install both drives and implement RAID 0.
- C. Install both drives and implement RAID 1.
- D. Install both drives and implement RAID 5.

**52.** What type of converter requires power, either from its own source or from the interface it plugs into?

- A. DVI to HDMI
- B. PS/2 to USB
- C. Thunderbolt to DVI
- D. HDMI to VGA

**53.** During the charging step of the laser printer printing process, what charge is applied to the imaging drum?

- A. -100VDC
- B. -600VDC

C. +600VDC

D. +100VDC

54. Your laptop has an internal Mini PCIe expansion slot. The documentation for an expansion card says that it supports Mini PCIe USB 3.0 functionality. What speed does the expansion card run at?

A. 480Mbps

B. 2.5Gbps

C. 5.0Gbps

D. 6.0Gbps

55. You are purchasing a mobile device that requires the use of a stylus to input information; it does not respond to the touch of a finger. What type of touch screen technology does this device use?

A. Tempered

B. Resistive

C. Capacitive

D. Object-oriented

56. What is the maximum data throughput rate of a SATA 3 hard drive?

A. 1.5Gbps

B. 3Gbps

C. 6Gbps

D. 10Gbps

57. In a laptop computer, which component is responsible for providing the right kind of energy to light the display?

A. Inverter

B. LCD

C. Backlight

D. Screen

[58.](#) A user complains of a burning smell and smoke coming from his computer. After shutting it down, you notice that the motherboard has burn marks on it. You replace the motherboard. The next day, the user complains of more smoke, and you see this motherboard is burnt as well. What should you do next?

- A. Replace the motherboard.
- B. Replace the power supply.
- C. Replace the motherboard and power supply.
- D. Plug the computer into a different wall outlet.

[59.](#) What type of connector is shown here on the left?



- A. USB micro
- B. USB mini
- C. USB type A
- D. Lightning

[60.](#) You have a network installation that requires transmission speeds of 10Gbps at a distance of 85 meters. Among the UTP standards listed, which one is the oldest one that meets the requirements for this network?

- A. CAT5
- B. CAT5e
- C. CAT6

D. CAT7

[61.](#) You are troubleshooting a Windows 7 computer and suspect that the hard drive has some bad sectors. Which utility should you use to scan the hard drive and attempt to fix the bad sectors?

A. `format`

B. `bootrec`

C. `diskpart`

D. `chkdsk`

[62.](#) Which of the following is not verified as part of the POST routine?

A. BIOS integrity

B. Hard drive integrity

C. Size of primary memory

D. System buses

[63.](#) A UTP cable just failed, and you need to replace it. You have a spool of cable and connectors but no pre-made cables. Which tool do you need to use to make a new cable?

A. Cable stripper

B. Punchdown tool

C. Multimeter

D. Crimper

[64.](#) You are installing and configuring DHCP on one of your servers. What port numbers are used by DHCP? (Choose two.)

A. TCP 67

B. TCP 68

C. UDP 67

D. UDP 68

[65.](#) You are contemplating purchasing either a tablet or an e-reader to read books and magazines. What are two advantages

an e-reader has over a tablet? (Choose two.)

- A. Longer battery life
- B. Better color representation
- C. Easier to read in bright conditions
- D. More memory

[66.](#) A user reports having an error message pop up and tell them that Windows has detected an IP address conflict. Your network uses a DHCP server. What should you do to resolve the problem?

- A. On their computer, run `ipconfig /release` and `ipconfig /renew`.
- B. On the DHCP server, exclude their IP address from the scope.
- C. On their computer, ensure that it's set to Obtain An IP Address Automatically.
- D. On their computer, ensure that it's set to Use The Following IP Address.

[67.](#) A technician is troubleshooting a RAID 5 array with four hard disks. Two of the disks have failed. What can he do to recover the array?

- A. Rebuild the failed disks and restore from backup.
- B. Remove the failed disks and rebuild the array.
- C. Replace the failed disks and rebuild the array.
- D. Replace the failed disks and restore from backup.

[68.](#) You are at a Windows server with a command prompt open. You want to share the `D:\corp\acctrec` directory and have users connect to it with the name `receipts`. Which command is correct to do this?

- A. `net share receipts=D:\corp\acctrec`
- B. `net share D:\corp\acctrec=receipts`
- C. `netdom share receipts=D:\corp\acctrec`

D. `netdom share D:\corp\acctrec=receipts`

[69.](#) MicroSD cards, often used in mobile phones, are the smallest memory cards commonly used. What is the size of a MicroSD card?

- A. 25mm × 20mm
- B. 21.5mm × 20mm
- C. 15mm × 11mm
- D. 11mm × 8mm

[70.](#) You are troubleshooting a laptop that will not power up while plugged into a wall outlet. You verified that the outlet works and have tried a second AC adapter, but it still won't power up when plugged in. If you unplug it from the wall, it will power up from the battery. What should you do to get it to power up while plugged into the wall outlet?

- A. Replace the AC adapter.
- B. Remove the battery, power it up, and reinsert the battery.
- C. Drain the battery completely and then power it up.
- D. Replace the battery.

[71.](#) When setting up your network, you configured your clients to obtain IP addressing information automatically from a DHCP server. Which of the following configuration items can the DHCP server provide?

- A. IP address
- B. IP address and subnet mask
- C. IP address, subnet mask, and default gateway
- D. IP address, subnet mask, default gateway, and DNS server address

[72.](#) Your office just increased from 20 to about 40 people. Everyone uses the same laser printer. When you print, jobs are often processed very slowly. Other than get a new printer, what can you do to help eliminate the problem?

- A. Upgrade the printer's memory.
- B. Upgrade the printer's processor.
- C. Stop and restart the print spooler.
- D. Implement printing priorities for the most important users.

73. A user with an 802.11g network adapter is trying to join your new 802.11ac network. Her laptop is next to yours, which is connected to the network. However, she is unable to locate the SSID. What is most likely the cause of the problem?

- A. SSID broadcasting is disabled on the wireless access point.
- B. The user is out of range of the wireless access point.
- C. The SSID has been changed.
- D. 802.11g is not compatible with 802.11ac.

74. During the transferring step of the laser printer imaging process, what charge is applied to the paper?

- A. -100VDC
- B. -600VDC
- C. +600VDC
- D. +100VDC

75. In which situation would you want to use the special function key F8, shown here?



- A. To turn off your laptop's Wi-Fi connection
- B. To turn off your laptop's Bluetooth connection



- C. To mute your laptop's speakers
- D. To mute your laptop's microphone

[76.](#) You have configured four 1TB hard drives as a RAID 10 array. After the array is configured, how much usable storage space will you have for data?

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

[77.](#) A client has an older Windows 7 laptop with an integrated 802.11b network adapter. She wants faster wireless access, and the network access points all support 802.11n. What is the best way to upgrade her system?

- A. Remove the old card, and replace it with an internal 802.11n NIC.
- B. Leave the old card in the system, and add a new internal 802.11n mini-PCIe NIC. The system will automatically disable the old card.
- C. Add a USB 802.11n NIC. If needed, disable the old card in Device Manager.
- D. Add a USB 802.11n NIC. If needed, disable the old card in System Manager.

[78.](#) You are troubleshooting a Windows 7 desktop computer that does not produce video when it boots. You tried a second monitor, one that you know works, on this computer and there still is no video. What should you do to fix the problem?

- A. Replace the monitor.
- B. Reinstall the video card driver.
- C. Replace the video connector on the video card.
- D. Replace the video card.

[79.](#) In the laser printer printing process, which step comes

immediately before the fusing step?

- A. Transferring
- B. Developing
- C. Cleaning
- D. Exposing

[80.](#) On an IPv6 network, if you want to send a single message to a group of computers at the same time, what type of address class do you need to use?

- A. Multicast
- B. Anycast
- C. Unicast
- D. Broadcast

[81.](#) Which TCP/IP Internet layer protocol is responsible for resolving IP addresses to MAC addresses?

- A. IP
- B. ICMP
- C. ARP
- D. RARP

[82.](#) A technician on your team has been asked to replace memory in a laptop. She has removed the old memory and brought it to you; it's shown here. What type of memory does she need to replace this with?



- A. SODIMM
- B. MicroDIMM
- C. DIMM
- D. Flash

[83.](#) In IPv6, which address range is the multicast range?

- A. 2000::/3
- B. FC00::/7
- C. FE80::/10
- D. FF00::/8

[84.](#) You are wearing a smart watch enabled with GPS and are hiking in the mountains. How many satellites must your watch communicate with for you to know your location and elevation?

- A. One
- B. Two
- C. Three
- D. Four

[85.](#) Data transfers for which wireless connection type will be interrupted if someone walks between the sending and receiving devices?

- A. Bluetooth
- B. Wi-Fi
- C. RF
- D. IR

[86.](#) You are configuring a wireless 802.11ac router for its first use. Which of the following configuration options is recommended?

- A. Change the router's SSID.
- B. Choose WPA as the encryption method.
- C. Leave the administrator password as the default.

D. Enable the DMZ.

[87.](#) Which network device comes in two types: active, which is powered, and passive, which is not?

A. Bridge

B. Router

C. Switch

D. Hub

[88.](#) How much data throughput does a PCIe 1.1 x16 slot provide when operating bidirectionally?

A. 2GBps

B. 4GBps

C. 8GBps

D. 16GBps

[89.](#) You are purchasing a new LCD monitor for a small conference room. It will be viewed by people sitting at wide angles to the screen. Which technology should you purchase?

A. Fluorescent

B. LED

C. TN

D. IPS

[90.](#) A technician needs to choose an optical disc technology that provides the greatest storage space possible. Which technology will best meet her needs?

A. DVD+R DS, DL

B. BD-R SS, SL

C. BD-R DS, DL

D. CD SS

# Chapter 11

## Practice Exam 2 (220-902)

1. You are onsite fixing a client's laptop that will not load Windows 7. You are waiting to hear about your friend's awesome party that they are hosting this weekend, and your phone starts to vibrate. And it keeps vibrating. You're sure that all of your friends are texting information about the party. What should you do? (Choose two.)

- A. Turn your phone off, and apologize to the client. Tell them that the phone was distracting you from your job, but it won't be a problem now.
- B. Ignore your phone.
- C. Text your friends back and tell them that you are working.
- D. Call your friend and tell him to wait until after this job before planning all of the details because you want to help.

2. A user is running an application that requires complex calculations and takes a lot of CPU power. He wants to set his Windows 7 workstation so that it gives the application priority over all non-system-critical programs. Which tool can he use to do this?

- A. Task Manager
- B. Application Manager
- C. Performance Monitor
- D. System Configuration

3. You are planning on formatting a hard drive with NTFS to install Windows 8.1. Which of the following features are present in NTFS? (Choose two.)

- A. Linux OS support
- B. File compression

- C. File security
- D. Enhanced flash drive support

4. You have a computer running Windows 7 Professional, and you want to upgrade to Windows 8 Enterprise. What should you run to determine whether your computer can support the new operating system?

- A. Windows Easy Transfer
- B. Hardware Compatibility List
- C. Windows Upgrade Advisor
- D. Windows Upgrade Assistant

5. Which of the following statements best describes the purpose of a virtual private network?

- A. It walls off one network from another, making it inaccessible.
- B. It examines incoming network packets and forwards only those that match criteria in an access control list.
- C. It makes network requests on behalf of a user, effectively masking the user's identity from the computer receiving the request.
- D. It creates a private, secure network connection through a public network.

6. You are at a client's office and need to replace faulty memory but do not have an ESD strap. Which of the following describes the best way to practice self-grounding while replacing the RAM?

- A. Leave the computer plugged in but powered off, and stay in contact with the plastic part of the case.
- B. Leave the computer plugged in but powered off, and stay in contact with the metal part of the case.
- C. Unplug the computer, and stay in contact with the plastic part of the case.
- D. Unplug the computer, and stay in contact with the metal

part of the case.

7. You have a Windows 7 workstation with an 802.11n network adapter. When you establish a network connection, which type of connection should you choose?

- A. WWAN
- B. Wireless
- C. Wired
- D. VPN

8. The police have come to you with a request for help. They have recovered a suspected criminal's iPhone and want to get information off of it, and they have a warrant. The suspected criminal will not give them the passcode, and therefore the system is locked out. What advice can you give them on how to retrieve data from the device?

- A. They can perform a reset to factory defaults, which will reset the passcode. Then they can retrieve the data.
- B. They can perform a hard reset, which will reset the passcode. Then they can retrieve the data.
- C. There is no way to unlock the device and get the data without the appropriate passcode.
- D. They can crack the phone using backdoor code from Apple.

9. You are logged into a Linux workstation with a regular user account. You need to execute a command with `root` permissions. Which command do you need to use?

- A. `su`
- B. `sudo`
- C. `vi`
- D. `dd`

10. A Linux user on your network has received an error message during boot that GRUB is missing, as well as an error number. What can you do to solve this problem?

- A. Boot to the Linux installation CD or DVD, enter Linux rescue mode, and re-create the MBR.
- B. Boot to the Linux installation CD or DVD, and reinstall Linux.
- C. Boot to the Linux installation CD or DVD, enter Linux rescue mode, and mount the hard drive.
- D. Boot to the Linux installation CD or DVD, enter Linux rescue mode, and overwrite the contents of the GRUB file.

11. A security consultant recommends that your secure facility implement biometrics as a form of building access control. What type of system is she most likely referring to?

- A. RFID badges
- B. Key fobs
- C. Retinal scanners
- D. Mantraps

12. You are looking online to find pictures to use as part of promotional materials your company wants to make. Which of the following statements is true regarding online content?

- A. Online content is considered open source; therefore, you may use whatever you find.
- B. Online content is protected through the use of DRM.
- C. Online content is protected through the use of EULA.
- D. Online content is protected through terms established in the Geneva Conventions.

13. In which type of security threat will someone try to gain access to a secure area without credentials by following someone else, who used their access rights, into the secured area?

- A. Brute forcing
- B. Tailgating
- C. Shoulder surfing



D. Man-in-the-middle

[14.](#) A new law requires that you keep hard copies of all your workstations' system configurations. Which command can you use to easily gather this information for remote workstations and save a report as a text file?

A. `MSINFO32`

B. `COMPMGMT`

C. `MMC`

D. `PERFMON`

[15.](#) You are going to install Windows 8 Pro on a workstation that is currently running Windows 7 Professional. If you want to keep user accounts, data, and apps that are currently on the workstation, which type of installation should you perform?

A. Migration

B. Clean

C. Upgrade

D. Custom

[16.](#) You are configuring a wireless router for a home office. Which of the following changes will have the least impact on improving security of the network?

A. Enabling MAC filtering

B. Disabling the SSID broadcast

C. Configuring WPA

D. Changing the default username and password

[17.](#) Mobile device users on your network report unusually slow network access speeds when they use Wi-Fi. However, when they are using a cellular connection, the speeds seem fine. Which of the following is the least likely cause of slow data speeds in this case?

A. Interference

B. Weak signal

C. Oversaturated access point

D. Low battery

18. You are going to move a desktop computer from one office location to another. It's on the floor, underneath the desk. Which of the following are good personal safety procedures to follow? (Choose two.)

A. Bend at the waist and lift straight up.

B. Bend at the knees and lift with your legs.

C. Tie back any loose jewelry, long hair, or neckties.

D. Leave the computer plugged in to avoid ESD.

19. You have just installed a second and third hard drive into a Windows 8.1 workstation. Each drive is 500GB. The user wants to combine their space into one 1TB volume. What should you create to accomplish this and also give the user a disk read and write performance boost?

A. A new simple volume

B. A new spanned volume

C. A new striped volume

D. A new mirrored volume

20. Which feature of Windows 7 is designed to encrypt storage volumes, must be activated by an administrator, and can encrypt operating system startup files?

A. BitLocker

B. EFS

C. OneDrive

D. Shadow Drive

21. You want to set up your mobile phone to be able to pay for items at convenience stores simply by moving it close to the merchant's receiver. What type of mobile payment service is this?

A. SMS or MMS

- B. NFC
- C. Direct mobile billing
- D. Mobile web payments

[22.](#) Which of the following statements best describes the functionality of privacy filters?

- A. To keep people from seeing inside the server room
- B. To keep a user from accessing another user's data on the server
- C. To help prevent the accidental release of personally identifiable information (PII)
- D. To keep people from seeing information on your computer screen

[23.](#) Your iPhone has been stolen. To ensure that the thief does not have access to your data, what should you do?

- A. Perform a remote backup.
- B. Enable full device encryption.
- C. Perform a remote wipe.
- D. Use a locator application.

[24.](#) You have installed a second hard drive in a Windows 8.1 workstation. In Disk Management, what type of partition can you create that will allow you to create an unlimited number of logical partitions in it?

- A. Extended
- B. Dynamic
- C. Logical
- D. GPT

[25.](#) You intend to recycle some older magnetic hard drives. You want to set all data on the drive to be nothing but os. What should you use to accomplish this?

- A. Overwrite

- B. `format`
- C. Degaussing
- D. `diskpart`

[26.](#) Your Windows 8.1 workstation just crashed, displaying a blue screen of death. You have not recently made any changes to the computer. What is the best way to restart Windows to see whether you can isolate the issue?

- A. Boot to the Windows installation CD and start the Recovery Console.
- B. Boot to Safe Mode.
- C. Boot to the Last Known Good configuration.
- D. Boot normally and see whether the error happens again.

[27.](#) A user reports that his Android phone will not turn on. When he hands you his phone, it is almost hot to the touch. He then admits that the phone had been in his locked car for most of the day, and it's summertime. What is the most likely cause of the problem?

- A. Overheating
- B. Frozen system
- C. System lockout
- D. Battery drain

[28.](#) The floor of a machine shop has several thin client computers on it. You want them to be able to boot a Windows 8 OS from a boot server on the network. What process will the thin clients need to use?

- A. PXE boot
- B. The WinPE process
- C. The WinRE process
- D. Netboot

[29.](#) You are at a Windows Vista command prompt. You need to terminate a process on a remote system named Sparky, and the

process identifier is 14456. What is the right syntax to use to kill this process and any child processes started by it?

- A. `taskkill /S Sparky /PID 14456 /C`
- B. `taskkill /T Sparky /PID 14456 /S`
- C. `taskkill /S Sparky /PID 14456 /T`
- D. `taskkill /C Sparky /PID 14456 /T`

[30.](#) A workstation on your network is configured to dual boot between Windows Vista and Windows 8.1. Previously, the user would get a menu asking him which OS to choose. He has not made any configuration changes, but now that menu no longer appears. Which file is responsible for presenting the user with this menu?

- A. WINRESUME
- B. WINLOAD
- C. BOOTMGR
- D. NTLDR

[31.](#) A small business with two servers in a server closet wants you to find a solution to a problem. The business frequently has power outages and has lost important data on the servers as a result. The business wants some type of battery backup. What type of device should you install to protect against this problem?

- A. Surge protector
- B. Power strip
- C. UPS
- D. Voltage conserver

[32.](#) Which type of server on a network will be configured with a scope, which contains information the server will provide to clients who request it?

- A. DHCP server
- B. DNS server

- C. Proxy server
- D. Authentication server

**33.** You are working on a Windows 7 workstation that is operating very slowly. You want to quickly check system CPU and RAM usage to see whether anything appears amiss. Which two utilities can you use to do this?

- A. Resource Monitor
- B. Performance Monitor
- C. Control Panel ➤ System
- D. Control Panel ➤ Device Manager

**34.** With Windows Vista, Microsoft introduced a user interface that was a departure from its previous interfaces. What is the name of the Windows Vista interface?

- A. Windows Explorer
- B. WinPE
- C. Metro
- D. Aero

**35.** You have a Windows 7 Professional workstation with a physically attached printer. You want others on the network to be able to use the printer as well. What do you need to do to enable this?

- A. Right-click the printer, choose Printer Properties, and share the printer.
- B. Right-click the printer, choose Printer Properties, and map the network printer.
- C. Open the Add A Printer Wizard and share the printer.
- D. Open the Add A Printer Wizard and map the network printer.

**36.** As the network administrator, you have set account lockout policies so that an account is locked out after five unsuccessful login attempts. What type of security threat will this deter?

- A. Shoulder surfing
- B. Brute forcing
- C. Zero-day attack
- D. Spear phishing

[37.](#) Occasionally when visiting websites using Google Chrome, you receive a pop-up window in front of your browser. Generally it's an advertisement trying to sell you something. Which of the following actions will stop this from happening?

- A. Enable Chrome's pop-up blocker.
- B. Install an antivirus program.
- C. Install anti-malware software to stop the adware.
- D. Enable Windows Firewall.

[38.](#) You receive a notice from our wireless provider that you are about to exceed your data plan for the month. This month you have not used your phone often, so this surprises you. What could this be a sign of?

- A. The phone needs to be replaced.
- B. Unauthorized account access.
- C. Rogue apps, such as a rogue antivirus.
- D. High resource utilization.

[39.](#) Which Windows Vista feature is an area on the desktop designed specifically for small, customizable programs such as a clock, news headlines, or a weather app?

- A. Sidebar
- B. Widgets
- C. Gadgets
- D. Charms

[40.](#) Your company works with confidential government files. It is illegal for employees to copy any files to flash drives. Where do you specify this as well as the penalties for not complying

with the rule?

- A. AUP
- B. DLP
- C. ACL
- D. Employee handbook

[41.](#) A Windows 7 user reports that her computer just completely locked up. On her screen is a message saying that the person pictured has participated in an illegal activity. Her webcam turned on by itself, and she was pictured. The message also says she can resolve the charges against her by paying a \$500 fine. She is understandably shaken by the incident. What should you do next?

- A. Tell her that if she performed an illegal activity with her work computer, her employment will be terminated.
- B. Boot to a recovery CD from your anti-malware provider, and run a remediation.
- C. Delete and reinstall Windows.
- D. Pay the fine.

[42.](#) One of your technicians just touched a plastic bottle containing chemicals you are not familiar with. His hand starts to feel like it's burning. Where can you find information on how to properly wash his hands without making the problem worse and how to dispose of the chemical?

- A. OSHA
- B. Bottom of the container
- C. Warning label
- D. MSDS

[43.](#) You want to protect mobile device users on your network from potentially leaked files or data. Which of the following should you do to help reduce this risk? (Choose two.)

- A. Disable network autoconnect.



- B. Enforce data transmission over-limits.
- C. Enable device encryption.
- D. Install mobile firewalls.

[44.](#) A network architect recommended that you install an IDS on your network. Which of the following statements best describes what an IDS does?

- A. It allows or denies incoming network traffic based on a set of rules.
- B. It detects anomalies in network traffic, logs the activity, and takes actions to stop the activity.
- C. It detects viruses transmitted across the network, logs the activity, and deletes the network packets infected with the virus.
- D. It detects anomalies in network traffic, logs the activity, and sends an alert to the administrator.

[45.](#) You are at a Windows 8 command prompt. The directory you are in has hundreds of files, so when you pull a directory listing, you want it to only show one page of files at a time. Which command should you use to do this?

- A. `dir /p`
- B. `dir /o`
- C. `dir /s`
- D. `dir /d`

[46.](#) You are installing virtualization on a network server. Which type of hypervisor should you install to minimize the amount of resources required by the physical machine hosting the virtual servers?

- A. Virtual machine manager.
- B. Either Type 1 or Type 2 will function in the same way.
- C. Type 1.
- D. Type 2.

[47.](#) You have discovered that an outside attacker has gained control over several of your workstations and is remotely controlling them. It appears as though the attacker is using the systems to send spam to thousands of users. Which type of attack is this?

- A. Ransomware
- B. Zombie/botnet
- C. Noncompliant systems
- D. Spoofing

[48.](#) You have assigned the Finance group Modify permissions on the `D:\MonthlyReports` folder. You then create a folder named `D:\MonthlyReports\January`. What level of permissions does the Finance group have to the folder

`D:\MonthlyReports\January`?

- A. No access, because no permissions were explicitly set.
- B. Full control, because no permissions were explicitly set.
- C. Modify, because the folder inherits permissions from its parent folder.
- D. Modify, because the folder inherits permissions from its parent folder. Finance group members can also grant permissions to other users or groups for this folder.

[49.](#) A user has two monitors installed on his Windows 7 workstation. He wants his secondary monitor to be on the right side of his primary monitor. However, when he moves the mouse to the right on the primary monitor, the cursor stops at the edge of the screen. When he moves it to the left, the cursor then appears on the right side of his secondary monitor. Where can he go to change this setting?

- A. Right-click the desktop and choose Screen Resolution.
- B. Right-click the desktop and choose Mouse Alignment.
- C. Right-click the desktop and choose Monitor Alignment.
- D. Right-click the desktop and choose Display Settings.

[50.](#) The personal finance app on your Android phone will not load. You rebooted your phone and the app still does not work. What should you try next to get it to work?

- A. Perform a factory reset.
- B. Download an antivirus app and perform a virus scan.
- C. Remove and reinstall the app.
- D. Perform a force stop on the app and then open it again.

[51.](#) Your company has a policy prohibiting illegal content on work computers. You have identified and verified illegal content on a user's workstation. What is the next step you should take?

- A. Ask the user to delete the material.
- B. Delete the illegal material yourself.
- C. Document the situation.
- D. Report the incident through proper channels.

[52.](#) Your Windows 7 workstation is having intermittent video issues. The manufacturer's website suggests you install the latest driver. Which utility should you use to check the driver version installed on your computer?

- A. Display Settings
- B. Device Manager
- C. Services
- D. Computer Management

[53.](#) You are performing a large-scale migration to Windows Vista and need to migrate user accounts and settings. You prefer to do this by configuring a script instead of doing it manually. Which utility should you use?

- A. User Accounts in Control Panel
- B. Windows Easy Transfer (WET)
- C. Windows Migration Tool (WMT)
- D. User State Migration Tool (USMT)

54. On a MacBook Pro running macOS, what is the name of the bar of icons that runs along the bottom of the screen, allowing you to open apps?

- A. Launcher
- B. Finder
- C. Spotlight
- D. Dock

55. You clicked a link in an email, and it took you to a site you were not familiar with. Later that day, you receive a pop-up message on your computer telling you that all the files on your hard drive have been encrypted, and you can no longer access any of your key documents. If you want the files to be decrypted, you need to pay a fee by entering a credit card number. What have you been infected with?

- A. Spyware
- B. Trojan
- C. Ransomware
- D. Worm

56. A Windows 7 workstation is not booting properly, and you believe it's a problem with system files. Which utility can scan and repair corrupt Windows 7 system files?

- A. MSCONFIG
- B. REGSVR32
- C. ERD
- D. SFC

57. An Android phone user reports that her phone can't connect to the Wi-Fi network, but she has a cellular signal. What is the first thing to have her try?

- A. Check whether the phone is in airplane mode.
- B. Check whether the Wi-Fi connection is enabled.
- C. Adjust the Wi-Fi signal receptivity.

D. Perform a hard reset.

[58.](#) You are instructing new technicians on safety procedures when fixing computers and monitors. As an exhibit, you have an old CRT monitor that has not been used in a few months. Which of the following are the biggest potential dangers if you were to open this monitor? (Choose two.)

- A. Broken glass
- B. Sharp edges
- C. High-voltage capacitors
- D. Burns

[59.](#) You are troubleshooting a Windows 8.1 workstation that has malware on it. Following the best practices for malware removal, you have gotten to the point where you've scheduled system scans and run anti-malware updates. What is the next step you should take?

- A. Educate the end user.
- B. Enable system restore and create a restore point.
- C. Disable system restore.
- D. Remediate the infected system.

[60.](#) You want to enable encryption on a Windows 8.1 workstation. Which of the following statements are true? (Choose two.)

- A. Enabling EFS requires administrative access.
- B. Enabling BitLocker requires administrative access.
- C. EFS can encrypt an entire volume or single files.
- D. BitLocker can encrypt an entire volume or single files.

[61.](#) When configuring NTFS permissions on a Windows workstation, what is the recommended method?

- A. Grant permissions to user accounts.
- B. Put user accounts into groups. Grant folder permissions to groups and file permissions to users.

- C. Put user accounts into groups. Grant folder permissions to users and file permissions to groups.
- D. Put user accounts into groups. Grant permissions to groups.

[62.](#) You are installing client-side virtualization on a Windows 7 workstation. The workstation will support two additional OSs. What is the recommended cost-effective way to ensure that each OS obtains proper network access to the rest of the physical network?

- A. Each OS will have a virtual NIC, which is connected to the physical NIC.
- B. Each OS will have its own physical NIC.
- C. Each OS will have a virtual switch connected to the physical NIC.
- D. Each OS will have a virtual NIC, connected to a virtual switch, which is connected to the physical NIC.

[63.](#) You are at a Windows 8.1 command prompt in the `D:\users` directory. You want to use the copy command to copy the `D:\users\jdoe` directory to the `D:\files` directory. Which of the following statements is true?

- A. You can't use the copy command to perform this task.
- B. You can use the command `copy d:\users\jdoe\*.* d:\files.`
- C. You can use the command `copy d:\users\jdoe d:\files.`
- D. You can use the command `copy d:\users\jdoe d:\files /y.`

[64.](#) You would like to configure a test workstation to be able to boot to Windows Vista, Windows 7, and Windows 8.1. Which of the following statements is true regarding installation of these operating systems?

- A. The location of operating system installation does not matter in this situation.
- B. You should install all the operating systems on the same

partition.

- C. You should install each of the operating systems on their own partitions.
- D. You can't install all three operating systems on one workstation.

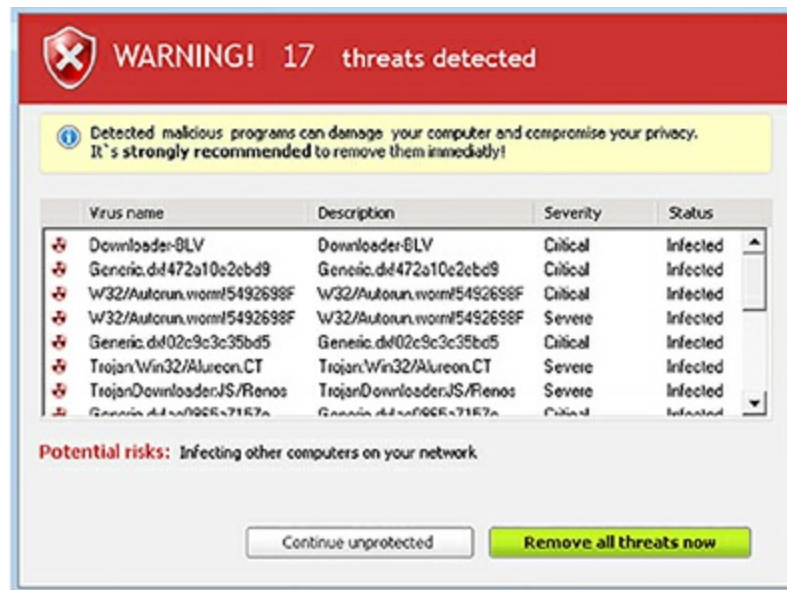
[65.](#) A Windows 8.1 workstation has a corrupt BCD file. Which two commands can you use to fix this? (Choose two.)

- A. `BOOTREC /FIXMBR`
- B. `BOOTREC /FIXBOOT`
- C. `BOOTREC /REBUILDBCD`
- D. `BCDEDIT`

[66.](#) A technician is troubleshooting a driver issue on a Windows 8.1 workstation. She has verified full system functionality and implemented preventive measures. According to troubleshooting theory, what should she do next?

- A. Document findings, actions, and outcomes.
- B. Establish a plan of action to resolve the problem and implement the solution.
- C. Question the user and identify user changes to the computer.
- D. Perform backups of the computer.

[67.](#) You are working on your Windows 8.1 computer and a security alert pops up, as shown here. What should your next action be?



- A. Click the Continue Unprotected button.
- B. Click the Remote All Threats Now button.
- C. Create a restore point and then click the Remove All Threats Now button.
- D. Shut down your computer. Reboot, and initiate a virus scan using your antivirus software.

**68.** You are instructing a new Mac user on the features of macOS. She asks if the system is capable of storing her passwords to various Internet sites. Which feature would she use for that?

- A. Keychain
- B. Wallet
- C. Passport
- D. Spotlight

**69.** You are troubleshooting a Windows 8.1 workstation that seems to have issues with its video card driver; only 16 colors will display. You try to boot the system into Safe Mode, but the F8 option does not seem to work. Which management tool can you use to force the system to boot into Safe Mode when it reboots?

- A. Task Scheduler



- B. Computer Management
- C. Task Manager
- D. System Configuration

[70.](#) Which of the following is an advantage of using Share permissions over using NTFS permissions?

- A. Share permissions will override NTFS permissions if there is a conflict.
- B. Share permissions apply when users access a resource across the network, but NTFS permissions apply only to local users.
- C. Share permissions are able to be set at the file level, whereas NTFS permissions can be set only at the folder level.
- D. Share permissions can be enabled to secure resources across the network that are not on an NTFS partition.

[71.](#) You have installed an antivirus program on your Windows 8.1 workstation. When configuring it, what should you set the update frequency to?

- A. Automatic
- B. Once per week
- C. Once per month
- D. Once per year

[72.](#) Your manager is concerned that your company could divulge PII. Which of the following types of data is not considered PII?

- A. First name
- B. Home address
- C. Family member names
- D. Employee ID number

[73.](#) A user reports that his Windows 8.1 installation keeps on crashing. He has installed numerous third-party apps on the computer, and you believe that some of these apps are causing the instability. After entering the Windows Recovery

Environment, which option should you choose to repair Windows and delete all but the default apps?

- A. Recover
- B. Refresh
- C. Reset
- D. Restore

74. On a Windows 7 workstation, there are two NTFS volumes. The Managers group has Modify access to the `C:\mgmt` directory. You move the folder to the `D:\keyfiles` folder, to which the Managers group has Read access. What level of permissions will the Managers group have to the new `D:\keyfiles\mgmt` directory?

- A. Full Control
- B. Modify
- C. Read & Execute
- D. Read

75. You are training mobile users on potential security risks. Which of the following could make users more susceptible to a man-in-the-middle attack?

- A. Unintended Wi-Fi connection
- B. Unauthorized account access
- C. Unauthorized location tracking
- D. Unauthorized camera activation

76. The network you manage has a dozen Windows 7 workstations. You want to ensure that users do not have the ability to change the boot order, so they can't boot to an unauthorized device. Which step should you take?

- A. Set a BIOS/UEFI password.
- B. Disable autorun.
- C. Restrict user permissions.

D. Enable a strong password policy.

[77.](#) A user needs to travel for a presentation and wants to be sure his laptop does not run off battery power, so he wants to turn it off. However, he wants to leave his files and applications running, so when he turns it back on, the applications are already open. Which of the following statements is true?

A. The user will be unable to do this.

B. The user should put his computer into standby mode.

C. The user needs to activate the sleep power plan.

D. The user should have his computer hibernate.

[78.](#) You are working on a Windows 7 workstation that will not properly load Windows. Another technician suggests using a snapshot to restore the system. Where do you do this from?

A. Windows RE

B. Windows pre-installation environment

C. Safe Mode

D. Backup and Restore

[79.](#) A user's NTFS permissions for the `docs` folder are Read & Execute. His share permissions are Full Control. What is his effective access when connecting to the resource across the network?

A. No access

B. Full Control

C. Read & Execute

D. Read only

[80.](#) You have a Linux server on your network. You want to back up all files in the `/user/files` volume without disrupting user access. What should you use to do this?

A. Time Machine

B. Linux Backup

C. Snapshot

D. Image recovery

[81.](#) You open a command prompt on a Windows 7 workstation and type in the `sfc` command. You receive an error message telling you that you need to be an administrator to run the command. What should you do next?

A. Run the `sfc /admin` command.

B. Run the `sfc /elevate` command.

C. Click Start > All Programs > Accessories; then right-click Command Prompt and choose Run As Administrator. Then run the `sfc` command.

D. Click Start > All Programs > Accessories; then right-click Command Prompt and choose Run With Elevated Privileges. Then run the `sfc` command.

[82.](#) You want to see events that your Windows 8.1 workstation has logged. Which of the following is not a type of log that is contained in Event Viewer?

A. Security

B. System

C. Login

D. Application

[83.](#) You want to grant a user the ability to make changes to files and run programs located in an NTFS folder. However, you do not want him to be able to delete files in the folder. Which level of access should you allow him?

A. Read & Execute, and Write

B. Modify

C. Full Control

D. Write

[84.](#) Your company has decided to stop purchasing commercial cloud services and enter into a cloud partnership with a sister

company. What type of cloud will your company and the sister company create?

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

85. You have a Windows 7 Professional workstation installed in a workgroup. There is no centralized security. Which tool should you use to help protect yourself against malicious network attacks?

- A. Windows Firewall
- B. Advanced Security
- C. Local Security Policy
- D. Computer Management

86. You are working on a client's desktop computer, and the video card is dead. You can get a warranty replacement, but it will take three days to arrive. Or you can replace it with a more expensive card today, but he would need to pay the difference. Which of the following is the best way for you to continue the service call?

- A. Tell him that the video card is dead. It will take three days for the video card to arrive, and you will return then to replace it.
- B. Tell him that the video card is dead. It will take three days for a warranty replacement to arrive (at no cost), or you can replace it with an upgraded model today if he wants to pay the difference in cost.
- C. Tell him that the video card is dead. Offer to replace it today with a more expensive video card, and he can pay the difference in cost.
- D. Tell him that he will be without a computer for three days, but then you will come back and fix it.

[87.](#) A friend is recycling his old computer and wants to be sure that no one can access his private information. He decides to format the hard drive and chooses a quick format. Which of the following statements are true?

- A. His private information is safe because the old data has been permanently removed from the hard drive.
- B. His private information is safe because once the file allocation table has been removed, none of the old data is accessible.
- C. His private information is not safe because the quick format only writes a new file allocation table.
- D. His private information is not safe because the quick format only removes the old operating system files.

[88.](#) When you begin synchronization of an iPhone to a desktop computer, what type of authentication occurs?

- A. There is no authentication required for synchronization.
- B. Both devices authenticate each other.
- C. The iPhone authenticates the desktop computer.
- D. The desktop computer authenticates the iPhone.

[89.](#) Which of the following types of threats are specific examples of social engineering? (Choose two.)

- A. Spoofing
- B. Viruses
- C. Shoulder surfing
- D. Spear phishing

[90.](#) You are attempting to update a Windows Vista workstation using Windows Update. The update fails with this message:  
“Failure configuring Windows updates. Reverting changes.”  
You reboot and try again but receive the same error. What should you try next? (Choose two.)

- A. Wait until changes are reverted. Unplug removable media from your computer and try again.

- B. Wait until changes are reverted. Run a virus scan and try again.
- C. Wait until changes are reverted. Run the Windows Update Troubleshooter.
- D. Ignore the update.

# **Appendix**

## **Answers and Explanations**



# Chapter 1: Hardware

1. B. FireWire 800 can span 100 meters when implemented over fiber-optic cable. Over copper cable, it's limited to 4.5 meters, like FireWire 400.
2. A. A mini-ITX motherboard is a 6.7" square. Nano-ITX motherboards are 4.7" square, pico-ITX motherboards are 3.9" × 2.8", and mobile-ITX motherboards are 2.4" square.
3. A, C. A 32-bit OS can run on either a 32-bit or 64-bit processor, although you will not be able to fully utilize the 64-bit processor's capabilities with a 32-bit OS. A 64-bit OS will run only on a 64-bit processor.
4. A, B, C. The DC power supply (DCPS) converts house current into three voltages: +5VDC and –5VDC for the logic circuitry and +24VDC for the paper-transport motors.
5. A. Three RCA-like connectors at the end of a cable indicate a component video cable.
6. A. The two most popular methods of manufacturing LCD panels are twisted nematic (TN) and in-plane switching (IPS). Of the two, IPS is regarded as having the best color representation in all angles, while TN is faster and less expensive. LED and plasma are not types of LCD panels.
7. A. A mini-DIN 6 connector is a round connector often called a PS/2 connector. It's historically used for a keyboard or a mouse. If you have only more modern USB peripherals, you can buy a PS/2 to USB adapter to plug them into one of these ports.
8. D. A hybrid hard drive is a combination of a conventional magnetic hard disk drive and solid-state storage. The goal is to increase access speed for commonly accessed data while still providing larger capacity similar to a conventional HDD.
9. C. Thicker paper can cause paper jams, especially in printers with curved paper paths. Paper that is too thin may not get picked up by the printer rollers at all.

[10.](#) C. TCP printing allows client with different OSs to send jobs directly to printers without worrying about intra-OS conflicts. Bonjour and AirPrint are both Apple services, and virtual printing allows you to print output to documents such as PDF files. Whenever sharing printers for remote printing, be sure to set proper user authentication on the print device.

[11.](#) B. A CAT6a cable is a network cable, and you are most likely to find an RJ-45 connector at the end of it. RJ-11 connectors are for phone lines. BNC connectors are network connectors but are typically used with coaxial cable. SATA connectors are hard drive connectors.

[12.](#) A. The connector shown is a DVI connector, used for digital video.

[13.](#) B. Thermal printers will often use a roll of paper as opposed to individual sheets. Fax machines may use thermal technology, but a fax machine in itself is not a printer technology.

[14.](#) A. Parity checking is a rudimentary RAM error-checking scheme that offers no error correction.

[15.](#) A, C, D. Laser printers need toner cartridges, impact printers need ink ribbons, and ink-jet printers use ink cartridges. Thermal printers heat up paper to produce images.

[16.](#) A. An imaging drum is a photosensitive drum that can hold a charge if it's not exposed to light. It is dark inside an EP printer, except when the laser scanning assembly shines on particular areas of the photosensitive drum.

[17.](#) B. A micro-ATX motherboard is a 9.6" square. ATX motherboards are 12" × 9.6", mini-ITX motherboards are 6.7" × 6.7", and pico-ITX motherboards are 3.9" × 2.8".

[18.](#) D. Resolution is the number of pixels used to draw a computer screen. Refresh rate determines how many times per second the screen can be redrawn. Frame rate tells you how many frames per second the original content was filmed in. Aspect ratio defines the dimensions (width × height) of an image.

[19.](#) B. In a RAID 5 array, each stripe places data on  $n-1$  disks,

and parity computed from the data is placed on the remaining disk. The parity is interleaved across all the drives in the array so that neighboring stripes have parity on different disks. Said differently, you lose the equivalent of one hard disk worth of storage to hold the parity information.

[20.](#) D. The disable execute bit allows for the CPU to set aside an area of memory and refuse to execute any code placed into that memory location. Oftentimes this serves as a buffer area. The result is that malicious buffer overrun attacks are less likely to succeed.

[21.](#) D. Cloud printing allows for printing to a remote device, one that is not necessarily located on your local network. Essentially, you are using the Internet to send the print job from your device to the printer from which you want the output to come, and the printer can be located practically anywhere in the world.

[22.](#) A. Heat sinks are often made of metal, with many fins on them to increase surface area and dissipate heat faster. Many modern CPU heat sinks will have both a fan (which requires power) and the finned metal heat sink.

[23.](#) A, C. VGA is an analog video connector, and RJ-11 connectors are used with modems. Modems receive a digital signal from the computer but then modulate that signal to analog to transmit over common phone lines.

[24.](#) B. Wi-Fi and Bluetooth can be used to connect a printer temporarily to a single computer (or mobile device), and the connection does not have permanent status. This type of configuration is known as an ad hoc network connection.

[25.](#) A, B. With up-plugging, you can put a smaller PCIe card into a larger slot, even though it does not fill it up completely. For example, you can insert an x8 card into an x16 slot. The x8 card won't completely fill the slot, but it will work at x8 speeds.

[26.](#) C. RAID 1 is called disk mirroring; it writes data simultaneously to both drives. If one drive fails, the other still has a working copy of the data. RAID 0 is disk striping and does

not provide fault tolerance. RAID 5 is striping with parity and provides fault tolerance, but it requires three hard disks.

[27.](#) A. During the cleaning step, a rubber blade inside the toner cartridge scrapes any toner left on the drum into a used toner receptacle, and a fluorescent lamp discharges any remaining charge on the imaging drum. (Remember that the drum, being photosensitive, loses its charge when exposed to light.)

[28.](#) C. Plasma displays place electrodes in front of and behind sealed chambers full of inert gas (such as neon) and vaporized mercury. Current is run through the gas to ionize it and cause it to light up.

[29.](#) B. The audio connector on the front or top panel will use a round, 3.5mm connector. You can plug speakers or headphones into it.

[30.](#) D. With most dual-channel motherboards, RAM will work just fine if one module is installed. However, you will get better performance if you fill the entire bank.

[31.](#) D. There are four major versions of PCIe currently specified: 1.x, 2.x, 3.0, and 4.0. For the four versions, a single omnidirectional lane operates at a data rate of 250MBps, 500MBps, approximately 1GBps, and roughly 2GBps, respectively.

[32.](#) A, D. When installing or replacing a power supply, always make sure that it has enough wattage to power the components in the computer. In addition, it should have enough connectors to connect to all the components that require their own power. Dual rail and dual voltage are optional features.

[33.](#) D. Double-sided memory has chips on both sides of the RAM module instead of just on one side. It allows for doubling the amount of RAM on the module, so you get twice as much memory on one stick.

[34.](#) A, B. Faster hard drives transfer more data than slower hard drives, but there is no specific correlation between hard drive speed and its lifespan. The downsides to faster hard drives can be increased battery usage and heat production.

[35.](#) A, B. PCI expansion buses operate at 33MHz or 66MHz (version 2.1) over a 32-bit (4-byte) channel, resulting in data rates of 133MBps and 266MBps, respectively, with 133MBps being the most common, server architectures excluded.

[36.](#) C. Print servers need to have the appropriate drivers for all operating systems that will be clients. It's possible that this print server does not have the Mac driver installed.

[37.](#) D. A privacy filter is a panel that fits over the front of a display and, through a polarization affect, intentionally limits the viewing angle of the monitor.

[38.](#) B. The connector shown is USB Type B. It will plug into the USB peripheral device and is commonly used by printers.

[39.](#) B. Most digital monitors have a native resolution, which is a single, fixed resolution that they support. Attempting to change the resolution may result in distorted images, or the image may not display at all.

[40.](#) B, C. Liquid cooling systems are generally quieter than air-based systems that use fans, and they are more efficient at cooling the processor. However, they are more complex to install, and if the liquid were to leak out, that could cause damage to internal components.

[41.](#) C, D. Impact printers create images by impacting the paper, which can wear down the print head. Always check that. Also, impact printers most often use tractor feed mechanisms to load the paper, and they can wear down as well.

[42.](#) C. PCIe uses lanes. Each lane between any two intercommunicating devices comprises a separate pair of wires for both directions of traffic, which dramatically increases speed.

[43.](#) A. A thin client is any machine that divests itself of all or most local storage and varying levels of RAM and processing power without necessarily giving up all ability to process instructions and data.

[44.](#) C. The reset button, usually located on the front or top panel, allows a user to reboot the computer from a cold startup

point without removing power from the components. This can be particularly helpful for dealing with software lockups.

[45.](#) B. The two most popular methods of manufacturing LCD panels are twisted nematic (TN) and in-plane switching (IPS). Of the two, IPS is regarded as having the best color representation in all angles, while TN is faster and less expensive. LED and plasma are not types of LCD panels.

[46.](#) B, C. A home server PC should be able to handle media streaming, as well as file and printer sharing. A dedicated print server is not likely needed, though, as the operating system can function as a print server. A gigabit NIC will be helpful to manage the network traffic, and a RAID array can help protect against hard drive failure.

[47.](#) B. The x8 card won't completely fill the x16 slot, but it will work at x8 speeds of up- plugging is supported by the motherboard. Otherwise, the specification requires up-plugged devices to operate at only the x1 rate.

[48.](#) B. Secure Boot is an option enabled in system firmware. BIOS is not technically advanced enough to manage Secure Boot, but its successor UEFI is.

[49.](#) A. DDR has 184 pins, DDR2 and DDR 3 have 240 pins, and SODIMMs can have 72, 100, 144, 200, or 204 pins.

[50.](#) D. Hyperthreading-capable processors appear to the operating system to be two processors. As a result, the operating system can schedule two processes at the same time on the same physical core.

[51.](#) A. Dot-matrix printers are impact printers and typically require paper that always feeds at a consistent rate. To achieve this, the paper will have holes on the outside edges, which is fed into the printer using a tractor feed mechanism.

[52.](#) D. Embedded MultiMediaCard (eMMC) can be permanently embedded on the circuit board of a cheaper or smaller mobile device. All of the other flash memory standards, such as CompactFlash, xD, miniMMC, and microMMC are designed to be removable.

[53.](#) A. ATX motherboards are common in desktop computers and measure 12" × 9.6". They are the largest motherboards commonly used in personal computers today.

[54.](#) C. The motor that makes the print head carriage move is also often called the carriage motor or carriage stepper motor. It has a belt attached to it, the carriage belt, which moves the print head carriage back and forth.

[55.](#) A, D. For an audio/video editing workstation, you should maximize the audio and video capabilities, including having at least two large monitors. Videos also take a lot of disk space, so significant storage space is required.

[56.](#) A, D. Intel's Virtualization Technology (Intel VT) is needed to support virtualization. It's enabled in the BIOS, not the operating system.

[57.](#) A. Graphic design (or CAD/CAM) workstations require solid CPU power, RAM, and a high-end video card. Hard drive storage is the least important upgrade for these types of users.

[58.](#) C. The most common analog video connector is a VGA connector.

[59.](#) A. Refresh rate defines the vertical scan frequency of a monitor and determines how many times, in one second, an image can be redrawn on the screen. Many LCD monitors have a fixed refresh rate.

[60.](#) D. Thunderbolt v1 and v2 both provide 20Gbps of data bandwidth. In addition, Thunderbolt ports power the attached peripherals with 18V and 9.9W of power.

[61.](#) B. The fuser heats up to approximately 350° Fahrenheit. Do not touch it as it will cause burns!

[62.](#) B. A standard thick client is not really a custom configuration; it's the standard configuration on which custom configurations are based. In other words, a thick client is a standard client computer system.

[63.](#) C. The order of steps is processing, charging, exposing, developing, transferring, fusing, and cleaning.



[64.](#) B, C. PCI slots and adapters are manufactured in 3.3V and 5V versions. Adapters are keyed to fit in a slot based on their voltage requirements. Universal adapters are keyed to fit in slots based on either of the two voltages.

[65.](#) A. Trusted Platform Module (TPM) is an international standard for a dedicated security coprocessor, or cryptoprocessor. Coupled with a BIOS, it can be configured to boot the system only after authenticating the boot device.

[66.](#) A. The transfer corona assembly is given a high-voltage charge, which is transferred to the paper, which in turn pulls the toner from the photosensitive imaging drum.

[67.](#) C. This is an eight-pin PCIe connector. They also come in 6-pin configurations.

[68.](#) D. After installing a new printer, it's good practice to print a test page to ensure functionality.

[69.](#) B. The high-voltage power supply (HVPS) provides the high voltages used by both the charging corona and the transfer corona during the laser printing process.

[70.](#) D. Wi-Fi (802.11a, b, g, n, or ac) and Bluetooth can be used to connect a printer temporarily to a single computer (or mobile device), and the connection does not have permanent status. This type of configuration is known as an ad hoc network connection. When Wi-Fi is used to connect printers to a network on a more permanent basis, it is known as infrastructure mode.

[71.](#) C. PCI-X version 2.0 introduced the current maximum bus speed, 533MHz. With an 8-byte (64-bit) bus, this translates to maximum throughput of 4266MBps, roughly 4.3GBps.

[72.](#) D. The power-on-self-test (POST) is a series of system checks performed by the system BIOS. Checking the system memory is part of the POST routine.

[73.](#) C. RAID 10 (also known as RAID 1+0) provides fault tolerance to RAID 0 through the RAID 1 mirroring of each disk in the RAID 0 striped set. It requires four hard disks.



[74.](#) C. The image is of a SATA connector, commonly used for internal hard drives.

[75.](#) A. MiniSD and microSD cards are smaller than standard SD memory cards. Adapters are available to allow them to work in standard SD slots.

[76.](#) A. There are two backlight technologies for LCD monitors: LED and fluorescent. Of the two, LED produces higher-quality images. OLED and plasma are display technologies, not backlight technologies.

[77.](#) A. The Northbridge is responsible for managing high-speed peripheral communications. The Southbridge manages slower onboard peripherals. There is no Eastbridge or Westbridge in a motherboard chipset.

[78.](#) C. To use a second monitor on a desktop computer, you need to install a second video adapter or have one video adapter with two monitor interfaces. Laptops often have an external monitor interface and are capable of providing video to the built-in screen and an external monitor at the same time.

[79.](#) B, C. Buffered memory modules include specialized chips that act as buffers for signals from the memory controller. By buffering these signals, the electrical load placed on the controller is reduced because the memory controller communicates in series with the register, instead of in parallel with the memory chips. The register performs the parallel communication with the chips.

[80.](#) A. That capacity of module might not have been in existence when the motherboard's chipset was released. Sometimes flashing the BIOS is all that is required.

[81.](#) C. A modem allows computers to connect to a remote network (such as an ISP) via telephone lines. Modems were the most common Internet connection method in the 1990s but are uncommon today. NICs are expansion cards for network connections. USB and cellular are not expansion cards. Other types of expansion cards include video cards, sound cards, storage cards, TV tuner cards, and riser cards.

[82.](#) B, C. Touch screens, KVM switches, smart TVs, and set-top boxes are capable of both input and output. Digitizers are input devices, and printers are output devices. Multifunctional printers that have a scanner included can be classified as input and output devices, but a plain printer is output only.

[83.](#) A. DDR2 and DDR3 memory slots are both keyed, but the keys are in different places. Therefore, the memory will not fit into the slots on the motherboard.

[84.](#) C. During the transferring step, the positively charged paper pulls the negatively charged toner from the photosensitive drum at the line of contact between the roller and the paper.

[85.](#) C. The communications between the CPU and memory occur over what is known as the frontside bus (FSB), which is just a set of signal pathways connecting the CPU and main memory.

[86.](#) B. The user wants to make sure that the collate option is set properly. It will let her select whether she wants it to print pages in order (1, 2, 3. . . 1, 2, 3. . . and so on) or multiple copies of the same page at once (1, 1, 1. . . 2, 2, 2. . . and so forth). Other options you can often set up in the printer configuration settings are duplexing (printing on the front and back), orientation (portrait or landscape), and print quality (such as draft or high resolution).

[87.](#) A. The term *aspect ratio* refers to the relationship between the horizontal and vertical pixel counts that a monitor can display. For example, for a display that supports 4:3 ratios, such as 1600×1200, if you divide the first number by 4 and multiply the result by 3, the product is equal to the second number. Additionally, if you divide the first number by the second number, the result is approximately 1.3, the same as  $4 \div 3$ .

[88.](#) D. Flashing the BIOS is the recommended way to upgrade a BIOS. It involves downloading the new BIOS and flashing software from the manufacturer and installing it on the computer. The worst-case scenario is replacing the motherboard (or in this case, the RAM, since that is what you upgraded).

[89.](#) A. CD-RW (re-writable compact disc) will be the least expensive of the optical solutions. In addition, CD-ROMs can store about 700MB to 900MB of data, depending on the standard used. This should be sufficient for the client.

[90.](#) C. A DVD-R double-sided dual-layer (DS, DL) will provide 17.1GB of storage. BD-R single-sided dual-layer (SS, DL) will also work in this case, providing 50GB of storage. (BD-R is a one-time recordable Blu-ray disc, and BD-RE is a re-recordable disc. Both have the same capacity.) A DVD-R SS, DL provides about 8.5GB of storage, and DVD-R DS, SL provides about 9.4GB of storage.

[91.](#) B. The connector shown is an RCA connector, which is often used for audio or video signals.

[92.](#) D. Lumens is the measure of brightness for a projector. For a well-lit business setting, you probably want a projector rated at 5,000–6,000 lumens.

[93.](#) C. Inkjet printers typically use a reservoir of ink (also known as an ink cartridge), a pump, and a nozzle to print images.

[94.](#) D. The number designation of 1600 in DDR3–1600 indicates an FSB speed of 1600MHz. To find the throughput, multiply the FSB speed by 8.

[95.](#) A. The refresh rate for plasma displays has always been in the 600Hz range, which is 10 times the standard refresh rate of 60Hz, thus ensuring fluid video motion. The result is a display that produces the state of the art in video motion fluidity.

[96.](#) C. DDR2, using a 100MHz actual clock, transfers data in four operations per cycle (effective 400MHz FSB) and 8 bytes per operation, for a total of 3200MBps. DDR2 calls these modules PC2–3200.

[97.](#) D. The connector pictured is a four-pin FireWire (IEEE1394) port on a laptop.

[98.](#) B. iPads and iPhones can automatically detect AirPrint-enabled printers on their local network and print to them without requiring the installation of a driver.

[99.](#) B. To communicate with other computers on a network, you need a network interface card (NIC). A wireless access point (WAP) is a wireless hub that many wireless devices communicate with, and WPA is a wireless security standard. A KVM switch allows you to have multiple systems attached to the same keyboard, video, and mouse. Other types of expansion cards (that could use the same slot as a NIC) include video cards, sound cards, storage cards, TV tuner cards, and riser cards.

[100.](#) D. A 1920×1200 resolution is a 16:10 aspect ratio. If you take the second number (1200) and multiply it by 1.6, you get 1920.

[101.](#) B. The printer driver uses a page-description language (PDL) to convert the data being printed into the format that the printer can understand. The driver also ensures that the printer is ready to print.

[102.](#) D. The power supply fan is used to cool the power supply. In addition, this fan draws air from inside the case into vents in the power supply. This pulls hot air through the power supply so that it can be blown out of the case.

[103.](#) A. A solid-state drive (SSD) is the best choice for a hard drive, when access speed is the most important characteristic. A conventional magnetic hard disk drive (HDD) is slower. Secure Digital (SD) is a memory card format, not a hard drive type. BD-R is a Blu-ray Disc format.

[104.](#) B. The Northbridge is responsible for managing high-speed peripheral communications. The Southbridge manages slower onboard peripherals such as PS/2, parallel, serial, and Serial ATA and Parallel ATA.

[105.](#) B. USB 1.0 supports 12Mbps, USB 2.0 supports 480Mbps, and USB 3.0 supports 5Gbps.

[106.](#) B. RAID 5 arrays require a minimum of three hard drives. Since the computer already has one, he therefore needs two more.

[107.](#) C. Any device that measures one or more physical or

behavioral features of an organism is considered a biometric device. Biometric devices include fingerprint scanners, retinal and iris scanners, voice recognition devices, facial recognition devices, and others.

[108.](#) A. A processor that exhibits a multicore architecture has multiple completely separate processor dies in the same package. The operating system and applications see multiple processors in the same way that they see multiple processors in separate sockets.

[109.](#) B. All are digital video disc (DVD) technologies. A single-sided, single-layer (SS, SL) DVD provides about 4.7GB of storage. A dual-sided (DS) disc will double that capacity to 9.4GB. Adding a second layer, or dual-layer (DL), adds more capacity, but the technology does not double the capacity of a single layer. A single-sided, dual-layer (SS, DL) disc has capacity of about 8.5GB.

[110.](#) D. Many power supplies have a two-position slider switch called a dual voltage switch. It can be set for 110–120V or 220–240V, depending on what local power specifications are.

[111.](#) D. MicroATX motherboards are a 9.6" square, and mini-ITX motherboards are a 6.7" square. Pico-ITX motherboards are 3.9" × 2.8", and mobile-ITX motherboards are 2.4" square.

[112.](#) B, C. Daisy-wheel and dot-matrix printers use print heads that strike an ink ribbon, which presses up against the paper to make an image. Therefore, they are impact printers. Laser printers use a drum to create the image, and thermal printers use heat.

[113.](#) B. OLEDs create the image in an OLED display and supply the light source, so there is no need for a backlight with its additional power and space requirements, unlike in the case of LCD or plasma panels.

[114.](#) A. Although serial might sound slower than parallel, modern technology has made the serial bus much faster than parallel bus systems.

[115.](#) D. Only the most recently used data and code or that which

is expected to be used next is stored in cache. Cache is much smaller and faster than RAM.

[116.](#) A, B. Sockets that support Intel processors are currently named starting with the letters LGA, such as LGA1156 and LGA2011. Socket names that start with AM or FM will support AMD processors and not Intel processors.

[117.](#) B. A standard hard disk drive (HDD) will provide her with the highest capacity of the four options and also give her immediate access. A solid-state drive (SSD) is fast but does not have as much capacity. Secure Digital (SD) is a memory card format and does not offer the capacity or immediacy she needs. BD-R is a Blu-ray Disc format. It has good storage capabilities, but not the immediacy for editing.

[118.](#) A, C. A home theater PC (HTPC) needs to maximize the audio and video experience. It won't do a lot of processing or data management, so an upgraded processor or RAM is unneeded. Install a great sound card, a video card with multiple HDMI outputs, and a TV tuner card. (HDMI is capable of supporting 7.1 surround sound, so you may choose to buy one expansion card capable of handling both functions.) Some HTPCs come in a compact form factor, which is just a small case.

[119.](#) B, C. Digital monitors will have a digital interface, such as DVI-D, HDMI, or miniHDMI. Composite connectors are rarely used on monitors, and VGA is analog, not digital.

[120.](#) D. There is no need for laptops with LED displays to convert the DC power coming into the laptop to the AC needed to power traditional fluorescent backlights because LEDs operate on DC power just like the rest of the laptop. Therefore, systems with LED backlights have no inverter board.

[121.](#) A, B, D. The four virtual printing options are print to file, print to PDF, print to XPS, and print to image.

[122.](#) B. There are four major versions of PCIe currently specified: 1.x, 2.x, 3.0, and 4.0. For the four versions, a single omnidirectional lane operates at a data rate of 250MBps,

500MBps, approximately 1GBps, and roughly 2GBps, respectively. A bidirectional slot doubles the data rate.

[123.](#) D. Laser printers incorporate a fuser assembly, which uses two rollers that apply pressure and heat to fuse the plastic toner particles to the paper.

[124.](#) A. During the charging step, the charging corona uses a high voltage to apply a strong, uniform negative charge (around –600VDC) to the surface of the imaging drum.

[125.](#) A. When installing dual-channel RAM, be sure that the RAM modules both have the same parameters. In some cases, you might even need to make sure they come from the same manufacturer.

[126.](#) D. Carriage motors are components in inkjet printers. Laser printer components include a fuser assembly, imaging drum, transfer belt, transfer roller, pickup roller, separator pads, and a duplexing assembly.

[127.](#) A. Laser printer uses various high-voltage biases inside the case, and high voltages can create ozone.

[128.](#) D. The purpose of a KVM switch is to allow you to have multiple systems attached to the same keyboard, monitor, and mouse. You can use these three devices with only one system at a time, and the device will have a dial or buttons to allow you to switch between systems.

[129.](#) B. It sounds like this printer needs to manage its own print jobs; therefore, it probably needs to be its own print server. Installing an integrated print server with a network connection will probably do the trick.

[130.](#) B. Clean pickup rollers (and other rubber rollers) with mild soap and water and not alcohol. Alcohol can dry out the rollers, making them brittle and ineffective. A dry cloth will not remove the dirt or debris, and compressed air would just blow the debris into other internal printer components.

[131.](#) D. During the developing step, toner is attracted to areas of the drum where an image has been written by the laser. Those areas have a slight negative charge (–100VDC) as opposed to



unexposed areas of the drum and the developing roller (which the toner is stuck to), which each have a charge of  $-600\text{VDC}$ .

[132.](#) C. The primary factor in determining data throughput for a magnetic hard drive is the spin rate. Higher spin rates will result in faster data reads and writes and increase data throughput.

[133.](#) B. LoJack, made by Absolute Software, allows you to remotely lock a computer if it has been stolen or compromised. It will also allow security teams to locate stolen laptops.

[134.](#) D. The white connector is a 20-pin ATX power connector. You will also see 24-pin versions, which have two rows of 12 pins each.

[135.](#) B. Motherboards support memory based on the speed of the frontside bus (or the CPU's QPI) and the memory's form factor. For example, if the motherboard's FSB is rated at a maximum speed of 1333MHz, you should install memory that is rated at 1333MHz.

[136.](#) C. To make information available to the rest of the computer more quickly, hard drive manufacturers increase the speed at which the hard drive platters spin.

[137.](#) A, B, C. The ATX, MicroATX, and mini-ITX motherboard form factors can all be mounted inside a standard ATX case. The mini-ITX will have only three of the four mounting holes line up with the case, but the rear interfaces are placed in the same location as those on ATX motherboards.

[138.](#) C. If memory supports ECC, check bits are generated and stored with the data. If one of the eight memory bits is in error, ECC can correct the error.

[139.](#) A, D. USB flash drives and SD cards are hot swappable. (In the case of USB, be sure that the flash drive does not contain key file system files needed for the computer to run!) Hybrid SSDs might or might not be hot swappable and are larger than USB and SD drives. PATA devices are generally not hot swappable.

[140.](#) C. This SLI-ready motherboard has three PCIe x16 slots



(every other slot, starting with the top one), one PCIe x1 slot (second slot from the top), and two PCI slots (first and third slots from the bottom). Notice the latch and tab that secures the x16 adapters in place by their hooks.

[141.](#) B, D. Dual-channel motherboards have two banks of two RAM slots. They are color coded such that the two slots of the same color belong to the same channel. Sometimes the like-colored slots are adjacent to each other, but other times they alternate. For optimal performance, fill one channel completely.

[142.](#) C. Install an application that provides support for printing to .pdf. Then, when the user opens the print window, they can choose the .pdf option.

[143.](#) A. The boot sequence of a computer is changed in the BIOS settings.

[144.](#) C, D. Typical front- or top-panel connectors include USB, audio, power button, power light, drive activity lights, and the reset button. Hard drives and optical disk players generally connect to the motherboard.

[145.](#) A. USB 3.0 has a cable length limitation of 3 meters. USB 2.0 cables can be up to 5 meters in length.

[146.](#) C. Printer firmware upgrades can offer newer features that are not available on previous versions.

[147.](#) D. PCI is a shared-bus topology, so mixing 33MHz and 66MHz adapters in a 66MHz system will slow all adapters to 33MHz.

[148.](#) B. In the exposing step, the image is written to the photosensitive imaging drum. Wherever the laser beam touches, the photosensitive drum's charge is severely reduced from  $-600\text{VDC}$  to a slight negative charge (around  $-100\text{VDC}$ ). As the drum rotates, a pattern of exposed areas is formed, representing the image to be printed.

[149.](#) D. Passive cooling systems come in a variety of models, and some are very effective. The defining characteristic is that they do not use a fan or require a power source.

[150.](#) B. Compact discs have a capacity of approximately 700MB. Other CD standards support capacities of 650MB, 800MB, and 900MB.

[151.](#) A, C. The BIOS configures many hardware components and settings, such as system date and time, boot sequence, enabling and disabling devices, clock speeds, virtualization support, and BIOS security.

[152.](#) B, C. 64-bit SODIMMs come in 144-pin SDR, 200-pin DDR and DDR2, and 204-pin DDR3 varieties. DDR DIMMs have 184 pins, and DDR2 and DDR3 DIMMS have 240 pins.

[153.](#) A. The typical increasing order of capacity and distance from the processor die is L1 cache, L2 cache, L3 cache, RAM, and HDD/SSD. Currently, there is no L4 cache.

[154.](#) A. The picture shows a 20-pin ATX connector, which provides the motherboard with power.

[155.](#) A, D. A pin grid array (PGA) socket has holes to receive the pins that are on the CPU. The land grid array (LGA) is a newer technology that places the delicate pins on the motherboard instead of on the CPU.

[156.](#) C. To calculate the FSB speed from the RAM module name, divide by 8. In this case, that makes the FSB 1333MHz (accounting for a bit of rounding).

[157.](#) C. Organic light-emitting diode (OLED) displays can be made to be flexible, whereas other displays cannot.

[158.](#) C. A duplexing assembly is used for two-sided printing. After the first page is printed, it's fed into the duplexing assembly, turned over, and fed back into the paper feed assembly.

[159.](#) C. The printer's logic circuitry and motors require low voltages, between +5VDC and +24VDC. The DC power supply (DCPS) converts house current into three voltages: +5VDC and -5VDC for the logic circuitry and +24VDC for the paper-transport motors. This component also runs the fan that cools the internal components of the printer.

[160.](#) D. The top module is DDR3, and the bottom one is DDR2. Both have 240 pins and a single keying notch. The DDR3 notch is off-center.

[161.](#) D. Never ship a printer anywhere with a toner cartridge installed! The jostling that happens during shipping could cause toner to spill out of the cartridge and all over the inside of the printer. Remove the toner cartridge first. You can put it in a sealed, airtight bag to ship if needed.

[162.](#) D. Linear Tape-Open is the newest and highest-capacity tape storage technology. LTO 7, released in 2015, has an uncompressed capacity of 6TB per tape. LTO 6 had an uncompressed capacity of 2.5TB. QIC tapes can often store around 1GB. DLT can store up to 800GB, and DAT can store up to 300GB.

[163.](#) A. Most internal video adapters today are PCIe cards. You might still find older PCI or AGP cards on the market as well. ISA is a legacy expansion slot type not used today. VGA and DVI are types of monitor connectors but not expansion slot types.

[164.](#) D. The order of steps is processing, charging, exposing, developing, transferring, fusing, and cleaning.

[165.](#) A, B. Apple created Bonjour and AirPrint.

[166.](#) D. Before you print to an inkjet printer, you must ensure that the device is calibrated. Calibration is the process by which a device is brought within functional specifications. For example, inkjet printers need their print heads aligned so that they print evenly and don't print funny-looking letters and unevenly spaced lines.

[167.](#) D. Desktop computers use dual inline memory modules (DIMMs), and laptops most commonly use small outline DIMMs (SODIMMs). Another potential laptop memory form factor is the MicroDIMM.

[168.](#) C. Thermal printers use a heating element. It heats up spots on special waxy, heat-sensitive paper to form the image.

[169.](#) A. When a laser printer requests maintenance, it's because it has reached a certain page count. Apply a proper maintenance

kit (one recommended by the manufacturer) and then clear the service message.

[170.](#) B. PCI-X slots are physically compatible with PCI adapters. Because all PCI-X slots support the 66MHz minimum clock rate, PCI-X slots are compatible with 66MHz PCI adapters.

[171.](#) C. There are dozens of peripherals on the computer market. Joysticks are used primarily to play video games. Barcode readers will scan item barcodes, such as items you purchase at a store. Motion sensors are usually associated with security systems. Smart TVs play television. Camcorders are another type of peripheral, used to record video.

## Chapter 2: Networking

1. B. Because bridges work at the Data Link layer, they are aware of only hardware (MAC) addresses. They are not aware of and do not deal with IP addresses. Bridges are more intelligent than repeaters, but they are unable to move data across multiple networks simultaneously.

2. B. An Ethernet splitter will take the incoming signal on two pairs and then split it, so on the output end it produces two sets of signals using two pairs each. Because of this, Ethernet splitters are limited to 100Mbps connections. It is not recommended that you use Ethernet splitters on a network. If you need to connect multiple computers using UTP, use a hub or a switch.

3. A. Cable testers are indispensable tools for any network technician. Usually you would use a cable tester before you install a cable to make sure it works. Of course, you can test them after they've been run as well.

4. C. Internet Message Access Protocol (IMAP) is a secure protocol designed to download email. It has several advantages over the older Post Office Protocol 3 (POP3). First, IMAP4 works in connected and disconnected modes. Second, it lets you store the email on the server, as opposed to POP3, which requires you to download it. Third, IMAP4 allows multiple clients to be simultaneously connected to the same inbox.

5. A. The Domain Name System (DNS) server is responsible for resolving host names, such as [www.google.com](http://www.google.com), to IP addresses to enable communication. If it's not working properly or you can't connect to it, you won't be able to browse the Internet using friendly website names.

6. C. Single-mode fiber (SMF) can provide data throughput rates of 10Gbps at a distance of 40 kilometers.

7. B. RG-59 network cable can run for about 228 meters (750 feet). The slightly thicker RG-6 can run for about 304 meters (1,000 feet).

[8.](#) B. Secure Shell (SSH) can be used to set up a secure Telnet session for remote logins or for remotely executing programs and transferring files. Because it's secure, it was originally designed to be a replacement for the unsecure `telnet` command.

[9.](#) B, C. Switches and bridges work at Layer 2. Switches are multiport bridges.

[10.](#) B. Computers are able to differentiate where the network ID ends and the host address begins through the use of a subnet mask.

[11.](#) B. Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) guarantees packet delivery through the use of a virtual circuit and data acknowledgments, and User Datagram Protocol (UDP) does not. Because of this, TCP is often referred to as connection oriented, whereas UDP is connectionless.

[12.](#) D. Telnet lets users log into another machine and “see” the remote computer in a window on their screen. Although this vision is text only, the user can manage files on that remote machine just as if they were logged in locally.

[13.](#) C. A CIDR shorthand notation of /26 corresponds to the subnet mask 255.255.255.192.

[14.](#) C. 802.11g specifies a maximum of 54Mbps transmissions in the 2.4GHz frequency range.

[15.](#) C. Server Message Block (SMB) is a protocol used to provide shared access to files, printers, and other network resources. In a way, it functions a bit like FTP only with a few more options, such as the ability to connect to printers, and more management commands.

[16.](#) C. Telnet lets users log into another machine and “see” the remote computer in a window on their screen. Although this vision is text only, the user can manage files on that remote machine just as if they were logged in locally. Telnet uses port 23.

[17.](#) D. A wireless locator or a Wi-Fi analyzer can be either a handheld hardware device or specialized software that is

installed on a laptop and whose purpose is to detect and analyze Wi-Fi signals. It can detect where signals are strong or weak to determine whether there are potential security issues.

[18.](#) C. Internet traffic is not encrypted by default. Websites that are secure and encrypt their transmissions will start with `HTTPS://` rather than `HTTP://`. These sites can be trusted to encrypt the data, and their identity is verified.

[19.](#) A. The main Internet layer protocol is Internet Protocol (IP), and it's the workhorse of TCP/IP. Another key protocol at this layer is Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP), which is responsible for delivering error messages. If you're familiar with the ping utility, you'll know that it utilizes ICMP to send and receive packets.

[20.](#) C. There are three types of addresses in IPv6: unicast, anycast, and multicast. A unicast address identifies a single node on the network. An anycast address refers to one that has been assigned to multiple nodes. A multicast address is one used by multiple hosts.

[21.](#) A. Of the wireless encryption methods listed, WPA2 is the newest and most secure. Some routers offer WPA2 Enterprise, which is a great choice as well.

[22.](#) B. A wide area network (WAN) covers large geographical areas and often supports thousands of users.

[23.](#) A. Developed by Microsoft, the Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP) allows users to connect to remote computers and run programs on them. When you use RDP, you see the desktop of the computer you've signed into on your screen. It's like you're really there, even though you're not.

[24.](#) B. Secure Shell (SSH) can be used to set up a secure Telnet session for remote logins or for remotely executing programs and transferring files. SSH uses port 22.

[25.](#) A. Private IP addresses are not routable on the Internet. The private IP address range for class A networks is 10.0.0.0/8.

[26.](#) D. One of the key features of routers is that they break up broadcast domains. Broadcast traffic on one side of the router

will not get passed to the other side, which greatly reduces network traffic.

[27.](#) C. A loopback plug is for testing the ability of a network adapter to send and receive. The plug gets plugged into the NIC, and then a loopback test is performed using troubleshooting software. You can then tell whether the card is working properly.

[28.](#) D. UTP cables are limited to 100 meters, so CAT5 and CAT7 will not work. You need fiber, and multimode fiber (MMF) can span distances of 300 meters.

[29.](#) C, D. Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP, port 25), Post Office Protocol 3 (POP3, port 110), and Internet Message Access Protocol (IMAP, port 143) are all email protocols. SMTP is for sending email. POP3 and IMAP are for downloading email.

[30.](#) A. Fiber-optic cabling uses pulses of light instead of electric voltages to transmit data, so it is immune to electrical interference and to wiretapping.

[31.](#) D. Routers operate at the Network layer (Layer 3) of the OSI model. Because of this, they make their decisions on what to do with traffic based on logical addresses, such as an IP address.

[32.](#) C. A firewall is a hardware or software solution that serves as your network's security guard. Firewalls can protect you in two ways: they protect your network resources from hackers lurking in the dark corners of the Internet, and they can simultaneously prevent computers on your network from accessing undesirable content on the Internet.

[33.](#) D. The default gateway is the address to the network's router, which will allow the host to communicate with hosts not on the local network.

[34.](#) D. The Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP) allows users to connect to remote computers and run programs on them. It uses port 3389.

[35.](#) A. F-connectors are threaded and screw into place. The BNC connector locks by twisting one-quarter turn. SC and ST connectors are for fiber-optic cable.



- [36.](#) C. A personal area network (PAN) is a small-scale network designed around one person within a limited boundary area. The term generally refers to networks that use Bluetooth technology.
- [37.](#) B. The connectors pictured are BNC connectors. They are identifiable by their groove-and-notch fastening mechanism that locks by twisting one-quarter turn. F-connectors are easily identifiable because they are threaded. SC and ST connectors are for fiber-optic cable.
- [38.](#) D. At the Internet layer of TCP/IP, Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) resolves logical IP addresses to physical MAC addresses built into network cards. Reverse ARP (RARP) resolves MAC addresses to IP addresses.
- [39.](#) C. The 169.254.0.0/16 range in IPv4 is the APIPA range, used for automatic configuration if the host can't locate a DHCP server. The same task in IPv6 is accomplished with a link local address in the FE80::/10 range.
- [40.](#) D. The connectors are a four-pin RJ-11, typically used for telephone installations, and an eight-pin RJ-45 connector, used on UTP and STP for network transmissions.
- [41.](#) D. Universal Plug and Play (UPnP) is a standard designed to simplify the process of connecting devices to a network and to enable those devices to automatically announce their presence to other devices on the network.
- [42.](#) A, C. Addresses in the FE80::/10 range are link local unicast addresses. A link local address is assigned to each IPv6 interface but is not routable on the Internet. If this is the only address the host has, it will not be able to get on the Internet.
- [43.](#) C. The connector shown is a type of mini form factor (MFF) fiber-optic connector called a local connector (LC). It's especially popular for use with Fibre-Channel adapters, fast storage area networks, and Gigabit Ethernet adapters.
- [44.](#) A. The File Transfer Protocol (FTP) is optimized for downloading files from servers. It uses port 21.
- [45.](#) D. The Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) is a

directory services protocol based on the X.500 standard. LDAP is designed to access information stored in an information directory typically known as an LDAP directory or LDAP database. This often includes employee phone numbers and email addresses.

[46.](#) B. The default subnet mask for class B networks is 255.255.0.0, or written in shorthand, /16.

[47.](#) D. If you're working on a larger network installation, you might use a punchdown tool. It's not a testing tool but one that allows you to connect (that is, punch down) the exposed ends of a wire into wiring harnesses, such as a 110 block.

[48.](#) C. Fiber-optic broadband Internet offers fast speeds (often in the 1Gbps range) but is also the most expensive.

[49.](#) A. The correct order for a T568B cable is white/orange, orange, white/green, blue, white/blue, green, white/brown, brown.

[50.](#) A. Cable television installations typically use either RG-6 or RG-59 cable. RG-6 is slightly thicker, can run longer distances, and supports digital signals. RG-59 is suited only for analog TV signals.

[51.](#) C. Server Message Block (SMB) is a protocol used to provide shared access to files, printers, and other network resources. It uses TCP ports 137–139 and 445.

[52.](#) A, C. Each IPv6 interface can and often does have multiple addresses assigned to it. IPv6 is backward compatible with IPv4.

[53.](#) B, C. A hub is a device used to link several computers together. Hubs are simple devices that possess no real intelligence, and they work at Layer 1 of the OSI model. Extenders simply allow a signal to propagate for a longer distance, and they also work at Layer 1. Switches are Layer 2 devices, and routers work at Layer 3.

[54.](#) D. RG-6 and RG-59 can, in many cases, be used interchangeably. RG-6 is a better choice because it supports digital signals and has a longer range (304 meters or 1,000 feet). RG-59 can run up to 228 meters (750 feet). Both have

impedance of 75 ohms, and both use BNC connectors or F-connectors.

[55.](#) A, D. Multimode fiber and UTP CAT6 and newer support 10Gbps transmission speeds.

[56.](#) B. The Apple Filing Protocol (AFP) was developed by Apple as a file transfer protocol similar to FTP and Server Message Block (SMB). It was the default file transfer protocol on Mac OS until Apple changed to SMB2 in 2013.

[57.](#) B. 127.0.0.7 is the loopback address, used to ping the local network interface. The IPv6 equivalent is ::1.

[58.](#) B. Port triggering allows traffic to enter the network on a specific port after a computer makes an outbound request on that specific port. For example, if a computer on your internal network makes an outbound Telnet request (port 23), subsequent inbound traffic destined for the originating computer on port 23 would be allowed through.

[59.](#) D. If you need to trace a wire in a wall from one location to another, a tone generator and probe is the right tool to use. It consists of two pieces: a tone generator and a probe. To use it, attach one end to one end of the cable, such as the end at the computer. Then go to the patch panel with the other end of the probe to locate the cable. These are lifesavers when the cables are not properly labeled.

[60.](#) B. Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) dynamically assigns IP addresses and other IP configuration information to network clients.

[61.](#) D. Shielded twisted pair (STP) cabling has a foil shield surrounding the wire pairs to decrease electrical interference. Some STP cables also shield individual wire pairs. Unshielded twisted pair (UTP) does not have the shielding. Both types use RJ-45 connectors, can follow the T568A wiring standard, and can be produced as plenum-rated cable that does not produce poisonous gas when burned.

[62.](#) D. The connectors shown are ST connectors, which are used with fiber-optic cable. ST connectors are the most popular fiber

connector, and they attach with a BNC-like locking mechanism.

[63.](#) B. Switches work at Layer 2 as do bridges, and they provide centralized connectivity just like hubs. Switches examine the Layer 2 header of the incoming packet and forward it properly to the right port and only that port. Switches are multiport bridges.

[64.](#) B. Email is pushed from clients to servers using the Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP). SMTP uses port 25.

[65.](#) C. Of the Wi-Fi standards, 802.11n has the longest range by default, at roughly 70 meters indoors and 250 meters outdoors. 802.11ac is newer and faster than 802.11n, but it transmits exclusively in the 5GHz range, which restricts its functional distance.

[66.](#) C. Multimeters are versatile electronic measuring tools. A multimeter can measure voltage, current, and resistance on a wire.

[67.](#) A. Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) gathers and manages network performance information. A management device called an SNMP server can be set up to collect data from these devices (called agents) and ensure that your network is operating properly.

[68.](#) C. One of the two most popular broadband choices for home use is Digital Subscriber Line (DSL). It utilizes existing phone lines and provides fairly reliable high-speed access. Most DSL subscriptions are asymmetrical, meaning they offer faster download speeds than upload speeds.

[69.](#) B. Wi-Fi Protected Access (WPA) was the first Wi-Fi encryption standard to implement the use of the Temporal Key Integrity Protocol (TKIP). Whereas WEP used a static 40- or 128-bit key, TKIP uses a 128-bit dynamic per-packet key. It generates a new key for each packet sent.

[70.](#) C. When setting up wireless access points, it's good practice to have their ranges overlap to ensure there is no loss of communication when roaming in the network's area. However, to avoid problems, it's best to set up the access points with

nonoverlapping channels.

[71.](#) A. Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP), Post Office Protocol 3 (POP3), and Internet Message Access Protocol (IMAP) are all email protocols. SMTP is for sending email. POP3 and IMAP are for downloading email.

[72.](#) A. Ethernet over power can make Ethernet connections by using electrical outlets. For it to work, both devices must be on the same electrical circuit.

[73.](#) B. The 802.11g standard has an indoor range of approximately 40 meters. At a minimum, you will need three access points. Depending on coverage and indoor interference, such as thick walls, you might need more, though.

[74.](#) D. The cable can be any of the three major types, coaxial, twisted pair, or fiber, but it needs to be plenum rated. Normal cables have a PVC coating, which produces a poisonous gas when burned. Plenum-rated cables have a Teflon coating, which is not toxic when burned.

[75.](#) B. Power over Ethernet (PoE) allows you to power an Ethernet device (such as a switch) through one of the Ethernet ports. For it to work, the access point and the device it plugs into both need to support PoE.

[76.](#) C. The private IP address ranges are 10.0.0.0/8, 172.16.0.0/12, and 192.168.0.0/16. The address 172.168.38.155 is outside the private IP address range and is a public address.

[77.](#) A. Quality of Service (QoS) is a strategy that allows an administrator to control resources to maintain a certain service level. By using QoS, an administrator can set different priorities for one or more types of network traffic based on different applications, data flows, or users.

[78.](#) D. To encrypt traffic between a web server and client securely, Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure (HTTPS) can be used. HTTPS connections are secured using either Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) or Transport Layer Security (TLS). HTTPS uses port 443.

[79.](#) D. 802.11b/g transmit in the 2.4GHz frequency, as does

802.11n, so they are compatible. The newer 802.11ac is a 5GHz standard and therefore is not backward compatible with 802.11b/g. 802.11r is not a standard related to Wi-Fi speed and is not in the A+ test objectives.

[80.](#) D. Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) is a digital, point-to-point network capable of maximum transmission speeds of about 2Mbps, although speeds of 128Kbps are more common.

[81.](#) D. Networks that are larger than a LAN but confined to a relatively small geographical area are metropolitan area networks (MANs). A MAN is generally defined as a network that spans a city or a large campus.

[82.](#) B. The connector shown is a subscriber connector (SC), also known as a square connector because of its shape. It's a fiber-optic cable connector.

[83.](#) B. CAT5e cable can support speeds of 1Gbps. CAT5 has a maximum of 100Mbps. CAT6 and newer can support 10Gbps, but no UTP cabling can currently support 20Gbps.

[84.](#) A. A subnet mask of 255.255.224.0 has eight bits in each of the first two octets set to on, and it has three bits in the third octet on. Therefore, it corresponds to /19 in shorthand.

[85.](#) B. To communicate on an IPv4 network, a host must be configured with a valid IP address and a subnet mask. A default gateway is needed only if the host will connect to a remote network. DNS servers are optional but useful, because they resolve host names to IP addresses.

[86.](#) A. Common Internet File System (CIFS) is a Microsoft-developed enhancement of the SMB protocol, which was also developed by Microsoft. The intent behind CIFS is that it can be used to share files and printers between computers, regardless of the operating system that they run. It's been the default file and print sharing protocol on Windows-based computers since Windows 2000.

[87.](#) D. All hosts on a network must have a unique IP address. The subnet mask should be the same for all computers on a

local network. The network ID can't be set to all 1s; otherwise, it replicates the subnet mask. Default gateways, or router address, are needed only if hosts will communicate with hosts outside their local network.

[88.](#) D. Wired Equivalent Privacy (WEP) was one of the first security standards for wireless devices. It uses a static key; the keys are commonly 10, 26, or 58 hexadecimal characters long.

[89.](#) D. Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) is a noncritical service, so it uses UDP. It's assigned port 161. IMAP4 uses port 143.

[90.](#) B. Clients are unable to get to the DNS server, which resolves host names (or URLs) to IP addresses. DNS uses port 53.

[91.](#) D. Automatic Private IP Addressing (APIPA) is a TCP/IP standard used to configure automatically IP-based hosts that are unable to reach a DHCP server. APIPA addresses are in the 169.254.0.0/16 range. If you see a computer that has an IP address beginning with 169.254, you know that it has configured itself.

[92.](#) B. The BNC connector locks by twisting one-quarter turn. F-connectors are threaded and screw into place. SC and ST connectors are for fiber-optic cable.

[93.](#) C, D. If you are going to make a connection from hub to hub, switch to switch, hub to switch, or a computer directly to a router, you need a crossover cable. Otherwise, you need a regular patch cable.

[94.](#) B. The fastest modems produced had a data rate of 56Kbps. At the time, they were considered fast. Today, not so much.

[95.](#) A. F-connectors are threaded and screw into place. The BNC connector locks by twisting one-quarter turn. SC and ST connectors are for fiber-optic cable.

[96.](#) B. Cat 5 UTP can transmit data at speeds up to 100Mbps, for a distance of 100 meters.

[97.](#) C. Normal (unsecured) websites are accessed on port 80,



which is the port that Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) uses. Shut it down, and no one will be able to access web sites, except secure sites that use HTTPS, which is on port 443.

98. A. Most network cables are coated with a plastic PVC coating, which produces toxic gas when burned. Plenum-rated cables are coated with a Teflon-like material that is not poisonous when burned.

99. B. In a crossover cable, pin 1 to pin 3 and pin 2 to pin 6 are crossed on *one side of the cable only*. This is to get the “send” pins matched up with the “receive” pins on the other side, and vice versa.

100. D. The Domain Name System (DNS) is responsible for resolving host names to IP addresses. This is used millions of times daily on the Internet; when someone types in a website name, such as [www.sybex.com](http://www.sybex.com), DNS will resolve that to an IP address to enable communication.

101. D. Satellite Internet is not much like any other type of broadband connection. Instead of a cabled connection, it uses a satellite dish to receive data from an orbiting satellite and relay station that is connected to the Internet. Because it requires a clear line of sight between the transmitter and receiver, it can be referred to as “line of sight” wireless. For an installation far from civilization, it may be the only option.

102. C. The two host-to-host layer protocols are Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) and User Datagram Protocol (UDP). TCP guarantees packet delivery through the use of a virtual circuit and data acknowledgments, and UDP does not. Because of this, TCP is often referred to as connection oriented, whereas UDP is connectionless.

103. A. A local area network (LAN) is often defined as being contained in a single building, office, or home.

104. D. The Apple Filing Protocol (AFP) is a file transfer protocol developed by Apple. It uses port 548.

105. C, D. The only two Wi-Fi standards that provide greater than 100Mbps throughput are 802.11n and 802.11ac. The



802.11g standard has a maximum throughput of 54Mbps, and 802.11i is an encryption standard.

## Chapter 3: Mobile Devices

1. C. Smaller devices, such as tablets and phones, almost exclusively use LED backlighting, which is smaller and consumes less power than CCFLs.
2. B. Because of the much smaller space available for keys, some laptop keys are consolidated into special multifunction keys. These keys are accessed through the standard keys by using a special function (Fn) key. Video adjustments come in two varieties: changing the video output and dimming or brightening the screen. In this case, there is a large sun icon for brightening the screen. Some laptops will use a smaller sun to signify dimmer and a larger sun to signify brighter or plus and minus signs next to the suns or up and down arrows next to the suns. You may also see special function keys to turn network connections on or off or to play, fast forward, or rewind media.
3. A. Capacitive touch screens are a little less accurate than resistive touch screens but more responsive. They respond to changes in electrical current, and as such, the human fingertip works great as the facilitator of input.
4. C. Airplane mode turns off all wireless connections on the mobile device. It's common on phones and tablets, and some laptops have the feature as well.
5. A. Smart cameras have built-in wireless network connectivity for easy picture and video transfers. Many will include Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, and NFC.
6. B. Laptop processors generally are permanently attached to the motherboard. And motherboards are normally proprietary, meaning one from a certain model will not fit into a different case. Therefore, the best course of action is likely a laptop upgrade.
7. B. Because of the much smaller space available for keys, some laptop keys are consolidated into special multifunction keys. These keys are accessed through the standard keys by using a special function (Fn) key. Nearly every laptop has a

video connector on the back or the side to plug in an external monitor or a projector. You will need to use the video toggle key to get this external port to work.

[8.](#) C. A USB to Wi-Fi dongle will allow your computer to use that wireless network connection to get back up and running. Once you are on the network again, you can send the file. Replacing a network card on a laptop generally means replacing the entire motherboard. You can also get USB to Ethernet adapters for wired networking.

[9.](#) A. Most e-readers use a technology called electrophoretic ink, or E Ink, which is a proprietary type of electronic paper. Although E Ink is available in color, many consider its best applications to be in grayscales or pure black and white.

[10.](#) B. Tethering is connecting a device to a mobile hotspot. The term used to be reserved only for when you were connected via USB cable, as opposed to connecting via wireless. Some devices will not function as a mobile hotspot but will allow you to tether a mobile device to it with a USB cable so the mobile device can share the cellular Internet connection.

[11.](#) B. The built-in hardware keyboard was the BlackBerry's key defining feature; indeed, even as recently as 2014, BlackBerry was still releasing phones with physical keyboards to please their loyal buyers.

[12.](#) C. To physically secure your laptop, use a cable lock. Essentially, a cable lock anchors your device to a physical structure, making it nearly impossible for someone to walk off with it. LoJack is software that can help secure data but does not prevent physical theft. A protective cover will help protect your device from damage if it gets dropped (and some are waterproof too), but it won't stop someone from stealing it.

[13.](#) C, D. SSDs have several advantages over magnetic HDDs. They include faster startup and read times, less power consumption and heat produced, silent operation, and higher reliability because of lack of moving parts, and they are less susceptible to damage from physical shock and heat production.

[14.](#) A. The Video Electronics Standards Association (VESA) introduced DisplayPort in 2008. It was designed to be an industry standard and to replace VGA and DVI. It's also backward compatible with VGA and DVI by using adapters. A display port is intended to be for video devices only, but like HDMI and USB, it can transmit audio and video simultaneously.

[15.](#) C. ExpressCard version 2.0 devices have a maximum speed of 5.0Gbps, regardless of if they run in PCIe 2.0 or USB 3.0 mode.

[16.](#) C. A digitizer is a device that can be written or drawn on, and the content will be converted from analog input to digital images on the computer. Digitizers take input from a user's finger or a writing utensil, such as a stylus. Many touch screen devices have a digitizer built in to them.

[17.](#) D. Laptop motherboards are nearly always proprietary, meaning they are not interchangeable between manufacturers or even between models from the same manufacturer. When a laptop motherboard needs to be replaced, you most likely need a laptop motherboard from the same make and model.

[18.](#) B. Traditional magnetic hard drives will have greater capacity than SSD (which are a type of flash memory) or hybrid drives.

[19.](#) A. Near field communication (NFC) is a wireless technology that uses radio frequency (RF) signals with limited range, about 4" (10cm).

[20.](#) B, C. Webcams are nearly universal on laptops today. The most common placement is right above the display on the laptop. Microphones are also often built into the display, next to the webcam.

[21.](#) A. If you need to make mobile sales, you will need a credit card reader and an app to make the transactions. Many mobile credit card readers are small devices that plug into the speaker/headphone jack, like the PayPal Here shown here.

[22.](#) A. If you have a cellular-enabled device such as a

smartphone, you may be able to turn that phone into a mobile hotspot. By doing so, you can share your cellular Internet connection with Wi-Fi enabled devices such as a laptop or tablet.

[23.](#) D. Laptop motherboards are nearly always proprietary, meaning they are not interchangeable between manufacturers or even between models from the same manufacturer. When a laptop motherboard needs to be replaced, you most likely need a laptop motherboard from the same make and model.

[24.](#) A. LCD displays do not produce light, so to generate brightness, LCD displays have a backlight. A backlight is a small lamp placed behind, above, or to the side of an LCD display.

[25.](#) D. Mobile devices often make use of small form factor memory cards, such as Secure Digital (SD), miniSD, or microSD cards. Higher-capacity versions of these cards are SDHC, SDXC, miniSDHC, microSDHC, and microSDXC. The standard versions can hold up to 4GB in storage, HC up to 32GB, and XC up to 2TB.

[26.](#) C. Many companies choose to design their devices with a built-in micro USB or mini USB connector. Others modify the standard USB connector slightly, as Samsung has done with the connector for the S5 smartphone and other devices.

[27.](#) A. To save space, components of the video circuitry (and possibly other circuits as well) are placed on a thin circuit board that connects directly to the motherboard. This circuit board is often known as a riser card or a daughterboard.

[28.](#) C. A piconet is the name for a wireless Bluetooth network. Therefore, you need a USB to Bluetooth adapter.

[29.](#) B. A DC power adapter allows a user to plug the laptop into the DC power source (usually called an auxiliary power outlet) inside a car or on an airplane. AC power adapters are for plugging into standard wall outlets.

[30.](#) C. Mini PCIe cards running in PCIe 1.0 x1 mode have a maximum speed of 2.5Gbps. Mini PCIe cards running in USB 2.0 mode have a maximum speed of 480Mbps, and those

running in USB 3.0 or PCIe 2.0 x1 mode have a maximum speed of 5.0Gbps.

[31.](#) B. Common components to include in the display are the screen, Wi-Fi antenna, webcam, microphone, inverter, and digitizer.

[32.](#) B. A phablet is a device that blurs the line between a smartphone and a tablet. The term is not used much, but technically, a phablet is a smartphone with a display size between 5" and 7".

[33.](#) C. The Apple Watch uses Apple's WatchOS. Samsung watches use Tizen, Sony watches use Android Wear, and Pebble watches use Pebble OS.

[34.](#) C. Headsets are used for hands-free phone conversations and listening to music. Headsets can either plug into the speaker/headphone jack or be wireless. Most wireless headsets are Bluetooth.

[35.](#) A, B. You should choose an AC adapter rated for the same or higher wattage than the original. You must also pay special attention to the polarity of the plug that interfaces with the laptop. If the laptop requires the positive lead to be the center conductor, for instance, then you must take care not to reverse the polarity.

[36.](#) D. A docking station often replicates the functions of the ports on the back of a laptop so that peripherals such as monitors, keyboards, printers, and so on, that don't travel with the laptop can remain connected to the dock and don't all have to be unplugged physically each time the laptop is taken away.

[37.](#) C. A docking port is usually located on the bottom of the laptop to connect to a docking station. The docking station often replicates the functions of the ports on the back of a laptop so that peripherals such as monitors, keyboards, printers, and so on, that don't travel with the laptop can remain connected to the dock and don't all have to be unplugged physically each time the laptop is taken away.

[38.](#) D. As a rule of thumb, either you can access components

from the bottom of a laptop, such as the memory and Mini PCIe card, or you're going to need to remove the keyboard to access the components from the top.

[39.](#) A. Airplane mode turns off all wireless connections on the mobile device. It's common on phones and tablets, and some laptops have the feature as well.

[40.](#) A, B. Mobile devices often make use of small form factor memory cards, such as Secure Digital (SD), miniSD, or microSD cards. Higher-capacity versions of these cards are SDHC, SDXC, miniSDHC, microSDHC, and microSDXC. The standard versions can hold up to 4GB in storage, HC up to 32GB, and XC up to 2TB.

[41.](#) B. The iPhone 5 series and iPhone 6 series use a proprietary connector called the Lightning connector.

[42.](#) A. ExpressCard/34 cards can have a variety of functions. However, they are too small to support expansion options such as 1.8" disk drives, card readers, and CompactFlash readers. For those devices, you will need ExpressCard/54.

[43.](#) C. GPS systems were designed to require multiple satellites. Receivers use a process called triangulation, which they use to calculate the distance between themselves and the satellites (based on the time it takes to receive a signal) to determine their location. They require input from four satellites to provide location and elevation or three to provide location.

[44.](#) C. There are two types of LCD technologies listed in the exam objectives: TN and IPS. Twisted Nematic (TN) is the older of the two, and it is relatively inexpensive and low power. The issue with TN LCD screens is that when you start viewing them at wider angles, the picture quality suffers greatly. In-Plane Switching (IPS) LCD monitors provide better color representation as well as wider-angle viewing, but they tend to be a bit more expensive and have somewhat slower response times.

[45.](#) B. You need to stop the device first (this is good policy even for USB devices) using the Safely Remove Hardware icon in the

system tray (it looks like a card with a green arrow or green check over it, depending on your version of Windows). Highlight the device and click Stop. Once it's stopped, you can unplug it.

[46.](#) C. The Apple Watch uses WatchOS. It's similar to iOS (used on iPads and iPhones) but was developed specifically for the watch. Its features are similar to iOS, but it includes features more tailored toward a smaller device.

[47.](#) B. A Universal ExpressCard host slot is wide enough to fit either an ExpressCard/54 or an ExpressCard/34 adapter; both of them have 26-pin connectors. (Slots designed for an ExpressCard/34 device cannot accommodate its wider cousins.) Universal ExpressCard slots also appear to be able to accept a CardBus adapter, but the card inserts not even an inch before stopping on the internal guide that ensures correct ExpressCard/34 insertion.

[48.](#) D. The first version of Thunderbolt supported 10Gbps data rates, which is fast. Thunderbolt 2.0 joins two 10Gbps channels together for 20Gbps throughput.

[49.](#) B, C. Laptop hard drives will be one of two form factors (sizes): 1.8" or 2.5". Desktop computers have historically used 3.5" hard drives.

[50.](#) A. Mini PCIe cards running in PCIe 1.0 x1 mode have a maximum speed of 2.5Gbps. Mini PCIe cards running in USB 2.0 mode have a maximum speed of 480Mbps, and those running in USB 3.0 or PCIe 2.0 x1 mode have a maximum speed of 5.0Gbps.

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[52.](#) B. A fitness monitor is normally worn on the wrist, and it tracks a user's movements and heart rate. Some fitness monitors will be able to track sleep patterns and have a clock, alarm, and other features such as GPS. All fitness monitors



have the ability to sync to a device such as a smartphone, laptop, or desktop.

[53.](#) A. Near field communication (NFC) is a wireless technology that uses radio frequency (RF) signals with limited range, about 4" (10cm). To read an NFC tag in a poster, you would move your phone close to the tag, and the phone would generate a small RF field that would power the target. Data could then be read from the tag, which currently holds up to 8KB of data.

[54.](#) D. A good game controller can make your mobile device feel a bit more like a gaming console. Most of the game pads will look like standard console controllers and connect via Bluetooth.

[55.](#) D. Thunderbolt was developed by Apple as an offshoot of the DisplayPort technology. Apple added support for PCIe and launched it in 2011. In terms of versatility, it's really second only to USB. You will find video devices, hard drives (both HDD and SSD), printers, laptop docking stations, audio devices, and PCIe expansion enclosures that use Thunderbolt.

[56.](#) A. An ExpressCard/34 slot is only 34mm wide and will only accept a /34 card. There are no ExpressCard/22 cards or ExpressCard Universal cards (there is a universal slot), and the /54 card will be too wide to fit into the slot.

[57.](#) B. Near field communication (NFC) is a wireless technology that uses radio frequency (RF) signals with limited range, about 4" (10cm). NFC can operate in card emulation mode, which lets the device act as a smart card. This is useful for making payments at the site of a merchant who uses NFC.

[58.](#) C. The job of the inverter is to store and convert energy; they have the potential to discharge that energy. They can be dangerous to technicians, so be careful when working with them.

[59.](#) B. Many laptops use shared video memory, meaning that system RAM is divided up for use between the processor and the video card. On these types of systems, the amount of RAM available for video is configured in the BIOS. Anything reserved

for the video card is unavailable to the processor. In this case, subtracting half a gigabyte from 4GB leaves the CPU with 3.5GB.

[60.](#) D. Fitbit, Jawbone, Polar, Garmin, Basis, Misfit, Nike, and Withings are all popular fitness monitors. A fitness monitor is normally worn on the wrist, and it tracks a user's movements and heart rate. Some fitness monitors will be able to track sleep patterns and have a clock, alarm, and other features such as GPS. All fitness monitors have the ability to sync to a device such as a smartphone, laptop, or desktop.

[61.](#) C. DDR3 SODIMMs have 204 pins. DDR and DDR2 SODIMMs have 200 pins each, and older SDRAM has 144 pins.

[62.](#) A. The connector shown is the proprietary 30-pin Apple connector used by many iPods and iPhones up to the iPhone 4s.

[63.](#) A. A solid-state drive (SSD) uses the same memory technology found in other forms of flash memory. They are much faster than traditional magnetic drives or hybrid drives but generally don't have as much capacity.

[64.](#) A. When setting up a Bluetooth connection between a mobile device and an accessory, you will most often be required to connect the two devices logically in a process called pairing. Pairing is basically a discovery and authentication process that validates the communication link.

[65.](#) C. Tablet screen sizes typically fall anywhere between 7" and 12", although you can find much larger ones with 24" displays.

[66.](#) B. The two center connectors are Thunderbolt connectors. They have the characteristic lightning bolt icon. Thunderbolt is an offshoot of DisplayPort technology and supports many types of peripherals.

[67.](#) D. Google Glass is a mobile technology that uses augmented reality. It projects a display onto a lens a few inches from the user's face that is equivalent to looking at a 25" screen from about 8 feet away.

[68.](#) D. Laptops use either a fluorescent backlight (CCFL) or an

LED backlight. LED backlights typically do not need an inverter.

[69.](#) B. A USB to RJ-45 dongle will allow your computer to participate on a wired network, provided that the network uses twisted-pair cabling. You can also get USB to Ethernet adapters for wireless networking.

[70.](#) B. Mini PCIe cards come in two sizes. The full-size cards are similar in size to ExpressCard devices without the external cover, measuring 30mm wide and 51mm long. Half-size cards are 30mm wide and 27mm long.

[71.](#) C. Most laptops don't have internal expansion room, so it will be impossible to install an internal component where one never existed. The best bet is to use an external DVD burner and attach it via a USB port. A DB-15 port is for VGA (video monitor) connections.

[72.](#) C. Tablets are designed for mobile communication. As such, all tablets come equipped with Wi-Fi and Bluetooth, and many have cellular capabilities as well.

[73.](#) D. The iPhone 5 series and iPhone 6 series use a proprietary connector called the Lightning connector.

[74.](#) D. Many laptops use shared video memory, meaning that system RAM is divided up for use between the processor and the video card. On these types of systems, the amount of RAM available for video is configured in the BIOS.

[75.](#) D. Because of the much smaller space available for keys, some laptop keys are consolidated into special multifunction keys. These keys are accessed through the standard keys by using a special function (Fn) key. Nearly every laptop has a video connector on the back or the side to plug in an external monitor or a projector. You will need to use the video toggle key to get this external port to work. Usually there are three or four states: laptop only, external output only, duplicate, or extend the desktop (some models won't have extend the desktop).

[76.](#) A, B. Most laptop motherboards have integrated components to provide different functions. It is common to have video, audio, and wireless networking circuitry built into

the motherboard. Hard drives and memory are generally replaceable.

[77.](#) B, C. To combat heat, you can either slow the processor down (run it at a lower speed) or give it less juice (run it at a lower voltage). Most of the time, this is configured in the system BIOS. For example, many Intel processors have SpeedStep technology to slow the processor down to produce less heat, and they may also have adaptive thermal management.

[78.](#) C. If the integrated video card fails, you're looking at a motherboard replacement. Some laptops do have a replaceable video card. If it fails or if you choose to upgrade it, the procedure will probably resemble replacing system memory.

[79.](#) A. Mini PCIe cards use a 52-pin connector. Cards are 30mm wide.

[80.](#) B, C. Google Glass has a touchpad on the side of the device that lets users scroll through menus and make selections. Other inputs can be made by voice command through a microphone or other built-in sensors such as the accelerometer, gyroscope, magnetometer, proximity sensor, and ambient light sensor.

[81.](#) B, D. Of the wireless communication methods, infrared (IR) and near field communication (NFC) are the hardest to hack. IR communication is limited to about 1 meter, with a viewing angle of about 30 degrees. You would know if someone was trying to intercept the signal. NFC is limited to about 4" (10cm). It would be pretty obvious if someone were trying to intercept that signal.

[82.](#) C. There are two types of LCD technologies listed in the exam objectives: TN and IPS. Twisted Nematic (TN) is the older of the two, and it is relatively inexpensive and low power. The issue with TN LCD screens is that when you start viewing them at wider angles, the picture quality suffers greatly. In-Plane Switching (IPS) LCD monitors provide better color representation as well as wider-angle viewing, but they tend to be a bit more expensive and have somewhat slower response times.

[83.](#) A, D. Smart cameras have built-in wireless network connectivity for easy picture and video transfers. Many will include Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, and NFC.

[84.](#) B. The connector on the right is a USB mini connector.

[85.](#) D. If you are having problems with flickering screens or dimness, it's more likely that the inverter is the problem and not the backlight itself.

[86.](#) D. Infrared (IR) is a short-distance, line-of-sight, point-to-point communication method. It's usually used to transfer small amounts of data from one device to another. The maximum functional distance of IR in mobile devices is about 1 meter, with a viewing angle of about 30 degrees.

## Chapter 4: Hardware and Network Troubleshooting

[1.](#) D. Failure to boot at all likely means the drive is dead. But first, do your due diligence and reseal the connections and make sure that the BIOS recognizes the drive before replacing it. Most BIOSs today auto-detect the hard drive. If that auto-detection fails, it's bad news for the hard drive unless there's a cable, connection, or jumper issue. If the internal hard drive is indeed dead, you might be able to get by temporarily by plugging in one that's in an external enclosure.

[2.](#) B. The system BIOS contains the boot sequence for a system. Most systems probably boot to the first hard drive, but they can also be configured to boot from a secondary hard drive, the optical drive, or the network. This setting is configured in the BIOS.

[3.](#) D. If a laptop does not display any video, it could be the screen or the video card. To test it, plug in an external monitor (that you know works) and use the function keys on the laptop to switch to external video output. If that doesn't work, it's likely that the video card is defective.

[4.](#) A. Try cleaning the fan before replacing any parts. The power supply fan has a protective grid covering it, and you won't really be able to get to it with a computer vacuum or a damp cloth. Using compressed air to blow it out is your best option.

[5.](#) C. If the battery won't charge while the laptop is plugged in, try removing the battery and reinserting it. If it still won't charge, you might want to replace the battery.

[6.](#) B, C. When repairing laptops, you should always document and label screw and cable locations, organize parts, refer to manufacturer instructions, and use appropriate hand tools. Power screwdrivers can be used. In some cases, but not all, you might need to remove the keyboard to remove the motherboard. Refer to the manufacturer's instructions.

[7.](#) D. Every computer has a diagnostic program built into its basic input/output system (BIOS) called the power-on self-test (POST). When you turn on the computer, it executes this set of diagnostics. If the computer doesn't perform the POST as it should, one way to determine the source of a problem is to listen for a beep code. This is a series of beeps from the computer's speaker. A successful POST generally produces a single beep.

[8.](#) D. This computer is giving you a beep code during the POST routine. One way to troubleshoot this is to use a POST card. This is a circuit board that fits into an expansion slot (PCI or PCIe) in the motherboard and reports numeric codes as the boot process progresses. Each of those codes corresponds to a particular component being checked. If the POST card stops at a certain number, you can look up that number in the manual for the card to determine the problem.

[9.](#) A. When files are written to a hard drive, they're not always written contiguously or with all of the data in a single location. As a result, file data is spread out over the disk, and the time it takes to retrieve files from the disk increases. Defragmenting a disk involves analyzing the disk and then consolidating fragmented files and folders so that they occupy a contiguous space, thus increasing performance during file retrieval.

[10.](#) A. A rhythmic clicking sound can be made only by components with mechanical parts, such as a conventional hard drive. A power supply fan failure will usually result in a whining sound or no sound at all because the fan doesn't work, but it will not cause a system boot failure.

[11.](#) A. Vertical white lines running down all or part of the page is because of foreign matter (more than likely toner) caught on the transfer corona wire. The dirty spots keep the toner from being transmitted to the paper (at those locations, that is), with the result that streaks form as the paper progresses past the transfer corona wire. Clean the transfer corona wires.

[12.](#) A, C. Printer jams and creased paper happen when something prevents the paper from advancing through the

printer evenly. There are generally three causes of printer jams: an obstructed paper path, stripped drive gears, and using the wrong paper.

[13.](#) B. The most likely explanation is that the monitor is overheating. It could possibly be a backlight issue (if it's an LCD monitor), but backlights usually dim or flicker if they are failing.

[14.](#) C. This is most likely a problem with the power supply. Test it with a power supply tester or a multimeter.

[15.](#) C. The error message indicates that the printer does not detect the toner cartridge. That can happen if the toner cartridge isn't seated properly. Remove it and reinsert it, and the problem should go away.

[16.](#) B. If your printer fails to pick up paper, it could indicate that the pickup rollers are too worn. They press up against small rubber or cork patches known as separator pads. These help to keep the rest of the paper in the tray so that only one sheet gets picked up at a time. A pickup stepper motor turns the pickup rollers.

[17.](#) B. If your dot-matrix printer prints lines that go from dark to light as the print head moves across the page, it's the printer ribbon-advance gear slipping. Replace the mechanism.

[18.](#) C. It's recommended that no more than 30 or so client computers use one wireless access point (WAP) or wireless router. Any more than that can cause intermittent access problems.

[19.](#) C. If the CPU is overheating, it may be that the heat sink is not functioning properly or is not connected properly to the CPU. After the system cools down, try reseating the heat sink. Overclocking will only make the processor run hotter. If reseating the heat sink does not work, you might need to replace the processor.

[20.](#) A. Tools for locating Wi-Fi networks and analyzing their traffic are indispensable today. A wireless locator or a Wi-Fi analyzer can be either a handheld hardware device or



specialized software that is installed on a laptop and whose purpose is to detect and analyze Wi-Fi signals.

[21.](#) A. The `format` command is used to wipe data off disks and prepare them for new use. Before a hard disk can be formatted, it must have partitions created on it.

[22.](#) C. If you are using RAID 0 (disk striping), you actually have more points of failure than a single device, meaning that you're at a greater risk of failure versus using just one hard drive. One drive failure will cause the entire set to fail. To recover it, replace the failed disk and restore from backup.

[23.](#) C. If print jobs are processed very slowly or if you are continually seeing "low memory" error messages, it might be a good time to upgrade the memory in the printer.

[24.](#) C. If you are using RAID 0 (disk striping), you actually have more points of failure than a single device, meaning that you're at a greater risk of failure versus using just one hard drive. One drive failure will cause the entire set to fail.

[25.](#) D. A failing motherboard or CPU may cause continuous reboots. A POST card may be helpful in narrowing down the exact component that is faulty.

[26.](#) B. If jobs aren't printing and there's no apparent reason why, it could be that the print spooler has stalled. To fix the problem, you need to stop and restart the print spooler. This is done through your operating system.

[27.](#) C. With artifacts, no matter what you have on your screen, you can still see the outlines of a different image. That image has been "burned" into the monitor (sometimes simply referred to as *burn-in*) and isn't going away. The only solution is to replace the monitor.

[28.](#) D. As batteries get older, they are not able to hold as much of a charge, and in some cases, they are not able to hold a charge at all. It might be time for a new tablet.

[29.](#) A. A hard drive indicator that is constantly on is generally not a good sign; it could indicate that the hard drive is constantly busy or that the system is frozen, either of which is

bad. If the problem persists, it's likely a problem with the hard drive, and the drive should be replaced.

[30.](#) A. A crimper is a handy tool for helping you put connectors on the end of a cable. Most crimpers will be a combination tool that strips and snips wires as well as crimps the connector onto the end.

[31.](#) A. When you have multiple hard drives on the same controller, one needs to be set to master and the other to slave. Most drives today will do this automatically, but they have jumpers on them to configure this as well.

[32.](#) A, D. Every computer has a diagnostic program built into its basic input/output system (BIOS) called the power-on self-test (POST). When you turn on the computer, it executes this set of diagnostics. The steps include checking the CPU, checking the RAM, checking for the presence of a video card, and verifying basic hardware functionality. An error in the BIOS or one of the checked components can cause a beep code.

[33.](#) A. If the laptop is locked up, the only way to reboot it is with a hard boot. Although removing all the power sources would work, it's not necessary to do so. Simply hold down the power button for about five seconds, and the laptop will power off. If that does not work, then you might need to remove power sources.

[34.](#) C. Check the easy stuff first. It might seem silly, but be sure that the monitor is plugged in and powered on. Check to see if its power light is on.

[35.](#) B. If a mobile device is overheating, turn it off to let it cool down. It could be from overuse, or perhaps it was left in a hot environment or did not have proper ventilation.

[36.](#) A. A fairly common issue with the BIOS is when it fails to retain your computer's settings, such as time and date and hard drive configuration. The BIOS uses a small battery (much like a watch battery) on the motherboard to help it retain settings when the system power is off. If this battery fails, the BIOS won't retain its settings. Simply replace the battery to solve the

problem.

[37.](#) C. If the phone is really slow but isn't completely locked up, isolate the issue. Is it one app or overall performance? It could be that apps are running in the background and need to be closed. Shutting down those apps or powering the device off and then back on is a good step. You can also check to see how much memory is available. If it's one app giving you problems instead of the entire device, look for updates to the app, or delete and reinstall the app. Finally, if none of these steps works, perform a restore to factory settings. If the problems persist, it's time for a new device.

[38.](#) B, D. Ghosting is caused by one of two things: a broken cleaning blade or bad erasure lamps. A broken cleaning blade causes old toner to build up on the EP drum and consequently present itself in the next printed image. If the erasure lamps are bad, then the previous electrostatic discharges aren't completely wiped away. When the EP drum rotates toward the developing roller, some toner sticks to the slightly discharged areas.

[39.](#) A. If the laptop works while it's plugged in but not while it's on battery power, the battery itself may be the culprit. As batteries get older, they are not able to hold as much of a charge, and in some cases, they are not able to hold a charge at all.

[40.](#) C. With artifacts, no matter what you have on your screen, you can still see the outlines of a different image. That image has been "burned" into the monitor (sometimes simply referred to as *burn-in*) and isn't going away. The only solution is to replace the monitor.

[41.](#) D. When users are typing, their palm might rest on the touchpad, causing erratic pointer behavior. This is referred to as a ghost cursor because it seems like the cursor just randomly jumps all over the screen. The touchpad can be turned off through Control Panel.

[42.](#) D. If you smell an odd odor or see smoke coming from a computer, shut it down immediately. Open the case and start looking for visible signs of damage. Things to look for include

melted plastic components and burn marks on circuit boards. If components appear to be damaged, it's best to replace them before returning the computer to service.

[43.](#) D. One potential cause of intermittent device failures is chip creep, which happens when components such as expansion cards start to creep out of their socket. This can be caused by heating and cooling. Reseat the card (and screw it into the case!) and see whether that resolves the issue. If not, you may need to replace the sound card.

[44.](#) D. If overheating is persistent, you have a few options. The first is to test or replace the battery, as that's the most likely culprit. With mobile phones, though, the battery is not designed to be field replaceable. In this case, she may have to replace the device.

[45.](#) D. In a networked environment, users need the proper permissions both to install and to print to the printer. Not having permission will result in denied access.

[46.](#) D. Seeing incorrect colors is most likely a monitor issue, and you can always confirm it by switching monitors. On CRTs, you can use a process called degaussing (decreasing or eliminating an unwanted magnetic field), which is done through a utility built into the menu on the monitor, to try to fix the problem. If that doesn't make the problem go away, it's probably time to replace the monitor.

[47.](#) C. Printer jams (aka "the printer crinkled my paper") happen when something prevents the paper from advancing through the printer evenly. There are generally three causes of printer jams: an obstructed paper path, stripped drive gears, and using the wrong paper.

[48.](#) C. This error message indicates that the master boot record (MBR) on the hard drive is missing or damaged. The `bootrec` utility can be run in Windows 10, Windows 8/8.1, Windows 7, or Windows Vista to interact with the Master Boot Record (MBR), boot sector, or Boot Configuration Data (BCD) store. To run the tool, you must boot from the installation disk, choose the Repair Your Computer option, and enter the System

Recovery Options. Choose Command Prompt from System Recovery Options and then type `BOOTREC . EXE`.

[49.](#) A, D. If the network card doesn't have any lights, it doesn't have a connection. It could be that the cable is bad or that it's not plugged in on the other side, or it could also be a problem with the NIC or the connectivity device on the other side. If nobody else in the same area is having the same problem, that points to an issue with this computer or cable.

[50.](#) C. Most of the time if you have dust or debris in a printer, you can go ahead and use compressed air to blow it away. Don't do that with toner, though, because it will make a huge mess. If you have a toner spill, use a specialized toner vacuum to pick it up. Also, never use a damp cloth to try to clean up a toner spill. If a cloth is needed, use a dry one.

[51.](#) B, C. Many laptop power adapters have a light on them indicating that they're plugged in. If there's no light, check to make sure that the outlet is working or switch outlets. Also, most laptops have a power-ready indicator light when plugged into a wall outlet as well. Check to see whether it's lit. If the outlet is fine, try another power adapter. They do fail on occasion.

[52.](#) A, B. Sometimes, when you print a color document, the colors might not be the same colors that you expected based on what you saw on the screen. A few different issues could cause this problem. First, ink could be bleeding from adjacent areas of the picture, causing the color to be off. A leaking cartridge can cause this, as can using the wrong type of paper for your printer. Second, the ink cartridges could be installed in the wrong spot. Third, it could be a dirty print head. Try running the self-cleaning routine.

[53.](#) A. The most common reason that users on wireless networks experience intermittent connectivity issues is distance. The farther away from the WAP the user gets, the weaker the signal becomes. When the signal weakens, the transfer rates drop dramatically.

[54.](#) A, C. When repairing laptops, you should always document

and label screw and cable locations, organize parts, refer to manufacturer instructions, and use appropriate hand tools. In some cases, but not all, you might need to remove the hard drive to remove the motherboard. To remove the motherboard, use appropriate tools recommended by the manufacturer, as each system can be different.

[55.](#) B. In an LCD monitor, dimness or flickering is most commonly caused by the backlight starting to fail. In those cases, replace the backlight or the monitor.

[56.](#) A. If your printer isn't spitting out print jobs, it may be a good idea to print a test page and see whether that works. The test page information is stored in the printer's memory, so there's no formatting or translating of jobs required. It's simply a test to make sure that your printer hears your computer. If nothing happens, double-check your connections and stop and restart the print spooler. If garbage prints, there is likely a problem with the printer or the print driver.

[57.](#) C. If a laptop keyboard is not responding, you can always plug in an external keyboard and use that. It might not be an ideal long-term solution, but it will generally get a user back up and running.

[58.](#) B. Memory problems can cause applications to fail and produce error messages such as general protection faults (GPFs). Memory issues can also cause a fatal error in your operating system, producing the infamous Blue Screen of Death (BSOD) in Windows or the rotating pinwheel in macOS.

[59.](#) C. Distorted images can be a problem with CRT monitors if they are near a motor or other device that produces a magnetic field. Sometimes, the image will be wavy, and at other times it might look like it is getting stretched to one side of the screen. If your office is a cubicle farm, desk fans can be a major culprit.

[60.](#) A, B. The most likely components are the processor or the memory. Try reseating the chips or testing them. If the problems persist, you may need to replace those components. It could also be the motherboard.

[61.](#) C. If you're working on a larger network installation, you might use a punchdown tool. It's not a testing tool but one that allows you to connect (that is, punch down) the exposed ends of a wire into wiring harnesses, such as a 110 block (used many times in connectivity closets to help simplify the tangled mess of cables).

[62.](#) C. If your hard drive fails completely and you need to get critical data off it, there are third-party companies that provide file recovery software and services. These services are generally very expensive. (And you should have been backing up the drive in the first place!)

[63.](#) C. If your wireless networking isn't working, check to make sure that the LEDs on your network card are functioning. If there are no lights, it could indicate a problem with the card itself or, on some cards, that there is no connection or signal. Considering he received a signal in that location previously, it's most likely something to do with the card. First, make sure the wireless card is enabled through the OS.

[64.](#) B. Oversized images and icons are related to screen resolution; it usually means that your resolution is set too low for the monitor or projector you are using. Increase the resolution, and the issue should disappear.

[65.](#) D. `netdom` is a tool first included with Windows Server 2008 that provides Active Directory management capabilities, specifically domain and trust management. It allows an administrator to rename computers in a domain, join client computers to the domain, manage computer accounts, and manage trust relationships between domains.

[66.](#) A. If an iPhone is entirely frozen, all you really can do is to power it off and then back on. You might need to hold the power button down for several seconds to force the device to power off. If the power button does not work, you can reset an iPhone by pressing and holding the power button and the sleep/wake button simultaneously for about 10 seconds. The Apple logo will appear, and the phone should reset.

[67.](#) A. The fusing assembly heats up the toner, and the toner



melts into the paper. If the fuser isn't heating properly, images can smudge.

[68.](#) B. The most likely cause of this intermittent Wi-Fi issue is a low RF signal. If you get too far from a WAP, the signal will be too weak, and the Wi-Fi will disconnect.

[69.](#) C. The correct printer driver needs to be installed for the printer and operating system. For example, if you have an HP LaserJet III and a Windows 7 computer, then you need to install an HP LaserJet III driver made for Windows 7. If this is not done, you will get garbage out of the printer.

[70.](#) B. You can immediately rule out client-side hardware issues because the user can connect to some resources. You just need to figure out why he can't connect to others. This is most likely caused by one of two things: a configuration issue or a connectivity device (such as a router) problem. Since it's affecting multiple people, it's probably something to do with the router.

[71.](#) B, C. If a laptop does not display any video, it could be the screen or the video card. To test it, plug in an external monitor (that you know works), and use the function keys on the laptop to switch to external video output. If that doesn't work, it's likely that the video card is defective. If the external monitor works, you know it's a problem with the display on the laptop. The backlight (or inverter) could be dead or it could be the screen.

[72.](#) B. If the phone is really slow but isn't completely locked up, isolate the issue. Is it one app or overall performance? It could be that apps are running in the background and need to be closed. Shutting down those apps or powering the device off and then back on is a good step. You can also check to see how much memory is available. If it's one app giving you problems instead of the entire device, look for updates to the app or delete and reinstall the app. Finally, if none of these steps works, perform a restore to factory settings. If the problems persist, it's time for a new device.

[73.](#) A. If you're using RAID 5 (disk striping with parity), a single



drive failure usually means that your data will be fine, provided you replace the failed drive. If you lose multiple drives at the same time, you will need to restore from backup.

[74.](#) C. All-black pages happen when the charging unit (the charging corona wire or charging corona roller) in the toner cartridge malfunctions and fails to place a charge on the EP drum. Because the drum is grounded, it has no charge. Anything with a charge (like toner) will stick to it. As the drum rotates, all of the toner is transferred to the page, and a black page is formed. Replace the toner cartridge.

[75.](#) B. If the system had been operating normally but now tells you RAID not found, it's likely something is wrong with the RAID controller. Double-check to ensure that the RAID controller BIOS is configured properly and everything is connected as it should be.

[76.](#) C. Certain unacceptable video-quality issues (such as jerky refresh speeds or lags) can be remedied by adding memory to a video card. Doing so generally results in an increase in both quality and performance. If you can't add memory to the video card, you can upgrade to a new one.

[77.](#) D. On a Windows workstation, the `ipconfig` command will show the TCP/IP configuration information. To see information beyond the address, subnet mask, and default gateway, use `ipconfig /all`.

[78.](#) A. The `netstat` command is used to check out the inbound and outbound TCP/IP connections on your machine. It can also be used to view packet statistics, such as how many packets have been sent and received and the number of errors.

[79.](#) A. This issue sounds like a swollen battery. If you have a swollen battery, turn the device off immediately and make sure that it's not plugged into a charger. It may be possible to remove the battery, but swollen batteries are more prone to explosions than normal ones because the casing is already compromised. The best course of action is to purchase a new device.

[80.](#) B. Sometimes you will tap on an app and nothing happens. Most likely, this means that something has corrupted the app, but it could possibly be a memory issue. Try powering the device off and back on again and then try the app once more. If that doesn't resolve the problem, simply uninstall and reinstall the app.

[81.](#) A. Try another monitor or try this monitor on another computer. That will narrow it down pretty quickly. Remember, if it's not the monitor, it's probably the video card.

[82.](#) C. Dim or flickering displays on mobile devices are usually caused by a faulty backlight in the display panel. A failing inverter can cause these problems too.

[83.](#) B. Dead pixels are spots on the screen that never "fire," or light up. You can check for these by setting the background to white and seeing whether any spots don't light up.

[84.](#) B. Pointer drift is where the mouse cursor will slowly drift in one direction even though you are not trying to make it move. This issue is generally related to the point stick not centering properly after it's been used. If you have pointer drift, try using the point stick and moving it back and forth a few times to get it to re-center itself. You can also try rebooting. If the problem persists, either disable or replace the point stick.

[85.](#) D. If you need to trace a wire in a wall from one location to another, a tone generator and probe (or toner probe) is the tool for you. It consists of two pieces: a tone generator and a probe. Because it's so good at tracking, you will sometimes hear this referred to as a "fox and hound."

[86.](#) B, D. When upgrading or repairing laptops, you should always document and label screw and cable locations, organize parts, refer to manufacturer instructions, and use appropriate hand tools. In some cases, but not all, you might need to remove the keyboard to upgrade the memory. Refer to the manufacturer's instructions.

[87.](#) C. Cable testers are indispensable tools for any network technician. Usually you would use a cable tester before you

install a cable to make sure it works. Of course, you can test them after they've been run as well.

[88.](#) A. For network-enabled laser printers, no connectivity can be a sign of improperly configured IP settings such as the IP address. While each printer is somewhat different, you can manually configure most laser printers' IP settings through the LCD control panel.

[89.](#) D. On a wired network, if you run into slow speeds or intermittent connectivity, it's likely a load issue. There's too much traffic for the network to handle, and the network is bogging down. Solutions include adding a switch, replacing your hubs with switches, and even creating virtual LANs (VLANs) with switches. If you want to upgrade the cabling or connectivity infrastructure to combat a speed issue, you should do all of it and not just cables or a router.

[90.](#) B. The iPhone and iPad use the term Location Services to refer to GPS. Android devices will call it Location, Location Services, or Location Reporting. On an iPhone, you enable Location Services under Settings ➤ Privacy. In Android, location access settings are configured under Settings ➤ Location.

[91.](#) D. One problem that happens with toner cartridges is when someone installs a new toner cartridge and forgets to remove the sealing tape that is present to keep the toner in the cartridge during shipping. The solution to this problem is fortunately quite easy: Remove the toner cartridge from the printer, remove the sealing tape, and reinstall the cartridge.

[92.](#) B, D. Unexpected shutdowns are difficult to troubleshoot, as are all intermittent issues. The first thing to check is to ensure that all socketed chips are seated properly; in fact, reseating them is a good option. If that does not resolve the issue, test the RAM or replace it if possible.

[93.](#) B. A loopback plug is for testing the ability of a network adapter to send and receive. The plug gets plugged into the NIC, and then a loopback test is performed using troubleshooting software. You can then tell whether the card is working

properly.

[94.](#) B. Depending on the version of Windows you are using, `net` can be one of the most powerful commands at your disposal. While all Windows versions include a `net` command, its capabilities differ based on whether it is used on a server or workstation and the version of the operating system. Commonly, `net share` is used to create shared folders, and `net use` is used to connect to shared folders over the network.

[95.](#) D. The system BIOS contains the boot sequence for a system. Most systems probably boot to the first hard drive, but they can also be configured to boot from a secondary hard drive, the optical drive, or the network. If a computer can't find the right boot device, it could be that it's attempting to boot from the wrong device. This setting is configured in the BIOS.

[96.](#) B. It's possible that the hard drive has some bad sectors, so run `chkdsk` to scan the drive and attempt to repair them. If that doesn't work, formatting is the second option, and replacing the drive is the third.

[97.](#) C. The `IFCONFIG` command is used in Linux, UNIX, and macOS to check a computer's IP configuration information. `IPCONFIG` is used in Windows.

[98.](#) B. A laser printer's DC power supply provides three different DC voltages to printer components. Using the multimeter, you should find the following voltages: pin 1 +5v, pin 5 -5v, pin 9 +24v.

[99.](#) D. Most keyboards will have status lights for the Caps Lock and Num Lock keys. If you believe a system is locked up, try pressing the Caps Lock or Num Lock key on the keyboard to see whether the lights change. If they don't, that's a sign that the system is unresponsive. Reboot the computer.

[100.](#) B. The `diskpart` utility shows the partitions and lets you manage them on the computer's hard drives. Because of the enormous power it holds, membership in the Administrators local group (or equivalent) is required to run `diskpart`.

[101.](#) A. Nearly every hard drive is built with Self-Monitoring,

Analysis, and Reporting Technology (S.M.A.R.T.) software installed on it, which monitors hard drive reliability and theoretically can warn you in the event of an imminent failure.

[102.](#) B. If you try to power on the system but get no lights or fan, first check the obvious things. Is it plugged in? Does the cord work? If those all check out, then it's probably the power supply.

[103.](#) B. If a hard drive is too full and has less than 10 percent free space, it can slow down dramatically. The first solution to try is to remove files and free up space. If that doesn't work, you may need to format and reinstall, or potentially replace, the hard drive.

[104.](#) A. The `ping` command is one of the most useful commands in the TCP/IP protocol. It sends a series of packets to another system, which in turn sends back a response. This utility can be extremely useful for troubleshooting problems with remote hosts. The `ping -t` command sets a persistent ping, which does not stop until you cancel it.

[105.](#) A. If the key physically sticks, you can try blowing out underneath the key with compressed air or use a cotton swab slightly dampened with water (or rubbing alcohol) to clean underneath the key. Make sure to clean the entire surface underneath the sticking key. If none of this resolves the issue, you might need to replace the keyboard.

[106.](#) C. Failure to open files means that the computer can't properly read those files. In most cases, this indicates an issue with the hard drive.

[107.](#) B. Laptops have USB ports, and they can come in handy in situations like this. Plug in an external USB NIC, and the user should be able to get on the network.

[108.](#) C. There's probably a simple explanation for this one, and the device is in silent or vibrate mode. Most mobile devices will have a switch on the side that sets them to silent or vibrate mode, and that will mute the device from making a noise when it receives a call or a message. If that doesn't resolve the

problem, it might also be a good idea to check his volume settings.

[109.](#) B. In an LCD monitor, dimness or flickering is most commonly caused by the backlight starting to fail. In those cases, replace the backlight or the monitor.

[110.](#) C. When your system refuses to boot into anything other than VGA mode, it indicates one of two problems. Either the video card is set to a resolution that it can't handle or the video card driver isn't loading properly. When in VGA mode, reset the video resolution to something you know the card can handle and reboot. If that doesn't solve it, reinstall the driver. If it still doesn't work, replace the video card.

[111.](#) D. The screen assembly on a laser printer needs several components to work properly, including the formatter board, engine controller board, and cables connecting the display to each. If any of those components have failed, you could end up with a blank display. It could also be a failed low-voltage power supply (LVPS). If there is no output from the engine self-test, then you have a problem with the power supply.

[112.](#) A. Distorted images can be a problem with CRT monitors if they are near a motor or other device that produces a magnetic field. Sometimes, the image will be wavy, and at other times it might look like it is getting stretched to one side of the screen. If your office is a cubicle farm, desk fans can be a major culprit.

[113.](#) D. You could have your colleague resend the email unencrypted, but if it has highly confidential information it, that's probably not a good idea. If you can't decrypt email, it is most likely because S/MIME settings are not properly enabled on your email account, which means installing a certificate (and by extension, your private security key) on your mobile device.

[114.](#) A. Memory problems can cause applications to fail and produce error messages such as general protection faults (GPFs). Memory issues can also cause a fatal error in your operating system, producing the infamous Blue Screen of Death (BSOD) in Windows or the rotating pinwheel in macOS.

[115.](#) D. Older, square CRT monitors had a 4:3 aspect ratio, and newer widescreen HD displays are either 16:9 or 16:10. If you set your resolution such that it doesn't match the monitor's geometry, you may get distorted geometry problems. When this happens, the screen will look stretched or squeezed, depending on how you set it. Just choose a different resolution and the problem should go away.

[116.](#) D. Stepper motor problems on inkjet and dot-matrix printers will look similar to each other. If the main motor is damaged, lines of print will be unevenly spaced, and if the print head motor goes bad, characters will be scrunched together.

[117.](#) B. A monitor can display incorrect colors if the pins on the connector are damaged or if the connector isn't plugged all the way in.

[118.](#) C. `nbtstat` is a command that shows NetBIOS over TCP/IP information. While not used as often as other command-line network troubleshooting tools, it can be useful when trying to diagnose a problem with NetBIOS name resolution.

[119.](#) C. Faded prints generally mean the printer is out of ink. Replace the ink cartridge, and the problem should disappear.

[120.](#) D. Performing periodic preventative maintenance on your laser printers can help eliminate many potential problems before they happen. Preventative maintenance includes cleaning the printer and using manufacturer-recommended maintenance kits.

[121.](#) C. The `net share` command is used to share folders on a network as well as stop sharing folders. (And `net use` will allow users to connect to them.) The proper syntax to share a folder is `net share <share_name>=<drive_letter>:<path>`. To stop sharing, use `net share <share_name> /delete`.

[122.](#) C. If your printer isn't spitting out print jobs, it may be a good idea to print a test page and see whether that works. The test page information is stored in the printer's memory, so there's no formatting or translating of jobs required. It's simply a test to make sure that your printer hears your computer.



[123.](#) A. Some wireless cards will have their connection and activity lights alternatively blink if there is no network connection. If the card had failed, there likely would be no lights on it at all.

[124.](#) B, C. Small devices sometimes suffer from an extremely short battery life. If it's a laptop, you can try to perform a battery calibration. For all mobile devices, you can try to drain the battery completely and then charge it fully before turning the device back on. If these options don't work, then it's likely that the battery needs to be replaced.

[125.](#) B. `nslookup` is a command that enables you to verify entries on a DNS server.

[126.](#) C. Nearly all PCIe RAID controllers will have their own BIOS for setup, configuration, and troubleshooting. Some will have utilities available for use within an operating system as well.

[127.](#) D. The power supply is the only component listed with moving parts and therefore is the most likely component to cause a whining sound. It's more than likely a fan. Either it needs to be cleaned (desperately) or replaced. Power supplies that are failing can also sound louder and quieter intermittently because a fan will run at alternating speeds.

[128.](#) A. Every computer has a diagnostic program built into its basic input/output system (BIOS) called the power-on self-test (POST). When you turn on the computer, it executes this set of diagnostics. If the computer doesn't perform the POST as it should, one way to determine the source of a problem is to listen for a beep code. This is a series of beeps from the computer's speaker. A successful POST generally produces a single beep. If there's more than one beep, the number, duration, and pattern of the beeps can sometimes tell you what component is causing the problem. Check the documentation to determine the specific issue.

[129.](#) A. Many motherboards have capacitors on them, which store electricity. They are short cylindrical tubes. Sometimes, when capacitors fail, they will bulge, and brownish-red



electrolyte residue may seep out of the vents in the top. These are called distended capacitors. If a capacitor fails, the best option is to replace the motherboard.

[130.](#) B. The most likely cause is that the router is configured to not broadcast SSIDs. 802.11g and 802.11n are compatible, and she is within range if your computer is connected.

[131.](#) D. The most common cause of an IP address conflict is if someone configures a computer with a static IP address that's part of the DHCP server's range. The DHCP server, not knowing that the address has been statically assigned somewhere, doles out the address, and now there's a conflict. Rebooting the computer won't help, and neither will releasing the address and getting a new lease from the DHCP server—it's just going to hand out the same address again because it doesn't know that there's a problem. As the administrator, you need to track down the offending user. A common way to do this is to use a packet sniffer to look at network traffic and determine the computer name or MAC address associated with the IP address in question.

[132.](#) D. A groove or scratch in the EP drum can cause the problem of vertical black lines running down all or part of the page. Because a scratch is lower than the surface, it doesn't receive as much (if any) of a charge as the other areas. The result is that toner sticks to it as though it were discharged. The groove may go around the circumference of the drum, so the line may go all the way down the page.

[133.](#) A. Dim or flickering displays on mobile devices are usually caused by a faulty backlight in the display panel. A failing inverter can cause these problems too.

[134.](#) A, D. If you're curious as to the state of your power supply, you can buy hardware-based power supply testers or multimeters to test it.

[135.](#) C. If the laptop won't output a screen image to an external monitor or projector, it means one of two things (assuming you know that the monitor or projector works): either the external VGA port is shot or the function keys aren't working. In either

case, you likely need to replace the motherboard if you want the display to appear on an external device.

[136.](#) B. Most wireless headsets use a Bluetooth connection. The first thing to check is that the Bluetooth is enabled, which also means double-checking that Airplane mode is not turned on. In this case, Bluetooth is off.

[137.](#) B. The address shown is one assigned by the Automatic Private IP Addressing (APIPA) service. It auto-configures your network card with an IP address if your computer is set to receive an IP address from the Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) server and that server doesn't respond. You can always tell an APIPA address because it will be in the format of 169.254.x.x.

[138.](#) C, D. A failing motherboard or CPU may cause continuous reboots.

[139.](#) D. If the problem affects multiple users, chances are that it's an issue with the central connectivity device. Suspect an issue with the hub or switch that the computers are plugged into.

[140.](#) C. `tracert` (trace route) is a Windows-based command-line utility that enables you to verify the route to a remote host. Execute the command `tracert hostname`, where *hostname* is the computer name or IP address of the computer whose route you want to trace. Tracert returns the different IP addresses the packet was routed through to reach the final destination.

## Chapter 5: Windows Operating Systems

[1.](#) A. A restore point is a copy of your system configuration at a given point in time. Restore points are useful for when Windows fails to boot but the computer appears to be fine otherwise or when Windows doesn't seem to be acting right and you think it was because of a recent configuration change. Restore points are created in the System Restore utility.

[2.](#) B. Print Management allows you to manage multiple printers and print servers from a single interface. It is not available for Windows 7 in any edition lower than Windows 7 Professional. In all other editions, you must manage individual printers using the Printers applet in Control Panel, and you are limited in what you can manage.

[3.](#) A. CompTIA refers to this as two words (One Drive), but Microsoft refers to it as one (OneDrive). Either way, it is the online/cloud storage account that comes with your Microsoft account. You can save files there from applications or move them there (and back again) using File Explorer (previously called Windows Explorer). There is a limited amount of storage given to each account for free, and you can purchase more as you need it.

[4.](#) B. Notepad is a simple Windows program, and it comes standard with all versions of Windows. Both Word and Notepad are used to create and edit documents, but Word is far more configurable and powerful. It's also not a free Windows application; you must purchase it separately.

[5.](#) A. The System Configuration tool's Tools tab shows you a short list of available administrative tools. System configuration (`MSCONFIG.EXE`) has five tabs: General, Boot, Services, Startup, and Tools.

[6.](#) B. Encrypting File System (EFS) is available in the Professional, Enterprise, and Ultimate editions of Windows 7. It allows for the encryption/decryption of files stored in NTFS volumes. EFS can be used by all users, whereas BitLocker can

be turned on only by administrators. EFS can encrypt just one file, if so desired, while BitLocker encrypts the whole volume and whatever is stored on it.

[7.](#) A, D. The Computer Management MMC allows you to configure several aspects of your computer. It includes Task Scheduler, Event Viewer, Shared Folders, Performance Monitor, Device Manager, Disk Management, and Services and Applications. You can't set file permissions; those are configured through Windows Explorer. You can enable or disable Windows Firewall, but it's configured through its own utility.

[8.](#) B. The `exit` command will get you out of the windows or processes that you are currently in. For example, if you are running a batch script, it will exit that batch script. If you are in the command interpreter, it will close the command interpreter.

[9.](#) C. The `MSINFO32` tool shown in the picture displays a thorough list of settings on the machine. You cannot change any values from here, but you can search, export, and save reports.

[10.](#) D. The Data Sources app allows you to interact with database management systems. Database drivers that are added to the system will show up here and can be shared between applications.

[11.](#) D. When a problem pops up with the Windows 8 operating system, you can boot into the Windows Recovery Environment (Windows RE) and repair it by choosing to refresh, reset, or restore it. Refreshing it keeps personal files and settings along with the default apps and those that you installed from the Windows Store. Resetting reinstalls Windows and deletes all but the default apps (meaning that you lose your personal files and settings). Restoring allows you to just undo recent system changes.

[12.](#) A, D. Task Manager lets you shut down nonresponsive applications selectively in all Windows versions. There are three easy ways to get to Task Manager. You can press `Ctrl+Alt+Delete` and click the Task Manager button or option, you can right-click an empty spot in the taskbar and choose it

from the pop-up menu that appears, or you can press Ctrl+Shift+Esc.

[13.](#) C. The `gpresult` command is used to show the Resultant Set of Policy (RSOP) report/values for a remote user and computer. Bear in mind that configuration settings occur at any number of places; they are set for a computer, a user, a local workstation, the domain, and so on. Often one of the big unknowns is which set of configuration settings takes precedence and which is overridden. `gpresult` will tell you which settings apply.

[14.](#) B. The System Configuration tool allows you to set up programs to boot automatically at startup, using the Startup tab. System configuration (`MSCONFIG.EXE`) has five tabs: General, Boot, Services, Startup, and Tools.

[15.](#) D. When you install Windows 8 and choose Custom, you can choose whether to format the hard disk. If you choose not to format the hard disk, the old operating system is placed in a folder named `Windows.old` to allow you to attempt to return to the old operating system if needed. After 28 days, any files placed in the `Windows.old` folder are automatically deleted. After Windows begins installing, you will have the option of configuring time, date, region, and language settings.

[16.](#) D. The heart of an unattended installation is utilizing image deployment, which is sort of like copying an ideal image over from one machine to another.

[17.](#) D. In Windows 8, when you first open Control Panel, it appears in Category view. Control Panel programs have been organized into different categories, and this view provides you with the categories from which you can choose. However, you can change this view to Classic view (or Small/Large Icons in Windows 7 and Windows 8), which displays all of the Control Panel programs in a list, as in older versions of Windows.

[18.](#) C. Windows PowerShell (one word per Microsoft and two per CompTIA) has been around for several years and was available with previous versions of Windows as well. It can be thought of as a greatly enhanced command interface where you can write script files based on the .NET programming

framework.

[19.](#) A, C. There are several ways to see what services are running and to enable and disable services. They include the Services MMC, Computer Management, and Task Manager. Performance Monitor does not show running services, and there is no `BLDES.MSC`.

[20.](#) C. The easiest way to see whether your current hardware can run another version of Windows is to download the utility that Microsoft creates for checking what you have. For Windows 7, this was called Upgrade Advisor. For Windows 8 and Windows 8.1, it has been renamed Upgrade Assistant.

[21.](#) B. If you have favorite apps, you can “pin” (add) them to the Start screen or the desktop so that you can get to them quickly or see updates to their tiles at a glance.

[22.](#) C. The `cd`, `md`, and `rd` commands are used to change (or display), make, and remove directories, respectively. They’re shorthand versions of the `chdir`, `mkdir`, and `rmdir` commands. The `rd` command will only delete empty directories by default. With `rd`, the `/s` switch will remove all subdirectories and files. The `/q` switch is quiet mode, and `rd` will not ask if it’s OK to remove all of the files with the `/s` switch. The `del` command is for deleting files.

[23.](#) C. Gadgets are mini programs, introduced with Windows Vista, which can be placed on the desktop, allowing them to run quickly and personalize the PC (clock, weather, and so on). Windows 7 renamed these Windows Desktop Gadgets.

[24.](#) D. To curb software piracy, Microsoft requires that each copy of Windows be activated after installation. Activation is the validation of the product key. Without activation, you can run the operating system, but only for a limited number of days. During that period of time, Windows will frequently remind you to activate the product.

[25.](#) B, C. Microsoft created Windows To Go (WTG) to allow Windows 8/8.1 to be installed on any USB-bootable device, such as a flash drive or external hard drive. WTG works with

both USB 2.0 and USB 3.0 ports, but it requires USB 3.0 drives. WTG does not support OS upgrades, but it is compatible with BitLocker.

[26.](#) A. Windows Defender can identify spyware, and it is included with all versions of Windows from Windows Vista onward. As with similar programs, for Windows Defender to function properly, you need to keep the definitions current and scan on a regular basis.

[27.](#) A. The `extract` command is used to extract compressed files from a cabinet file. There are only a handful of parameters that work with it, and the most useful are `/l` to specify another location to place the extracted files (the current directory is the default) and `/y` to avoid prompting you for every file that is being overwritten.

[28.](#) A. You want to use the Local Security Policy tool, which is `SECPOL.MSC`. It allows you to set the default security settings for the system. This includes password settings, lockout policies, audit policy, and other security settings.

[29.](#) A. The Volume Shadow Copy Service creates copies from which you can recover should a file be accidentally deleted or overwritten. Windows 7 adds to Vista by including an interface for configuring storage used by volume shadow copies. The Properties dialog box for a file contains a Previous Versions tab that can be used to return to another version of the file.

[30.](#) D. The `del` command, short for delete, is used to delete files. The `/q` switch is for quiet mode. It will not ask for confirmation to delete the file. The `/f` switch forces deletion of read-only files. `/y` and `/r` are not valid switches for the `del` command.

[31.](#) B. Restore points are created and managed in the System Restore utility (`RSTRUI.EXE`). A restore point is a copy of your system configuration at a given point in time. Restore points are useful for when Windows fails to boot but the computer appears to be fine otherwise or when Windows doesn't seem to be acting right and you think it was because of a recent configuration change.



[32.](#) D. Some of the more important files that you will need to work on are hidden by default as a security precaution. To make certain folders or files visible, you need to change the display properties of Windows Explorer. This is generally done by going to Folder Options and deselecting Hide Protected Operating System Files. The display properties of Windows Explorer also lets you hide file extensions, set general folder options, and has options to view the folders in different ways.

[33.](#) B, D. The Windows Store and charms were introduced with Windows 8. The Windows Store is an online site from which you can download apps, games, software, and so on. Charms are controls that are available on the side of the screen for every Windows Store app. They consist of Search, Share, Start, Devices, and Settings.

[34.](#) B. The purpose behind a HomeGroup is to simplify home or small office networking and, more specifically, the sharing of files and printers. Windows 7 Starter can only join a HomeGroup, while all other editions of Windows 7 can both join and create a HomeGroup. The location from which you network must be set to Home. Shared files can include libraries, which is a big feature of Windows 7. All computers participating in the HomeGroup must be running Windows 7 or Windows 8/8.1 (but not Vista), and the network cannot extend outside the small group.

[35.](#) D. DirectX is a collection of application programming interfaces (APIs) related to multimedia. A great utility is the DxDiag (DirectX Diagnostic) tool, which allows you to test DirectX functionality. When you start it, you can also verify that Microsoft has signed your drivers.

[36.](#) A, C, E. Windows 7 can be installed from three sources: PXE (over the network), DVD, or USB. Windows 7 does not come on CD-ROM. In this instance, the computer has no operating system, so the internal hard drive is not bootable.

[37.](#) B, D. The Computer Management console (`COMPMGMT.EXE`) contains Performance Monitor, which allows you to view hardware performance statistics. `PERFMON.EXE` is the executable



command for Performance Monitor in its own Microsoft Management Console (MMC) window. You can also use Task Manager and Resource Monitor to check CPU and memory usage statistics.

[38.](#) C. Windows 7 Professional, Enterprise, and Ultimate can join a Windows Server domain. The Starter and Home Premium editions cannot.

[39.](#) D. In a non-domain-based environment, it is possible to use your Microsoft account (MSN, Hotmail, Outlook, and so forth) username and password to log in to your Windows 8–based PC. This is intended to serve as a single sign-on, allowing you not only to interact with the OS but also to download apps from the Windows Store, sync files with OneDrive, and so on.

[40.](#) B. Windows Update manages the download and installation of Windows updates and patches. Most administrators choose to have patches applied automatically, which is a safe choice. You can also tell Windows Update to download patches but not apply them until the administrator manually approves them.

[41.](#) A. The Task Scheduler (which may appear as Schedule Tasks in Windows 8.x Administrative Tools) allows you to configure an application to run automatically or at any regular interval. A number of terms are used to describe the options for configuring tasks: action (what the task actually does), condition (an optional requirement that must be met before a task runs), setting (any property that affects the behavior of a task), and trigger (the required condition for the task to run).

[42.](#) D. If you don't know what edition of Windows 7 is running on a particular machine, you can click Start and type **winver** in the search box. The screen that is returned will identify the edition as well as the service pack installed.

[43.](#) B. NFS was created by Sun Microsystems a number of decades ago, and it is widely used in Unix and then Linux environments. Starting with Windows 7, Microsoft includes support for NFS with Windows. The ext3 and ext4 file systems are supported by Linux but not natively by Windows 7.

[44.](#) D. Virtual memory uses what's called a swap file, or paging file. A swap file is hard drive space into which idle pieces of programs are placed while other active parts of programs are kept in or swapped into main memory. When the application needs the information again, it is swapped back into RAM so that the processor can use it. This generally speeds up system performance and is configured from the System applet in Control Panel. The System applet also lets you configure remote settings and system protection.

[45.](#) A. The Windows Start screen, introduced in Windows 8, is the central location where you can access your most commonly used data and sites.

[46.](#) A. She needs to create a power plan with her desired settings. This is done in the Power Options applet of Control Panel. Different plans, such as hibernate or standby, can be configured for when the laptop is on battery power versus when it's plugged in.

[47.](#) C. Local Security Policy allows you to set the default security settings for the system. This includes password settings, lockout policies, audit policy, and other security settings.

[48.](#) C. When a problem pops up with the Windows 7 operating system, you can boot into the Windows Recovery Environment (Windows RE) and repair or restore it. Repairing it keeps personal files and settings along with the default apps and those that you installed from the Windows Store. Restoring allows you to just undo recent system changes.

[49.](#) B. When files are written to a hard drive, they're not always written contiguously or with all the data in a single location. Defragmenting a disk involves analyzing the disk and then consolidating fragmented files and folders so that they occupy a contiguous space (consecutive blocks), thus increasing performance during file retrieval. The executable for Disk Defragmenter is `DEFRAG.EXE`.

[50.](#) D. If you are using a modem to connect to the Internet, then the type of connection you are establishing is a dial-up connection. Internet access will be slow and painful!

[51.](#) B. Microsoft came up with a new user interface for Windows 8. This was originally called the Metro interface, but the name was changed after its release to the new Windows UI (or the Windows 8 UI).

[52.](#) D. The best plan in this scenario is to format the hard drive, which by definition makes it a clean installation.

[53.](#) B. The `copy` command makes a copy of a file in a second location. (To copy a file and then remove it from its original location, use the `move` command.) One useful tip is to use wildcards. For example, the asterisk (\*) is a wildcard that means *everything*. So, you could type `copy *.exe` to copy all files that have an `.exe` filename extension, or you could type `copy *.*` to copy all files in your current directory. The other popular wildcard is the question mark (?), which does not mean everything but instead replaces one character. `copy abc?.exe` would only copy `.exe` files with four-letter names of which the first three letters are `abc`.

[54.](#) D. Windows 7 incorporates Windows Firewall, which can be used to stop incoming and outgoing network traffic. Traffic is allowed or denied by specific rules that are part of an access control list (ACL). By default, Windows Firewall blocks incoming traffic. One example of custom configuration is to create exceptions, where you can specify the incoming traffic you want to allow through.

[55.](#) C. In general, the swap file should be at least 1.5 times the amount of RAM in the machine. You should place the swap file on a drive with plenty of empty space. As a general rule, try to keep 20 percent of your drive space free for the overhead of various elements of the OS, like the swap file. Do not set the swap file to an extremely small size. If you make the swap file too small, the system can become unbootable, or at least unstable.

[56.](#) C. An install can be started many ways—with a USB drive, a DVD, and so on—and an image and setup files can also be located on and installed from a network, thus saving you from having to keep all the files on the local machine. Often called a

PXE-initiated boot (for Pre-Execution Environment), the workstation involved in the installation can retrieve the files from the network, as needed, and configure variables accordingly.

[57.](#) A. Multiple monitors have been available with Windows for some time, but not until Windows 8 has it been possible to have a taskbar appear in each monitor.

[58.](#) B. Whenever you format the hard drive, the old operating system is removed. Therefore, it is a clean install.

[59.](#) C. The `robocopy` utility (Robust File Copy for Windows) is included with recent versions of Windows and has the big advantage of being able to accept a plethora of specifications and keep NTFS permissions intact in its operations. The `/mir` switch, for example, can be used to mirror a complete directory tree.

[60.](#) A. You can boot a PC over the network (rather than from a DVD, USB, or hard disk) with the Windows Preinstallation Environment (WinPE), which is a stub operating system that creates a Pre-boot Execution Environment (PXE). Netboot is the process of booting the OS from the network, such as from a thin client.

[61.](#) A. The screen resolution determines the number of pixels that go across and down to make up the screen image. Decreasing the resolution in effect makes each pixel bigger, thereby making images on the screen larger. Resolution, color depth, and refresh rate are set in Display or Display Settings in Control Panel.

[62.](#) D. Both the Home and Work settings for Windows Vista and Windows 7 have network discovery on by default. This means that you can see other computers and other computers can see you. If you choose Public, network discovery is turned off. None of the options affects Windows Firewall.

[63.](#) A. By mounting a drive, you can map a folder or subfolder to empty space on another hard drive or partition. For example, if the computer has a second hard drive with a partition that has

space, you can create a folder there and then mount it as a subfolder of the `DailyReports` folder on the `D:` drive.

[64.](#) C. Virtual memory uses what's called a swap file, or paging file. A swap file is hard drive space into which idle pieces of programs are placed while other active parts of programs are kept in or swapped into main memory. In Windows, the swap file is called `PAGEFILE.SYS`, and it's located in the root directory of the drive on which you installed the OS files. By default, the swap file is a hidden file.

[65.](#) C. The `cd`, `md`, and `rd` commands are used to change (or display), make, and remove directories, respectively. They're shorthand versions of the `chdir`, `mkdir`, and `rmdir` commands.

[66.](#) D. Task Manager is a multifunctional tool that shows you applications that are running, as well as their individual CPU and memory usage. In addition, it lets you see network usage and connected users.

[67.](#) B. The ability to run applications in Windows XP Mode (XPM) is included with Windows 7 Professional, Enterprise, and Ultimate. This is a virtual client (emulating Windows XP Professional with Service Pack 3), and you must download and install Windows Virtual PC to use it. XPM was discontinued in Windows 8/8.1.

[68.](#) B. Task Manager is a multifunctional tool that shows you applications that are running, as well as their individual CPU and memory usage. You can also use Task Manager to force applications or processes to shut down.

[69.](#) A. While not a file system that can be used on a hard drive, CDFS is the file system of choice for CD media, and it has been used with 32-bit Windows versions since Windows 95. A CD mounted with the CDFS driver appears as a collection.

[70.](#) C. The utility shown is the System Configuration tool. You can identify it because of the five tabs: General, Boot, Services, Startup, and Tools.

[71.](#) C. The Remote Assistance feature is turned on in System Properties, on the Remote tab.

[72.](#) B. MSTSC (Remote Desktop Connection) is used to configure remote desktop connections. It offers a glut of options and can be started from the command line, or it can be configured through the graphical interface.

[73.](#) C. With Windows Disk Management, you can shrink a partition. Then with the empty space, you can create a new partition. Remember that you can have a maximum of four partitions per drive.

[74.](#) A. Restore points are created in the System Restore utility. A restore point is a copy of your system configuration at a given point in time. Restore points are useful for when Windows fails to boot but the computer appears to be fine otherwise or when Windows doesn't seem to be acting right and you think it was because of a recent configuration change.

[75.](#) C. The `help` command does what it says: it gives you help. If you just type `help` and press Enter, your computer gives you a list of system commands that you can type. To get more information, type the name of a command that you want to learn about after typing `help`. For example, type `help rd` and press Enter, and you will get information about the `rd` command.

[76.](#) D. The `bootrec.exe` utility can be run in Windows 8/8.1, Windows 7, or Windows Vista to interact with the Master Boot Record (MBR), boot sector, or Boot Configuration Data (BCD) store. The options for `bootrec` are `/fixboot` (to write a new boot sector), `/fixmbr` (to write a new MBR), `/rebuildbcd` (to rebuild the BCD store), and `/scanos` (to scan all disks for installations the Boot Manager menu is not listing).

[77.](#) C. The `ext3` and `ext4` file systems are supported by Linux but not natively by Windows Vista, Windows 7, or Windows 8/8.1.

[78.](#) B. ReadyBoost allows you to use free space on a removable drive (usually USB) as virtual memory and speed up a system. For the option even to be possible, at least 256MB of space must be available on the removable media. ReadyBoost is configured from the ReadyBoost tab of the Properties dialog box for the removable media device.

[79.](#) B. A recovery partition is an area of the hard drive set aside to hold files that can be used to recover the operating system in the event of a failure. You can copy the information from this partition to another location (usually a USB drive) to use in the event that the partition fails.

[80.](#) B, D. Rather than booting from an internal drive, it is possible to install and boot Windows from an external drive *if* your BIOS supports it (and looks for the external drive in the boot order). As silly as it sounds, bear in mind when taking the exam that an external drive will not boot if it is not found at startup.

[81.](#) C. Windows 8 was the first to feature side-by-side apps. Snapped applications will take up half of the screen by default. On larger screens, up to four apps can be snapped.

[82.](#) B, C. In Windows Vista and newer, you can extend existing partitions to give them more space, provided of course that the hard disk has unpartitioned space available. To extend a basic volume, it either needs to be raw or formatted with NTFS, and you can only extend it into contiguous disk space. Both primary and extended partitions can be extended. Only dynamic disks can be extended into noncontiguous space.

[83.](#) D. Task Manager's Users tab provides you with information about the users connected to the local machine. You'll see the username, ID, status, client name, and session type. You can right-click the name of any connected user to perform a variety of functions, including sending the user a message, disconnecting the user, logging off the user, and initiating a remote-control session to the user's machine.

[84.](#) D. A domain is a group of computers that are tightly connected or associated and share a common domain name. It has a single authority (called a domain controller) that manages security for all of the computers. All users will log in to the Windows domain using their centrally created user account.

[85.](#) B. The `tasklist` utility is used at the command line to see a list of all the running processes (and their process ID number), similar to what you see in the GUI by using Task Manager. By



default, it shows the processes on the current machine, but the `/s` switch can be used to see the processes on a remote machine. `/svc` will show the services hosted in each process, and you can use `/u` if you need to run the command as another user. The `/v` switch is for verbose mode, which will show details such as CPU time and memory usage. `/c` is not a valid `tasklist` switch.

[86.](#) B. If you are migrating only a few accounts, Microsoft recommends Windows Easy Transfer (WET) instead of USMT. You don't need to use either one if you chose the Upgrade option and are doing an in-place upgrade because user files and applications are preserved.

[87.](#) A. The `cd`, `md`, and `rd` commands are used to change (or display), make, and remove directories, respectively. They're shorthand versions of the `chdir`, `mkdir`, and `rmdir` commands. To get back to the root directory, use `cd\`; the `cd..` command will take you up one directory.

[88.](#) B. The Windows Memory Diagnostics tool can be used to check a system for memory problems. For the tool to work, the system must be restarted. The two options that it offers are to restart the computer now and check for problems or to wait and check for problems on the next restart.

[89.](#) C. An important aspect of disk management is backing up the data on your drives. Toward that end, Windows has a built-in backup feature called Backup. The Backup utility in each of the different versions of Windows has different capabilities, with newer versions having greater capabilities. In general, you can either run a wizard to create a backup job or manually specify the files to back up. You can also run backup jobs or schedule them to run at specific times at a specific interval.

[90.](#) A. The `shutdown` command can be used to shut down and restart computers, either the system you are on or a remote one. The `/s` switch is used to shut down a computer, and `/r` is used for a full shutdown and reboot. The `/m` switch followed by the computer name is used to specify the remote computer. The `/c` switch is for comments.



[91.](#) A. Just as Windows 8 can run from USB, internal, and external drives, it can also run on solid-state drives (SSDs), as long as they meet the standard minimum requirements for size (a minimum of 16GB, in this case). Microsoft recommends that `WinSAT.exe /format` be used to optimize Windows for the SSD. The command reduces the number of write operations that Windows makes.

[92.](#) C. The partition from which the operating system boots must be designated as active. Only one partition on a disk may be marked active.

[93.](#) A. The System File Checker (SFC) is a command-line utility that checks and verifies the versions of system files on your computer. If system files are corrupted, the SFC will replace the corrupted files with correct versions. The `/scanfile` option will scan and repair files, whereas `/scannow` will just check all files. The `/verifyonly` option will verify the integrity of a specific file. The `/revert` option reverts the system files to the original specifications but is not supported by Windows Vista.

[94.](#) C. Windows 7, Windows Vista, and Windows 8/8.1 all allow the use of an alternate IP address. This is an address that is configured for the system to use in the event the first choice is not available. For an alternate configuration to be set, the first choice has to be dynamic—the tab becomes visible only when the General configuration is set to Obtain An IP Address Automatically, and the alternate is used only if the primary address cannot be found/used, such as when the DHCP server is down.

[95.](#) B. The `HELP` command does what it says: it gives you help. To get more information, type the name of a command that you want to learn about after typing `HELP`. For example, type `HELP RD` and press Enter, and you will get information about the `RD` command. You can also get the same help information by typing `/?` after the command. The `/?` switch is slightly faster and provides more information than the `HELP` command. The `HELP` command provides information for only system commands (it does not include network commands).

[96.](#) D. The User Account Control (UAC) is intended to prevent unintentional/unauthorized changes to the computer by either prompting for permission to continue or requiring the administrator password before continuing. It has the sole purpose of keeping the user from running programs that could potentially pose a threat by requiring escalating privileges for many actions.

[97.](#) B, D. Because of the power they possess, the disk partitioning (`diskpart`) and system file checker (`sfc`) commands require administrative privileges.

[98.](#) D. When a problem pops up with the Windows 8 operating system, you can boot into the Windows Recovery Environment (Windows RE) and repair it by choosing to refresh, reset, or restore it. Refreshing it keeps personal files and settings along with the default apps and those that you installed from the Windows Store. Resetting reinstalls Windows and deletes all but the default apps (meaning that you lose your personal files and settings). Restoring allows you to just undo recent system changes.

[99.](#) C. The print spooler is a Windows service; therefore, it is managed through the Services applet in Computer Management. You can also open Services by typing `services.msc` into the Windows Run box.

[100.](#) D. The `gpupdate` tool is used to update Group Policy settings. It refreshes, or changes, both local and Active Directory–based policies and replaces some of the functionality that previously existed with `secedit`.

[101.](#) B. Administrative shares are created on servers running Windows on the network for administrative purposes. These shares can differ slightly based on which OS is running, but they end with a dollar sign (\$) to make them hidden. There is one for each volume on a hard drive (`C$`, `D$`, and so forth) as well as `admin$` (the root folder—usually `C:\WINDOWS`), and `print$` (where the print drivers are located). These are created for use by administrators and usually require administrator privileges to access.

[102.](#) D. Program Compatibility is included with various versions of Windows to configure programs to believe that they are running with an older version of Windows. To enable it for Windows 7, for example, choose Start ➤ Control Panel ➤ Programs and then click Run Programs Made For Previous Versions of Windows.

[103.](#) B. If there is sufficient space on a machine and the hardware will support it, you can have more than one operating system and choose which one to run when you boot. A rule of thumb from Microsoft is that you should always install older operating systems first and then work forward (have Windows Vista on before installing Windows 7 and then Windows 8, for example).

[104.](#) C. Introduced along with Windows NT, NTFS is available with all current versions of Windows. NTFS is a much more advanced file system in almost every way than all versions of the FAT file system. It includes such features as individual file security, compression, and RAID support as well as support for extremely large file and partition sizes and disk transaction monitoring. It is the file system of choice for higher-performance computing.

[105.](#) C. Wake-on-LAN is an Ethernet standard implemented via a network card that allows a “sleeping” machine to awaken when it receives a wakeup signal.

[106.](#) A. The `taskkill` command is used to terminate processes, just like you can do in Task Manager in Windows. To kill a process by its name, use the `/IM` switch. If you know the process ID, use the `/PID` switch. The `/S` switch is used to specify a remote system, and the `/FI` switch applies a filter to a set of tasks.

[107.](#) A. For an unattended installation, you create a reference image for deployment to the physical machines. Once it's created, you can edit this image with the System Preparation Tool (Sysprep) and create a Windows Imaging (WIM) file to roll out.

[108.](#) A. When configuring Windows, the three types of networks

from which you can choose are workgroup, HomeGroup, and domain. A workgroup is a loosely associated group of computers, each of which is its own security authority, that share a common workgroup name. Domains have centralized security. Only Windows 7 and newer computers can join a HomeGroup.

[109.](#) D. Windows supports both basic and dynamic storage. Basic storage can only have primary and extended partitions. Dynamic partitions can be simple, spanned, or striped volumes. Sometimes you will hear of a logical partition as one that spans multiple physical disks, like in this scenario. However, Disk Management does not allow you to create something called a logical partition.

[110.](#) D. Windows Vista Starter versions are not upgradeable to Windows 7. You can still buy Windows 7 and install it, but you will need to do a clean installation instead (in other words, you won't be able to keep your existing files unless you back them up and restore them).

[111.](#) C. With a 64-bit processor, you can install either a 32-bit or a 64-bit operating system. Installing a 32-bit operating system will waste some of the 64-bit processor's capabilities, though.

[112.](#) B. With basic storage, Windows drives can be partitioned with primary or extended partitions. The difference is that extended partitions can be divided into one or more logical drives, and primary partitions cannot be further subdivided. Each hard disk can be divided into a maximum of four total partitions, either four primary partitions or three primary partitions and one extended partition.

[113.](#) A, D. When the upgrade is done without removing the existing operating system (the norm), this is known as an in-place upgrade. The versions of Windows 7 that can be upgraded in-place to Windows 8 Core are Windows 7 Starter, Windows 7 Home Basic, and Windows 7 Home Premium. Windows 7 Professional and Windows 7 Ultimate can be directly upgraded to Windows 8 Pro, and Windows 7 Enterprise can only be upgraded to Windows 8 Enterprise.

[114.](#) D. If hardware that should work stops working when you change the OS, loading alternate third-party drivers can be a solution to the problem. (And remember that it is preferred that those drivers be signed.) Each OS needs its own driver for hardware to work properly.

[115.](#) C. Device Manager has been present in every version of Windows since Windows 95. It allows you to manage all of your hardware devices, including updating drivers and disabling the device. It is found within the Computer Management console.

[116.](#) A. With a 32-bit processor, you can only install a 32-bit operating system. A 32-bit processor is not capable of running a 64-bit OS or 64-bit software.

[117.](#) C. A logical partition is any partition that has a drive letter. Often, you will hear a partition that spans multiple physical disks referred to as a logical partition. For example, a network drive that you know as drive H: might actually be located on several physical disks on a server. However, this is not what defines a logical partition.

[118.](#) D. All installed applications in Windows will appear under Control Panel ➤ Programs and Features. Here you can add, remove, or repair applications.

[119.](#) D. The `dir` command shows a directory listing. The `/a` switch displays only files with specified attributes.

[120.](#) D. Windows includes Windows Update, a feature designed to keep Windows current by automatically downloading and installing updates such as patches and security fixes. By default, Windows Update will run automatically when any administrator user is logged in. If you want to run it manually, however, you can always do so.

[121.](#) D. One Microsoft management tool allows you to manage hard drives, users and groups, scheduled tasks, and Event Viewer, and that tool is Computer Management. The executable file for Computer Management is `COMPMGMT.MSC`.

[122.](#) B. Available in Windows 7 and Windows 8, Action Center (Control Panel ➤ System and Security ➤ Action Center) is a

central dialog for dealing with problems, security, and maintenance.

[123.](#) C, D. Windows XP Professional can be upgraded only to Windows Vista Business or Windows Vista Ultimate. Windows Vista Enterprise is typically installed as a clean install. It can be installed only as an “upgrade” to Windows Vista Business.

[124.](#) B. The user’s `TEMP` directory is a user environment variable and is accessed through Users and Groups (or User Accounts).

[125.](#) D. FAT32 is lightweight and relatively fast. It allows for 32-bit cluster addressing, which provides for a maximum partition size of 2 terabytes (2,048GB). It also includes smaller cluster sizes to avoid wasted space. FAT32 support is included in current Windows versions. FAT32 does not have individual file security permissions.

[126.](#) A. Windows Vista Home Basic is upgradeable to Windows 7 Home Premium or Windows 7 Ultimate but not Windows 7 Professional.

[127.](#) B. In Vista, Windows Security Center provides a single interface for firewall settings, automatic updating, malware protection, and other security settings. In Windows 7, other options were added, and it was renamed to Action Center.

[128.](#) C. Component Services is an MMC snap-in in Windows 7 that allows you to administer, as well as deploy, component services and configure behavior such as application-specific security. If you hear the terms DCOM or COM+ mentioned in conjunction with Windows, Component Services is the tool needed for their management.

[129.](#) A. There is no direct upgrade path from Windows XP or Vista to Windows 8/8.1. You must do a clean installation. You can upgrade from Windows Vista to Windows 7 and then upgrade Windows 7 to Windows 8/8.1.

[130.](#) A. The `format` command is used to format hard drives. Before you format any drive, be sure that you have it backed up or are prepared to lose whatever is on it. The `/fs:[filesystem]` switch specifies the file system.

[131.](#) C. To revert to a previous configuration, you need to apply a restore point. Restore points are created and managed in the System Restore utility. A restore point is a copy of your system configuration at a given point in time. Restore points are useful for when Windows fails to boot but the computer appears to be fine otherwise or when Windows doesn't seem to be acting right and you think it was because of a recent configuration change.

[132.](#) D. Duplexing is the means by which communication takes place. With full duplexing, the network card can send and receive at the same time. The main advantage of full-duplex over half-duplex communication is performance. NICs can operate twice as fast in full-duplex mode as they do normally in half-duplex mode.

[133.](#) C. Windows configuration information is stored in a special configuration database known as the Registry. This centralized database also contains environmental settings for various Windows programs. To edit the Registry, use the REGEDIT tool. Be careful, though, because an incorrect Registry change can render a system inoperable.

[134.](#) B. There are three tools that quickly show you CPU and memory usage in Windows. They are Resource Monitor, Performance Monitor, and Task Manager. The only one that lets you set up logs is Performance Monitor. It will collect counter information and then send that information to a console or event log.

[135.](#) D. Event Viewer is the Windows tool that allows you to view application error logs, security audit records, and system errors. It's available in most versions of Windows.

[136.](#) A. In Windows Vista and newer, you can reassign or change a drive letter by using the Disk Management utility.

[137.](#) B. Booting from a network card is referred to as a PXE (Pixie) boot. Netboot is the process of booting the entire OS from a network server, such as from a thin client.

[138.](#) D. Microsoft created ExFAT, and it is a proprietary file



system of choice for flash drives where NTFS cannot be used (because of overhead) and FAT32 is not acceptable (because of file system limitations). It is ideal for SD cards that hold a lot of information, and it is supported in all current versions of Windows.

[139.](#) D. To connect to a printer over the network, you map a network printer. If the printer is on your local computer and you want others to use it, you need to share the printer. You do this by right-clicking the printer, choosing Printer Properties, and then going to the Sharing tab. Check the box to share the printer.

[140.](#) A. Windows supports both basic and dynamic storage. Basic storage can have a primary and an extended partition, while dynamic storage can be simple, spanned, or striped. In basic storage, Windows drives can be partitioned with primary or extended partitions. The difference is that extended partitions can be divided into one or more logical drives and primary partitions cannot be further subdivided.

[141.](#) B. While in sleep mode, the computer uses very little power. When you turn it back on, all the applications you left open will still be open. Sleep uses a little more power than hibernate but also boots up faster. Shutting down will save the most battery life but will also take the longest to reboot. There is no resting power mode in Windows, but some configurations will offer a standby power mode.

[142.](#) C. New hard drives appear as not initialized in Windows. To use the disk, go into Disk Management and initialize the disk. Then you can create partitions, assign drive letters, and perform other disk management tasks.

[143.](#) B. An acronym for Authentic, Energetic, Reflective, and Open, Aero differs from previous GUIs in that its windows are translucent and it provides the ability to create a 3D stack of open windows and cycle through them (known as Flip 3D).

[144.](#) B, C. There are three types of volumes you can create in Disk Management: simple, spanned, striped, and mirrored. Simple volumes are on one disk. Spanned, striped, and mirrored



will be made up of multiple physical disks.

[145.](#) A, C. BitLocker is available only for Windows 7 in the Enterprise and Ultimate editions.

[146.](#) A. You can use the Windows `chkdsk` command to create and display status reports for the hard disk. `chkdsk` can also correct file system problems (such as cross-linked files) and scan for and attempt to repair disk errors. The correct switch to automatically fix any issues is `/f`.

[147.](#) A, C. Windows supports both basic and dynamic storage. Basic storage can have a primary partition and an extended partition, while dynamic storage can be simple, spanned, or striped.

[148.](#) A. When formatting a hard drive, you can usually choose between a quick format or a full format. With a quick format, a new file table is created on the hard disk, but files are not fully overwritten or erased from the disk. A full format removes old files, creates a new file allocation table, and scans the hard drive for bad sectors. The scan is what takes so long.

[149.](#) B. The `diskpart` utility shows the partitions and lets you manage them on the computer's hard drives. Because of the enormous power it holds, membership in the Administrators local group (or equivalent) is required to run `diskpart`. `diskpart` replaced the older `fdisk`.

[150.](#) B. An unattended installation, as the name implies, is one in which you don't need to be sitting in front of the machine to complete the operation. The heart of an unattended installation is utilizing image deployment, which is sort of like copying an ideal image over from one machine to another.

[151.](#) B. The `xcopy` command is a more powerful version of `copy`. It lets you copy directories and also will copy file ownership and NTFS permissions. The `/s` switch is used to copy directories and subdirectories, except for empty ones. To copy those as well, use `/e`. The `/h` switch copies hidden and system files, and the `/a` switch copies only files with the Archive attribute set.

[152.](#) C. The Internet options Windows Control Panel utility

allows you to configure Internet connections. It has six tabs: General, Security, Privacy, Connections, Programs, and Advanced. (Some versions of Windows also have a Content tab.) The home page is set from the General tab, and the pop-up blocker is enabled on the Privacy tab. Proxy settings are configured here as well, in the Connections tab.

## Chapter 6: Other Operating Systems and Technologies

[1.](#) D. Nearly all mobile operating systems now come with a virtual assistant. Cortana is the name of the Windows Phone (and Windows 10) virtual assistant. Windy is not currently the name of one. iOS uses Siri, and Amazon devices use Alexa.

[2.](#) C. DHCP servers provide TCP/IP configuration information to client computers. Clients will broadcast, searching for the DHCP server. The server will respond and provide the client with its IP address, subnet mask, default gateway, and other information. DHCP uses UDP ports 67 and 68.

[3.](#) A. The `dd` (data definition) command is used to copy files and can also be used to convert files from one format to another. It can also be used to copy blocks of data from a file and to back up the boot sector of the hard drive. The `cp` command will copy files but is not used for file conversion.

[4.](#) B. The International Mobile Subscriber Identity (IMSI) is a unique 15-digit identifier that describes a specific mobile user and their network. It's composed of three elements: a mobile country code, a mobile network code, and a mobile station identifier. The International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI) is also a 15-digit serial number, but it identifies the specific phone.

[5.](#) B. Let's say that your company needs extra network capacity, including processing power, storage, and networking services (such as firewalls), but doesn't have the money to buy more network hardware. Instead, you can purchase Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS), which is a lot like paying for utilities—you pay for what you use. Of the three, IaaS requires the most network management expertise from the client side. In an IaaS setup, the client provides and manages the software.

[6.](#) B. DNS has one function on the network, and that is to resolve hostnames to IP addresses. For a computer or phone to open a website, it needs to know the IP address of that website.

Each DNS server has a database, called a zone file, which maintains records of hostname to IP address mappings.

[7.](#) A, B. Legacy means that the system is old and hopelessly outdated by today's computing standards. Legacy systems are usually defined as those using old technology in one or more of the following areas: hardware, software (applications or OS), or network protocols.

[8.](#) C. Platform as a Service (PaaS) adds a layer to IaaS that includes software development tools such as runtime environments. Because of this, it can be helpful to software developers; the vendor manages the various hardware platforms. This frees up the software developer to focus on building their application and scaling it. The best PaaS solutions allow for the client to export their developed programs and run them in an environment other than where they were developed.

[9.](#) D. To use an analogy, Finder is to macOS what Windows Explorer is to Windows 7. It lets you browse through folders and find files, disks, apps, and so on. You can change the view to see the entries with images, a list view, a column view, and so on.

[10.](#) A. A virtual private network (VPN) is a secured network connection made over an unsecure network. For example, if you wanted to connect your phone to your corporate network over the Internet in order to read email but you also wanted to secure the connection, you could use a VPN. IMEI and IMSI are identifier numbers, and PRI and PRL are configuration lists the phone uses.

[11.](#) B. In most cases, clients can get more resources instantly (or at least quickly or on-demand), which is called rapid elasticity. For the client, this is a great feature because |they can scale up without needing to purchase, install, and configure new hardware.

[12.](#) A. The `su` command (switch user, substitute user, or super user) is used to start another shell on a Linux computer. Without specifying the username, it's assumed you are trying to start a shell with superuser (or `root`) authority.

[13.](#) D. The highest of the three levels of cloud service is Software as a Service (SaaS), which handles the task of managing software and its deployment, and it includes the platform and infrastructure as well. This is the model used by Google Docs, Microsoft Office 365, and even storage solutions such as Dropbox.

[14.](#) D. The shell is the interpreter between the user and operating system. The most popular shell for Linux today is Bash (an acronym for Bourne Again Shell), but csh (C-shell), ksh (Korn shell), and a number of others are also in use. The terminal is used to enter commands and interface with the shell.

[15.](#) A. An authentication server is a device that examines the credentials of anyone trying to access the network, and it determines whether network access is granted. Said another way, they are gatekeepers and critical components to network security. A common term that you will hear in the Microsoft world is domain controller, which is a centralized authentication server.

[16.](#) C. A proxy server makes requests for resources on behalf of a client. Proxy servers are known for three things. One, the proxy server can cache the information requested, speeding up subsequent searches. Two, the proxy can act as a filter, blocking content from prohibited websites. Three, the proxy server can modify the requester's information when passing it to the destination, blocking the sender's identity and acting as a measure of security; the user can be made anonymous.

[17.](#) D. Whenever you visit a web page, you are making a connection from your device (the client) to a web server. To be more specific, a connection is requested by your Internet software (generally a web browser) using the Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) of the TCP/IP protocol suite. Your client needs to know the IP address of the web server, and it will make the request on port 80. Secure web connections are made using Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure (HTTPS) and port 443.

[18.](#) B. The `df` (disk filesystem) command is used to show free and used disk space on a volume.

[19.](#) C. DNS has one function on the network, and that is to resolve hostnames to IP addresses. For a computer or phone to open a website, it needs to know the IP address of that website. The URL [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) means nothing to it. When a user enters the URL, the computer needs to figure out what the address is. The DNS server provides the answer, “That is 72.14.205.104.” Now that the computer knows the address of the website that the user wants, it’s able to go find it.

[20.](#) B. A Type 2 hypervisor sits on top of an existing operating system, called the host OS. This is most commonly used in client-side virtualization, where multiple OSs are managed on the client machine as opposed to on a server. The hypervisor is also called a virtual machine manager (VMM).

[21.](#) C. Most mobile phones have three operating systems. The first is the primary OS, such as iOS or Android. Second, there is the baseband OS that manages all wireless communication, which is actually handled by a separate processor. Third, a subscriber identity module (SIM) OS manages all data transfers between the phone and the SIM chip, which is a small memory chip that stores user account information, phone identification, and security data, and it is generally tied to a specific carrier. Some people will call the wireless communications chips in a mobile phone the radio or the modem. Consequently, you might hear about radio firmware, a radio firmware update, or a modem update. The last two terms are interchangeable with baseband update, which simply means an update of the baseband OS.

[22.](#) A. Mac OS X Yosemite has the ability to create a recovery disk using the Recovery Disk Assistant. This can be used to boot the system in the event of a hard drive problem and to attempt to recover the hard drive.

[23.](#) A. The `chown` (change owner) command is used to change ownership of files in Linux.

[24.](#) A. Updates to macOS Yosemite can be found at the App

Store. Open it, and click Updates in the toolbar to see which updates are available. There will be an Install button to begin the installation. In System Preferences, there is generally a Software Update icon to help with updates as well.

[25.](#) B, C. The `ifconfig` command is used to view and change network settings, whereas `iwconfig` is used to view and change wireless network settings. The `ipconfig` command is used in Windows.

[26.](#) A, D. There are two ways to sync an iPhone: using Wi-Fi and using a USB connection. If you are going to use Wi-Fi, it must first be enabled in iTunes. The device should not be plugged into a USB port because that will take precedence over the Wi-Fi connection. Both devices must be on the same network SSID.

[27.](#) A. If presented with a scenario for installing multiple operating systems on a computer running client-side virtualization, just add the minimum hardware requirements (or recommendations) together. Treat it as if each OS needs its own minimum (which it does) and they are just sharing the available physical hardware (which they are). Also, each OS needs its own virtual network card to participate on the network and needs its security to be individually configured based on OS requirements and user needs. Treat it as though it is a separate computer.

[28.](#) B. Email is critical for communication, and mail servers are responsible for sending, receiving, and managing email. There are three primary email protocols used today: SMTP (port 25), POP3 (port 110), and IMAP4 (port 143).

[29.](#) B. In Linux, the `mv` (move) command is used to rename files. The `cp` command copies a file, but that is a different process than moving it. `rm` is short for remove, and it deletes files. `ren` is a DOS or Windows command to rename files.

[30.](#) C. Apple produces iOS, and all of its apps can be found on the App Store. Google Play is used for Android-based devices, and it replaced Android Market. Windows Phone apps are found at the Windows Store.

[31.](#) B. The `grep` command (short for the impossibly long “globally search a regular expression and print”) does just what it says it does: it searches for a string of text and then displays the results of what it found.

[32.](#) C. It’s a fairly common myth that there are no macOS viruses out there. The reality is that every operating system can be affected by malware. Because of this, it is imperative to have protection on every machine. Additionally, this protection—in the form of definition files—must be kept current and up-to-date. The best way to do that is to set the software to automatically update.

[33.](#) A. The objectives might say Remote Disk, but the feature is officially called Remote Disc (disc with a *c*). This feature lets you access files on a CD or DVD installed in one machine on a remote machine. This is handy if you need to retrieve files from a disc and the workstation at which you are sitting does not have a built-in drive.

[34.](#) A. The traditional type of cloud that usually comes to mind is a public cloud, like the ones operated by third-party companies such as Microsoft, Google, HP, Apple, Netflix, and Amazon. These clouds offer the best in scalability, reliability, flexibility, geographical independence, and cost effectiveness. Whatever the client wants, the client gets. For example, if the client needs more resources, it simply scales up and uses more.

[35.](#) B. The search feature within macOS is Spotlight, and a magnifying glass icon in the upper-right corner of the menu bar represents it (or you can press Command+spacebar from any app). Spotlight can search for documents, images, apps, and so on.

[36.](#) B. As great as macOS is, there are times when you need Windows—for compatibility purposes with apps, legacy data, and many others. Because of this, you can use Boot Camp to install Windows on a Mac computer and then choose between operating systems as you boot. The Mac computer must be Intel based, you need to have a 64-bit version of Windows, and you need a minimum of 30GB of free disk space for it to work.



[37.](#) D. The `ls` (list) command is used in Linux to show the contents of a directory.

[38.](#) B. SMTP uses port 25, and IMAP4 uses port 143. However, when they run over SSL, SMTP uses port 465, and IMAP4 uses port 993. SMTP over TLS uses port 587, and POP3 over SSL or TLS uses port 995.

[39.](#) D. The `chmod` (change mode) command is used in Linux to change file permissions.

[40.](#) A. The Preferred Roaming List (PRL) is the reference guide the phone uses to connect to the proper cell phone tower when roaming. Product Release Instruction (PRI) contains settings for configuration items on the device that are specific to the network that it's on. Both PRI updates and PRL updates normally happen when the primary OS on the phone is updated, but your carrier may let you update them manually.

[41.](#) A. The `fsck` (file system check) command is used to examine volumes for errors, as well as attempt to fix them. The command is analogous to the `chkdsk` command for Windows-based computers. Be sure that the volume is unmounted before using `fsck`, to avoid corrupting data.

[42.](#) A. An Intrusion Protection System (IPS) is an active device. It monitors network traffic, and when it detects an anomaly, it can take actions to attempt to stop the attack. For example, if it senses suspicious inbound traffic on a specific IP port, it can shut the port down, block the sender, or reset the TCP connection.

[43.](#) B. Android started off as its own company and was purchased by Google in 2005. Like Google's Chrome OS, Android is Linux based. It's primarily installed on smartphones, but it is also found on specialized television, automobile, and wristwatch devices. Versions of Android are named after candy, such as Ice Cream Sandwich, Jelly Bean, KitKat, and Lollipop.

[44.](#) D. Macs use the HFS+ file system, which Apple states does not require defragmentation like FAT or NTFS do. Therefore, disk defragmentation is not generally necessary. Regardless of

the operating system, you should always back up data (unless you don't mind losing it), install and update antivirus software, and keep drivers and firmware current.

[45.](#) B. File servers provide a central repository for users to store, manage, and access files on the network. Networks can also use network attached storage (NAS) devices, which are stand-alone units that contain hard drives, come with their own file management software, and connect directly to the network. If a company has extravagant data storage needs, it can implement a storage area network (SAN). A SAN is basically a network segment, or collection of servers, that exists solely to store and manage data.

[46.](#) A. One of the best ways always to have the latest version of files, regardless of the device that you are using to access them, is to have them stored/accessed remotely. iCloud is Apple's answer to remote storage, and you can configure your Apple devices to place files there automatically, or use it for backup.

[47.](#) D. The `ps` (process status) command in Linux is used to show currently running processes.

[48.](#) C. On a Mac, it's possible to run a large number of things at one time, whether those things in question are apps or desktops. Apple's Mission Control is an easy way to see what is open and switch between applications. To access Mission Control, you can press the Mission Control key on an Apple keyboard, click the Mission Control icon in Dock (or Launchpad), or swipe up with three or four fingers on a trackpad.

[49.](#) A. Passwords are not synchronized between devices. Types of data that are synchronized include contacts, programs, email, pictures, music, videos, calendar, bookmarks, documents, location data, social media data, and ebooks.

[50.](#) D. The goal of unified threat management (UTM) is to centralize security management, allowing administrators to manage all of their security-related hardware and software through a single device or interface. A UTM device can generally provide the following types of services: packet filtering and

inspection, intrusion protection service, gateway anti-malware, spam blocking, malicious website blocking, and application control.

[51.](#) C. The major feature of virtualization is breaking down that one-to-one hardware and software barrier. The virtualized version of a computer is appropriately called a virtual machine (VM). Thanks to VMs, it is becoming far less common to need dual-boot machines today than in the past. VMs allow computers to do things like run five instances of an OS or one instance of several different OSs.

[52.](#) B. When an app hangs inside the Mac OS, you can use Force Quit to force it to close. Most devices, whether running Mac OS or iOS, offer similar options. You get to Force Quit by looking at the Apple menu or by pressing Command+Option+Esc, which is analogous to pressing Ctrl+Alt+Del on a PC.

[53.](#) B. Companies can purchase virtualization software to set up individual clouds within their own network. That type of setup is referred to as a private cloud. Running a private cloud pretty much eliminates many of the features that companies want from the cloud, such as rapid scalability, and eliminates the need to purchase and manage computer assets. The big advantage, though, is that it allows the company to control its own security within the cloud.

[54.](#) A. Some mobile devices give you the option to improve the ability of the computer to recognize how you personally actuate the sensors. For example, many phones allow you to recalibrate (or retrain) the onscreen touch keyboard. That would be the first thing to try in this situation.

[55.](#) C. The International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI) is a 15-digit serial number that is unique to each phone. If a phone is reported stolen, the IMEI will be declared invalid. The IMEI can be displayed on most phones by dialing \*#06#. AT&T and T-Mobile were the first networks to use IMEI. The International Mobile Subscriber Identity (IMSI) is also a unique 15-digit identifier, but it describes a specific mobile user and their network.

[56.](#) D. The `passwd` command is used in Linux to change user passwords. The similar-looking `pwd` command displays the current directory.

[57.](#) B. The backup software for all current versions of Mac OS is called Time Machine. It allows users to back up and restore files just like any other commercial backup software.

[58.](#) D. Google offers the Android operating system to the mobile community under an open source license. Apple and Microsoft keep their mobile OSs closed source, and they manage all the development and marketing of their operating systems. BlackBerry OS was closed source as well. Apps for mobile operating systems are created using a free software development kit (SDK). Android apps are installed using an Android application package (APK).

[59.](#) C. The `du` (disk usage) command will show how much disk space is being used. By default, it shows usage in disk blocks, which isn't very reader-friendly. Use the `-h` option to show it in kilobytes, megabytes, and so on, and the `-a` option to show all files and directories. To use both together, the syntax would be `du -ah /[volume_name]`.

[60.](#) C. The `vi` command (shortened from `visual`) is used to open a window-oriented text editor in Linux. The `cd` command is for change directory, `ps` lists processes, and `cp` is copy.

[61.](#) C. If each client has been promised 16GB RAM, then the server must have enough RAM to give each client their allotment. This means 64GB in this case. The assumption is that the hypervisor will require no RAM on its own. In reality, it probably will require a little but not much.

[62.](#) B. Depending on the variant of Linux you are running, `apt` (Advanced Package Tool) can be useful in getting the patches from a repository site and downloading them for installation. The most common command used with this tool is `apt-get`, which, as the name implies, gets the package for installation.

[63.](#) A. When configuring a mobile email client to access a commercial email provider, you typically just need your

username and password to establish connectivity. Examples include Google, Yahoo, [Outlook.com](https://outlook.com), and iCloud.

[64.](#) C, D. To interact with a mobile operating system, people can use gesture-based interaction, or gestures. Mobile devices also have emergency notifications built-in, for Amber alerts or government-declared emergencies. Software development kits (SDKs) are available for nearly all OSs, as are power options.

[65.](#) D. Screen sharing is a macOS feature that allows you to share your screen with others. It requires a Virtual Network Computing (VNC) connection.

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- [1.](#) C. Patches and updates should be applied, regardless of the severity of the issue. In addition, they should be applied immediately. Use Windows Update to manage the process for you.
- [2.](#) C. A strong Windows password will help protect Windows but does not protect the computer in general. If a user can get into the BIOS, then he can change the boot sequence, boot to a CD, and do some damage to the system. The way to protect against this is to implement a BIOS/UEFI password.
- [3.](#) D. Firewalls are among the first lines of defense in a network. The basic purpose of a firewall is to isolate one network from another. Firewalls function as one or more of the following: packet filter, proxy firewall, or stateful inspection firewall.
- [4.](#) A, C. Biometrics and privacy filters are physical security methods. Multifactor authentication may require a physical device (for example, something you have) but not necessarily. Firewalls can be hardware devices but can also be software packages.
- [5.](#) C. Social engineering is a process in which an attacker attempts to acquire information about your network and system by social means, such as talking to people in the organization. A social engineering attack may occur over the phone, over email, or in person. The intent is to acquire access information, such as user IDs and passwords.
- [6.](#) C. Any time there is more than one authentication method required, it's multifactor authentication. In this case, it does involve using biometrics, but the passcode is not a biometric factor. Multifactor authentication usually requires two of the following three types of inputs: something you know (password), something you have (smart token), or something you are (biometrics).
- [7.](#) C. Tailgating refers to being so close to someone when they enter a building that you are able to come in right behind them

without needing to use a key, a card, or any other security device. Using mantraps, which are devices such as small rooms that limit access to one or a few individuals, is a great way to stop tailgating.

[8.](#) B. Adding RobertS to the Administrators group will certainly work, but it's not the recommended approach. Since members of the Administrators group have such power, they can inadvertently do harm (such as accidentally deleting a file that a regular user could not). To protect against this, the practice of logging in with an Administrators group account for daily interaction is strongly discouraged. Instead, system administrators should log in with a user account (lesser privileges) and change to the Administrators group account (elevated privileges) only when necessary.

[9.](#) A, B. Biometric authentication requires identification of a physical feature of the user, such as a fingerprint or facial scan. DNA is considered a form of biometric authentication, but it's not commonly used today with mobile devices. (Imagine your phone needing to collect blood or saliva to authenticate you—no thanks!)

[10.](#) D. If you're using FAT32 and want to change to NTFS, the convert utility will allow you to do so. For example, to change the E: drive to NTFS, the command is `convert e: /FS:NTFS`.

[11.](#) D. When there are conflicting NTFS permissions, generally they are combined, and the most liberal is granted. The exception to that is when there is an explicit Deny. That overrides any allowed permissions.

[12.](#) C. Microsoft wanted to create a group in Windows that was not as powerful as the Administrators group, which is how the Power Users group came into being. The idea was that membership in this group would be given read/write permission to the system, allowing members to install most software but keeping them from changing key operating system files.

[13.](#) C. When assigning user permissions, follow the principle of least privilege; give users only the bare minimum that they



need to do their job. Assign permissions to groups rather than users, and make users member of groups (or remove them from groups) as they change roles or positions.

[14.](#) D. Placing an unauthorized router with a seemingly legitimate configuration is specifically known as an evil twin. Those can lead to man-in-the-middle attacks, which involve clandestinely placing something (such as a piece of software or a rogue router) between a server and the user, and neither the server's administrator nor the user is aware of it. The man-in-the-middle intercepts data and then sends the information to the server as if nothing is wrong. The man-in-the-middle software may be recording information for someone to view later, altering it, or in some other way compromising the security of your system and session.

[15.](#) B. Companies normally generate a huge amount of paper, most of which eventually winds up in Dumpsters or recycle bins. Dumpsters may contain information that is highly sensitive in nature, and attackers may seek it out by practicing Dumpster diving. In high-security and government environments, sensitive papers should be either shredded or burned.

[16.](#) B, D. You should rename the default account and always require strong passwords. In Windows, you are unable to disable the Administrator account or remove it from the Administrators group.

[17.](#) A. A virtual private network (VPN) is a private network connection that occurs through a public network. VPNs make use of tunneling, which sends private data across a public network by placing (encapsulating) that data into other packets. Even though a VPN is created through the Internet or other public networks, the connection logically appears to be part of the local network.

[18.](#) B, D. NTFS permissions affect users regardless of if they are at the local computer or accessing the resource across the network. They can also be applied to individual files, whereas Share permissions can be applied only to folders. One set of



permissions is not inherently more restrictive than the other, as either type can be used to deny access in a given situation (at least when accessing across the network).

[19.](#) B. An ID badge is worn by employees to identify them. Some companies use different colored badges to indicate different functions or security privileges. Most ID badges have a picture of the user on them to prevent unauthorized use.

[20.](#) C. A locator app is what you need. Apple supplies a free app called Find My iPhone that, together with iCloud, allows multiple mobile devices and Macs to be located if powered on and attached to the Internet (via 4G, 3G, Wi-Fi, Ethernet, and so on). The app allows the device to be controlled remotely to lock it, play a sound (even if audio is off), display a message, or wipe it clean.

[21.](#) A. File systems such as NTFS, and security devices such as firewalls, can track security in access control lists (ACLs). ACLs can hold permissions for local users and groups, and each entry in the ACL can also specify what type of access is given. This allows a great deal of flexibility in setting up a network.

[22.](#) C, D. The four common file attributes are Read-only, Archive, System, and Hidden (remember the acronym RASH). They can be implemented on FAT32 or NTFS volumes and changed by anyone with proper access. On NTFS volumes, you can also compress or encrypt files as part of Advanced attributes. At a command prompt, the `attrib` command is used to change attributes. In Windows, right-click the file, choose Properties, and look for Attributes on the General tab.

[23.](#) A. The systems are not up-to-date and therefore are more vulnerable to attacks. These systems are considered noncompliant systems. It's a violation of security best practices to fail to keep all software on your network up-to-date.

[24.](#) B. Acceptable use policies (AUPs) describe how the employees in an organization can use company systems and resources, both software and hardware. This policy should also outline the consequences for misuse. In addition, the policy (also known as a use policy) should address the installation of

personal software on company computers and the use of personal hardware such as USB devices.

[25.](#) B. BitLocker allows you to use drive encryption to protect files—including those needed for startup and logon. This is available only with more complete editions of Windows 8 (Pro and Enterprise), Windows 7 (Enterprise and Ultimate), and Windows Vista (Enterprise and Ultimate). For removable drives, BitLocker To Go provides the same encryption technology to help prevent unauthorized access to the files stored on them.

[26.](#) C. Spyware differs from other malware in that it works—often actively—on behalf of a third party. Rather than self-replicating, like viruses and worms, spyware is spread to machines by users who inadvertently ask for it. The users often don't know they have asked for it but have done so by downloading other programs, visiting infected sites, and so on. The spyware program monitors the user's activity and responds by offering unsolicited pop-up advertisements (sometimes known as adware), gathers information about the user to pass on to marketers, or intercepts personal data such as credit card numbers.

[27.](#) C. When creating user accounts, follow the principle of least privilege: give users only the permissions they need to do their work and no more. This is especially true with administrators. Users who need administrative-level permissions should be assigned two accounts: one for performing nonadministrative, day-to-day tasks and the other to be used only when performing administrative tasks that specifically require an administrative-level user account. Those users should be educated on how each of the accounts should be used.

[28.](#) A, C. Password attacks occur when an account is attacked repeatedly. This is accomplished by using applications known as password crackers, which send possible passwords to the account in a systematic manner. Two types of password attacks are brute-force and dictionary attacks.

[29.](#) C. All the options will increase the security of an iPhone. For

just the basic level of security, though, enable a screen lock. A user will need to enter a code to gain access to the device. It's typically enough to thwart casual snoops and would-be hackers.

[30.](#) A. An authenticator app can help securely verify your identity online, regardless of the account you want to log in to. Different apps work in different ways, but the general procedure is that the app will generate a random code for you to type in along with your username and password. The random code helps identify you and tells the site you are logging into that you really are who you say you are.

[31.](#) B. A dictionary attack uses a dictionary of common words to attempt to find the user's password. Dictionary attacks can be automated, and several tools exist in the public domain to execute them. As an example of this type of attack, imagine guessing words and word combinations found in a standard English-language dictionary. The policy you have recommended could also help thwart those who may try to look over a shoulder to see a user's password, but they can still see it whether it's a common word or not.

[32.](#) A. Trojan horses are programs that enter a system or network under the guise of another program. A Trojan horse may be included as an attachment or as part of an installation program. The Trojan horse can create a back door or replace a valid program during installation. It then accomplishes its mission under the guise of another program.

[33.](#) C. A large electromagnet can be used to destroy any magnetic media, such as a hard drive or backup tape set. The most common of these is the degaussing tool. Degaussing involves applying a strong magnetic field to initialize the media (this is also sometimes referred to as disk wiping). This process helps ensure that information doesn't fall into the wrong hands.

[34.](#) A. Spyware differs from other malware in that it works—often actively—on behalf of a third party. Rather than self-replicating, like viruses and worms, spyware is spread to machines by users who inadvertently ask for it. The users often don't know they have asked for it but have done so by

downloading other programs, visiting infected sites, and so on. The spyware program monitors the user's activity and responds by offering unsolicited pop-up advertisements (sometimes known as adware), gathers information about the user to pass on to marketers, or intercepts personal data such as credit card numbers.

[35.](#) D. When copying a file or folder on NTFS volumes, the new file or folder will inherit its permissions from its new parent folder. The old permissions will be discarded.

[36.](#) B. Users should never leave a company notebook computer, tablet computer, or smartphone in a position where it can be stolen or compromised while they are away from the office. Cable locks should be used to keep notebook computers securely in place whenever users are not near their devices.

[37.](#) D. Key fobs are named after the chains that used to hold pocket watches to clothes. They are security devices that you carry with you; they display a randomly generated code that you can then use for authentication. This code usually changes very quickly (every 60 seconds is probably the average), and you combine this code with your PIN for authentication. RSA is one of the most well-known vendors of key fobs. These may also be called security tokens.

[38.](#) A. Antivirus software is an application that is installed on a system to protect it and to scan for viruses as well as worms and Trojan horses. Most viruses have characteristics that are common to families of viruses. Antivirus software looks for these characteristics, or fingerprints, to identify and neutralize viruses before they impact you. Antivirus software needs to be constantly updated to ensure that it can detect the most current viruses.

[39.](#) B. A spoofing attack is an attempt by someone or something to masquerade as someone else. You might think of spoofing attacks as affecting network systems, but they can affect phone systems as well.

[40.](#) C. Because Graham is accessing the NTFS-based resource over the network, both NTFS and Share permissions are

applied. If there is a difference between the two of them, the most restrictive permissions are used. Therefore, Graham has Read access only.

[41.](#) C. It is never a good idea to put any media in a workstation if you do not know where it came from or what it is. The simple reason is that said media (CD, DVD, USB) could contain malware. Compounding matters, that malware could be referenced in the `AUTORUN .INF` file, causing it to be summoned when the media is inserted in the machine and requiring no other action.

[42.](#) C. NTFS permissions can affect users logged on locally or across the network to the system where the NTFS permissions are applied. Share permissions are in effect only when the user connects to the resource via the network.

[43.](#) D. Polymorphic (literally, many forms) viruses change form to avoid detection. These types of viruses attack your system, display a message on your computer, and delete files on your system. The virus will attempt to hide from your antivirus software. Frequently, the virus will encrypt parts of itself to avoid detection. When the virus does this, it's referred to as mutation. The mutation process makes it hard for antivirus software to detect common characteristics of the virus.

[44.](#) C. Rootkits are software programs that have the ability to hide certain things from the operating system; they do so by obtaining (and retaining) administrative-level access. With a rootkit, there may be a number of processes running on a system that don't show up in Task Manager, or connections that don't appear in a Netstat display may be established or available—the rootkit masks the presence of these items.

[45.](#) D. Encrypting File System (EFS) is available in most editions of Windows, and it allows for encryption/decryption of files stored in NTFS volumes. All users can use EFS, whereas only administrators can turn on BitLocker. It does not require any special hardware, while BitLocker benefits from having the Trusted Platform Module (TPM). As an additional distinction, EFS can encrypt just one file, if so desired, while BitLocker

encrypts the whole volume and whatever is stored on it.

[46.](#) D. Anti-malware software will help protect computers from malicious programs. Typically, anti-malware does everything that antivirus software does as well as identifying threats beyond just viruses. A lot of anti-malware software is marketed as antivirus software.

[47.](#) C. Administrative shares are created on servers running Windows on the network for administrative purposes. These shares can differ slightly based on which OS is running, but they always end with a dollar sign (\$) to make them hidden. There is one for each volume on a hard drive (c\$, d\$, and so on), as well as `admin$` (the root folder—usually `c:\winnt`) and `print$` (where the print drivers are located). These are created for use by administrators and usually require administrator privileges to access.

[48.](#) B. NTFS permissions are able to protect you at the file level as well as the folder level. Share permissions can be applied to the folder level only.

[49.](#) B. Since the user and the volume are on the same computer, only NTFS permissions are in effect. Share and NTFS permissions are both consulted only when accessing an NTFS resource across the network. Then, the most restrictive permission set between the two is applied.

[50.](#) A. Security tokens are anything that a user must have on them to access network resources, and they are often associated with devices that enable the user to generate a one-time password authenticating their identity. SecurID, from RSA, is one of the best-known examples of a physical security token. ID badges can have security mechanisms built in, but not all do.

[51.](#) B. Users should lock their computers when they leave their desks, but there should also be a screen lock/timeout setting configured on every workstation to prevent them from inadvertently becoming an open door to the network. A password should be required before the user can begin their session again.

[52.](#) A, B. If your intent is to physically destroy the drive, you have a few options. They include shredders (not the paper kind but ones that can handle metal), a drill or hammer, and incineration. Although these methods can be fun, they can also be dangerous, so be sure to use adequate safety measures.

[53.](#) C. There are trusted software sources that you know and work with all the time (such as Microsoft or HP) and there are untrusted sources, and you should differentiate between them. Don't use or let your users use untrusted software sources. Generally, common sense can be your guide.

[54.](#) C. There isn't any one universal solution to wireless access point placement; it depends a lot on the environment. As a general rule, the greater the distance the signal must travel, the more it will attenuate, but you can lose a signal quickly in a short space as well if the building materials reflect or absorb it. You should try to avoid placing access points near metal (which includes appliances) or near the ground. They should be placed in the center of the area to be served and high enough to get around most obstacles. Note that of all current 802.11 standards, only 802.11ac offers directional antennae. All other standards are omnidirectional, meaning that the signal transmits in all directions.

[55.](#) C. When a hole is found in a web browser or other software and attackers begin exploiting it the very day it is discovered by the developer (bypassing the one- to two-day response time that many software providers need to put out a patch once the hole has been found), it is known as a zero-day attack (or exploit).

[56.](#) C. Changing the default username, password, and SSID are all good measures to take when installing a new router. Another good step is to update the firmware. It's possible that new firmware was introduced while your device was sitting on a shelf somewhere, and it's always smart to be up-to-date.

[57.](#) D. When a hole is found in a web browser or other software and attackers begin exploiting it the very day it is discovered by the developer (bypassing the one- to two-day response time that many software providers need to put out a patch once the hole



has been found), it is known as a zero-day attack (or exploit). Because the vulnerability is so new, developers have not had a chance to patch the issue, and anti-malware software will not yet be updated to detect the attack signature.

[58.](#) C. A multipartite virus attacks your system in multiple ways. It may attempt to infect your boot sector, infect all your executable files, and destroy your application files. The hope here is that you won't be able to correct all the problems and will allow the infestation to continue.

[59.](#) D. BYOD policies are becoming more common in corporate environments. Be sure to have a policy in place to clearly spell out security requirements and user expectations before the employee brings their own device. Most companies require the employee to sign the agreement to acknowledge that they have read and understand it.

[60.](#) C. Privacy filters are either film or glass add-ons that are placed over a monitor or laptop screen to prevent the data on the screen from being readable when viewed from the sides. Only the user sitting directly in front of the screen is able to read the data.

[61.](#) C. Software running on infected computers called zombies is often known as a botnet. Bots, by themselves, are but a form of software that runs automatically and autonomously and are not harmful. Botnet, however, has come to be the word used to describe malicious software running on a zombie and under the control of a bot-herder. Denial of service attacks—DoS and DDoS—can be launched by botnets, as can many forms of adware, spyware, and spam (via spambots).

[62.](#) A. When there are conflicting NTFS permissions, generally they are combined, and the most liberal is granted. This holds true for conflicting permissions between groups or between a user's account and group memberships.

[63.](#) B. Since Alexandra is sitting at the computer, only NTFS permissions are in effect. Share permissions apply only when accessing the shared resource over the network. Therefore, her effective permission level is Read and Write.



[64.](#) A. A firewall operating as a packet filter passes or blocks traffic to specific addresses based on the type of application and the port used. The packet filter doesn't analyze the data of a packet; it decides whether to pass it based on the packet's addressing information. For instance, a packet filter may allow web traffic on port 80 and block Telnet traffic on port 23. This type of filtering is included in many routers.

[65.](#) C. Biometric devices use physical characteristics to identify the user. Biometric systems include fingerprint/palm/hand scanners, retinal scanners, and soon, possibly, DNA scanners. To gain access to resources, you must pass a physical screening process.

[66.](#) A. BitLocker allows you to use drive encryption to protect files—including those needed for startup and logon. This is available only with more complete editions of Windows 8 (Pro and Enterprise), Windows 7 (Enterprise and Ultimate), and Windows Vista (Enterprise and Ultimate). For removable drives, BitLocker To Go provides the same encryption technology to help prevent unauthorized access to the files stored on them.

[67.](#) A. A retrovirus attacks or bypasses the antivirus software installed on a computer. You can consider a retrovirus to be an anti-antivirus. Retroviruses can directly attack your antivirus software and potentially destroy the virus definition database file. When this information is destroyed without your knowledge, you would be left with a false sense of security. The virus may also directly attack an antivirus program to create bypasses for itself.

[68.](#) C. What is known as a low-level format now is drastically different than it was years ago. The intent is the same, though, and that is to erase all data on the hard drive so it's not recoverable. Technically, the low-level format needs to happen first. Think of it as laying out walls for a building. Once the walls are laid out, the standard format can come along and decide what goes where.

[69.](#) D. When MAC filtering is used, the administrator compiles a

list of the MAC addresses associated with the users' computers and enters them. When a client attempts to connect, an additional check of the MAC address is performed. If the address appears in the list, the client is allowed to join; otherwise, they are forbidden from so doing. Many consider this a form of security, but when used by itself, it's pretty weak. Someone with a packet sniffer could spoof a MAC address and join the network.

[70.](#) B. A worm is different from a virus in that it can reproduce itself, it's self-contained, and it doesn't need a host application to be transported. Many of the so-called viruses that have made the news were actually worms. Worms can use TCP/IP, email, Internet services, or any number of possibilities to reach their target.

[71.](#) B. Email filtering, as the name implies, involves filtering email before passing it on. This can be done with messages intended both to enter and to leave the network, and it can head off problems before they can propagate. One of the simplest filters is the spam filter included with most email programs.

[72.](#) D. The Full Control permission gives the user all the other permissions and the ability to change permissions for others. The user can also take ownership of the directory or any of its contents. There is no Change Permissions standard NTFS permission.

[73.](#) D. A brute-force attack is an attempt to guess passwords until a successful guess occurs. Because of the nature of this attack, it usually occurs over a long period of time, but automated programs can do it quickly. In this situation, you might have been tempted to choose a dictionary attack, but the defining characteristic of those attacks is the use of common words, which was not part of this question. (Brute force can be combined with dictionary attacks as well.)

[74.](#) A, D. A mantrap and privacy filters are physical security methods. They will not prevent software-based attacks. Firewalls can block malicious network traffic, and anti-malware can block malicious software such as viruses and worms.

[75.](#) D. A certificate of destruction (or certificate of recycling) may be required for audit purposes. Such a certificate, usually issued by the organization carrying out the destruction, is intended to verify that the asset was properly destroyed and usually includes serial numbers, type of destruction done, and so on.

[76.](#) B. The best rule of thumb is that if your OS vendor provides an update, you should install it as soon as possible. Some companies do want their corporate IT groups to vet the update first, but it's still always a best practice to update sooner rather than later.

[77.](#) B. Share and NTFS permissions are both consulted when accessing an NTFS resource across the network. The most restrictive permission set between the two is applied. If there are no explicit Allow or Deny share permissions set, though, then only the NTFS permissions apply.

[78.](#) B. If you attempt to run some utilities (such as SFC) from a standard command prompt, you will be told that you must be an administrator running a console session in order to continue. Rather than opening a standard command prompt, choose Start ➤ All Programs ➤ Accessories and then right-click Command Prompt and choose Run As Administrator. The UAC will prompt you to continue, and then you can run SFC without a problem.

[79.](#) C. When users are granted NTFS permissions from multiple groups, their effective permissions are cumulative, or the most liberal of the permissions assigned. In this case, Write also gives the ability to Read; therefore, the user has both.

[80.](#) B. A smart card is a type of badge or card that gives you access to resources, including buildings, parking lots, and computers. It contains information about your identity and access privileges. Each area or computer has a card scanner or a reader in which you insert your card. Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) is the wireless, no-contact technology used with these cards and their accompanying reader.

[81.](#) A. A spoofing attack is an attempt by someone or something

to masquerade as someone else. This type of attack is usually considered an access attack. The most popular spoofing attacks today are IP spoofing, ARP spoofing, and DNS spoofing. This is an example of IP spoofing, where the goal is to make the data look as if it came from a trusted host when it didn't (thus spoofing the IP address of the sending host).

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[83.](#) A. There are generally three wireless encryption methods available. From least to most secure, they are WEP, WPA, and WPA2. Always go with WPA2 unless strange circumstances prevent you from doing so.

[84.](#) A. Companies normally generate a huge amount of paper, most of which eventually winds up in Dumpsters or recycle bins. Dumpsters may contain information that is highly sensitive in nature, and attackers may seek it out by practicing Dumpster diving. In high-security and government environments, sensitive papers should be either shredded or burned.

[85.](#) B, C. Social engineering is a process in which an attacker attempts to acquire information about your network and system by social means, such as talking to people in the organization. When this is done via email or instant messaging, it's called phishing.

[86.](#) D. Tailgating refers to being so close to someone when they enter a building that you are able to come in right behind them without needing to use a key, a card, or any other security device. Using mantraps, which are devices such as small rooms that limit access to one or a few individuals, is a great way to stop tailgating. Revolving doors can also help prevent tailgating.

[87.](#) B. On the chance that the signal is actually traveling too far,

some access points include power level controls that allow you to reduce the amount of output provided.

[88.](#) A. This is an example of spear phishing, which is a specific form of social engineering. With spear phishing, the attacker uses information that the target would be less likely to question because it appears to be coming from a trusted source. (When, in reality, the attacker in this case has hacked a friend's email account.) Because it appears far more likely to be a legitimate message, it cuts through your standard defenses like a spear, and the likelihood that you would click this link is higher.

[89.](#) A. Social engineering is a process in which an attacker attempts to acquire information about your network and system by social means, such as talking to people in the organization. A social engineering attack may occur over the phone, by email, or in person. When the attempt is made through email or instant messaging, this is known as phishing, and it's often made to look as if a message is coming from sites where users are likely to have accounts (banks, eBay, and PayPal are popular).

[90.](#) A. If you have an open-access building but then need people to access a secured area, one way to provide security is through a guard. An access list or entry control roster should then exist to identify specifically who can enter and can be verified by the guard or someone with authority.

[91.](#) A. The Administrator account is the most powerful of all: it has the power to do everything from the smallest task all the way up to removing the operating system. Because of the power it wields, you should rename the account and assign it a strong password.

[92.](#) B. Many viruses will announce that you're infected as soon as they gain access to your system. They may take control of your system and flash annoying messages on your screen or destroy your hard disk. When this occurs, you'll know that you're a victim. Other viruses will cause your system to slow down, cause files to disappear from your computer, or take over your disk space. Many viruses today are spread using email. The

infected system attaches a file to any email that you send to another user. The recipient opens this file, thinking it's something that you legitimately sent them. When they open the file, the virus infects the target system.

[93.](#) A. Configure user account settings so that there are a limited number of login attempts (three is a good number) before the account is locked for a period of time. Legitimate users who need to get in before the block expires can contact the administrator and explain why they weren't able to give the right password three times in a row, and illegitimate users will go away in search of another system to try to enter.

[94.](#) D. One form of social engineering is shoulder surfing, and it involves nothing more than watching someone when they enter their sensitive data. They can see you entering a password, typing in a credit card number, or entering any other pertinent information. The best defense against this type of attack is simply to survey your environment before entering personal data.

[95.](#) A. Content filtering is the process of blocking objectionable content, from either websites or email. Many routers and firewalls will provide content filtering services. In many cases, a reference service is used to block websites, and filters can be implemented to scan emails for prohibited content.

[96.](#) C. One method of "protecting" the network that is often recommended is to turn off the SSID broadcast. The access point is still there and can still be accessed by those who know of it, but it prevents those who are looking at a list of available networks from finding it. This should be considered a weak form of security because there are still ways, albeit a bit more complicated, to discover the presence of the access point besides the SSID broadcast.

[97.](#) D. In a Windows domain, password policies can be configured at the domain level using Group Policy objects. Variables that you can configure include password complexity and length and the time between allowed changes to passwords.

[98.](#) C. Sometimes the obvious solutions are the best ones! A key

aspect of access control involves physical barriers. One of the easiest ways to prevent those intent on creating problems from physically entering your environment is to lock your doors and keep them out.

[99.](#) B. With ransomware, software—often delivered through a Trojan horse—takes control of a system and demands that a third party be paid. The “control” can be accomplished by encrypting the hard drive, by changing user password information, or via any of a number of other creative ways. Users are usually assured that by paying the extortion amount (the ransom), they will be given the code needed to revert their systems to normal operations. Even among malware, ransomware is particularly nasty.

[100.](#) A, B. When configuring a new wireless router, always change the username and password first. This prevents would-be hackers from having easy access to the router. Then change the default SSID.

[101.](#) D. Disable all unneeded protocols/ports. In this case, ports 80 and 443 are needed for HTTP and HTTPS access, and ports 25, 110, and 143 may be needed for email. That’s it. If you don’t need them, remove the additional protocols, software, or services or prevent them (disable them, or block them, as the setting is typically called on a router) from loading. Ports not in use present an open door for an attacker to enter.

[102.](#) A. Failed login attempt restrictions will destroy all local data on the phone if incorrect passcodes are entered 10 times in a row. While this is recommended for users with phones that contain sensitive data and that are frequently taken into public venues or placed in compromising positions, the casual user should not turn on this feature unless they can be sure there will always be a recent backup available in iTunes.

[103.](#) B. When you move a file or folder on the same NTFS volume, it will keep its original permissions. If you copy it or move it to a different volume, it will inherit permissions from its new parent directory.

[104.](#) B. When users log on to a computer or network, they are



generally required to provide credentials such as a username or password. In multifactor authentication, the user is required to provide two or more items. These items are generally from two of three categories: something they know (such as a password), something they have (such as a code from a security token), or something they are (biometric screening).

[105.](#) B, C. The best methods are either overwrite or drive wipe. Overwriting the drive entails copying over the data with new data. A common practice is to replace the data with os. Drive wipes do a similar thing. Formatting the drive does not guarantee that others can't read the data. Using electromagnetic fields (or degaussing) isn't reliable and can damage the hard drive. (Not to mention it won't work at all on SSDs!)

[106.](#) A, C. System files are critical to the operating system working properly and should not be changed or deleted. By default, the Hidden and System attributes are set. Some are also set to Read-only, but not all. For example, the virtual memory file (`pagefile.sys`) is a system file but is not Read-only.

[107.](#) D. When Windows is installed, one of the default accounts it creates is Guest, and this represents a weakness that can be exploited by an attacker. While the account cannot do much, it can provide initial access to a system, and the attacker can use that to find another account or acquire sensitive information about the system. To secure the system, disable all accounts that are not needed, especially the Guest account.

[108.](#) A. Man-in-the-middle attacks clandestinely place something (such as a piece of software or a rogue router) between a server and the user, and neither the server's administrator nor the user is aware of it. The man-in-the-middle intercepts data and then sends the information to the server as if nothing is wrong. The man-in-the-middle software may be recording information for someone to view later, altering it, or in some other way compromising the security of your system and session.

[109.](#) B, C. Setting strong passwords is critical to network security. They should be as long as possible. Eight or ten



characters is a good minimum. Users should also need to use a combination of uppercase and lowercase letters, a number, and a special character such as #, @, &, or others. Passwords should also expire, but 180 days is too long. Having a 42-day or 90-day requirement would be better.

[110.](#) A. With NTFS, files, directories, and volumes can each have their own security. NTFS tracks security in access control lists (ACLs), which can hold permissions for local users and groups, and each entry in the ACL can specify what type of access is given—such as Read & Execute, List Folder Contents, or Full Control. This allows a great deal of flexibility in setting up a network.

[111.](#) B, C. Inheritance is the default behavior throughout the permission structure, unless a specific setting is created to override it. For example, a user who has Read and Write permissions in one folder will have that in all the subfolders unless a change has been made specifically to one of the subfolders. Explicit permissions at a more granular level will apply instead of those set at a higher level of the directory tree.

[112.](#) D. Data loss prevention (DLP) systems monitor the contents of systems (workstations, servers, and networks) to make sure that key content is not deleted or removed. They also monitor who is using the data (looking for unauthorized access) and transmitting the data. DLP systems share commonalities with network intrusion prevention systems.

[113.](#) D. The Guest account is created by default (and should be disabled) and is a member of the Guests group. For the most part, members of Guests have the same rights as Users except they can't get to log files. The best reason to make users members of the Guests group is to access the system only for a limited time. There is no group named Standard Users by default. There is a Users group, Administrators, Power Users, Guests, and a few others.

[114.](#) C. One of the big problems larger systems must deal with is the need for users to access multiple systems or applications. This may require a user to remember multiple accounts and

passwords. The purpose of a single sign-on (SSO) is to give users access to all the applications and systems that they need when they log on. Some of the systems may require the user to enter their credentials again, but the username and password will be consistent between systems.

## Chapter 8: Software Troubleshooting

[1.](#) C. There are many other forms of malware in addition to viruses. While a true antivirus program will scan for viruses, anti-malware programs are a superset of virus scanners and will look for more than just traditional viruses. One program included with Windows that falls into this category is Windows Defender, which is mainly a spyware detector (and incorporates Microsoft Security Essentials, or MSE, with it as of Windows 8 and later).

[2.](#) C. A common cause for lack of wireless connectivity is for a device to be in airplane mode. Make sure the device is not in that mode, and do a hard reboot if necessary.

[3.](#) C. If the operating system is missing, it could be due to a bad or corrupt boot sector on the hard drive, or the operating system may indeed be missing. If the hard drive is actually OK, then use the installation DVD (you may have to set the BIOS to use the DVD drive as your primary boot device) or the Windows Repair CD. In Windows 8/8.1, Windows 7, and Windows Vista, go to System Recovery Options and choose Startup Repair.

[4.](#) A. If the system is unresponsive, then a soft reset will not work. A hard reset is the next choice. With Apple's iPhone, iPad, and iPod Touch, forcing a restart on the device is done by pressing and holding the Sleep/Wake and Home buttons for at least 10 seconds until you see the Apple logo.

[5.](#) B. When an application crashes, you want to isolate the cause of the crash—it could be a compatibility issue, hardware, or a host of other problems—and solve it. One step to take early on is to look for updates/patches/fixes to the application released by the vendor.

[6.](#) B. This is a classic symptom of browser redirection. The perpetrator has one goal, which is to direct you to websites that he wants you to visit, regardless of what you actually want to see. Removing the redirector might be as simple as uninstalling an application (by dragging it to the Trash and emptying the

Trash), or it might require full-scale virus (malware) mitigation.

[7.](#) D. If the service refuses to start, even manually, it is possibly corrupt. (It is also possible that you have malware, but we'll focus on it being corrupt first.) The system file checker (SFC) utility can fix the key system files needed to run this Windows service. If that doesn't fix it, then follow the steps needed to mitigate malware, or reinstall Windows.

[8.](#) A. Unfortunately, the only solution to a locked phone (or system lockout) is to perform a reset to factory specifications. That means that all the data on the phone is gone, unless it was synced with iTunes or iCloud (or the appropriate Android equivalent).

[9.](#) D. iPads and iPhones are not large enough to have external DVI or other video ports. If you want to project to an external monitor, you need an adapter or an app that will allow you to broadcast to the monitor over Wi-Fi or Bluetooth.

[10.](#) B. Lack of Bluetooth connectivity is often caused when a device is not turned on and/or has an improper setting for discoverability. Make sure the device is turned on and discoverable (checking the manufacturer's documentation if necessary).

[11.](#) D. The best practices for malware removal is a seven-step process. Identify malware symptoms, quarantine infected system, disable system restore (in Windows), remediate infected systems (including update anti-malware software and scan and remove the malware), schedule scans and run updates, enable system restore and create a restore point (in Windows), and educate the end user.

[12.](#) C. Spam is defined as any unwanted, unsolicited email, and not only can the sheer volume of it be irritating, it can often open the door to larger problems. While spam is not truly a virus or a hoax, it is one of the most annoying things with which an administrator must contend. Installing or enabling a spam filter on the email server is the best solution.

[13.](#) A. A Wi-Fi analyzer can be used on your network to see

signal strength, channels used, and various other network metrics. Any company with a wireless network should have one for troubleshooting purposes.

[14.](#) C. The first rule with BSOD errors is to reboot. If the problem goes away, it could have just been a one-time problem. But since you just installed the sound card, it's most likely the sound card driver that caused the issue. Reboot into Safe Mode and uninstall the driver. After you reboot again, look on the manufacturer's site for an updated driver.

[15.](#) B, C. There are a number of causes why intermittent wireless connections can occur, but the two most common are lack of a good signal and interference. Increasing the number of repeaters, or being closer to them, can address the lack of a good signal. Interference can be addressed by reducing the number of devices competing for the same channel or by moving away from walls or obstacles.

[16.](#) A. Because problems tend to happen no matter how careful you may be, it is important to back up devices and be able to restore from those backups after an incident. Google Sync is available for backups and synchronization of data between Android-based devices and PCs.

[17.](#) A. The best practices for malware removal is a seven-step process. Identify malware symptoms, quarantine infected system, disable system restore (in Windows), remediate infected systems (including update anti-malware software and scan and remove the malware), schedule scans and run updates, enable system restore and create a restore point (in Windows), and educate the end user.

[18.](#) B, C. Neither a soft reset nor a hard reset will delete all data on the phone or reset the password. A hard reset will work if the touchscreen is responsive, and a soft reset will keep the data of running applications. Hard resets should be performed only if the system is locked up or unresponsive.

[19.](#) D. During the Windows 8/7/Vista boot process, the master boot record (MBR) determines the file system and loads `WINLOAD.EXE`, which starts the official Windows boot process. In

Windows 8/7/Vista, `WINLOAD.EXE` replaces `NTLDR` from the Windows XP days.

[20.](#) B, C. The Windows Preinstallation Environment (PE) is a minimal operating system, designed to prepare a computer for installation or to boot into for launching troubleshooting tools such as the Windows Recovery Environment (RE). It is not intended to be an operating system on a computer but rather as a stepping-stone to get an OS installed or repaired.

[21.](#) D. The `SFC /SCANNOW` command checks all system files and repairs any problems found. `SFC /OFFBOOTDIR` allows you to set the location of an offline boot directory that can then be used for offline repair. `SFC /VERIFYFILE` specifies a file to be scanned but not repaired if errors are found. `SFC /SCANFIX` is not a valid option.

[22.](#) A. Log files are created to record significant events. Those events can range from security incidents to system problems to just normal user activity. Windows includes Event Viewer for the purpose of looking at log files and identifying problems.

[23.](#) C. Creators of malware have a number of methods by which they can wreak havoc on a system. One of the simplest ways is to delete or rename key system files. Then, the operating system will not work. Just as harmful as deleting or renaming a file is to change the permissions associated with it so that the user can no longer access it or perform those operations.

[24.](#) B. An invalid certificate usually means that the certificate that you have (or the one the website has) has expired. It could mean that the site is fine. But it could also mean someone has set up a Trojan that imitates the site you are seeking. If it's a site you are not familiar with, the best bet is to avoid it altogether.

[25.](#) C. If when you boot Windows won't load completely (it hangs or is otherwise corrupted), you can often solve the problem by booting into Safe Mode. To access Safe Mode, you must press F8 when the operating system menu is displayed during the boot process. You'll then see a menu of Safe Mode choices.

[26.](#) C. Antivirus databases should be updated frequently (about once a week, although more often is better) to keep your antivirus program up-to-date with all the possible virus definitions. Most antivirus programs will automatically update themselves (if configured properly) just as Windows Update will update Windows, provided the computer has a live Internet connection. It's a good idea to let them automatically update.

[27.](#) B. Mail decryption depends upon certificates, and problems can occur when those certificates expire or you have a configuration problem (which can accompany upgrades). To address the problem, try reimporting S/MIME certificates or deleting/importing them from the source.

[28.](#) A, C. High resource utilization can be a telltale sign that a device is running more than you think it should be—perhaps the drives are being searched or the camera is recording your every move. Or, it could be that the user has too many apps open and the device is struggling with available resources.

[29.](#) A. In Windows 8/7/Vista, `WINRESUME` checks the system for installed devices and device configurations and initializes the devices it finds. It passes the information to `WINLOAD`, which collects this information and passes it to the kernel after this file is loaded. `WINRESUME.EXE` replaces `NTDETECT.COM` from the Windows XP days.

[30.](#) B, C. Generally speaking, there is no need to close running apps on mobile devices, unless there is a problem. A common misperception among iPhone users is that all apps in the “background” (when they double-tap the Home button) are still running, when in fact they are not. That is a list of recently used apps, and their preview windows are still visible, but they are not actually using system resources as if they were open. Swiping up on them to “close” them is the same motion you would need to do if an app was locked up and you needed to do a force quit.

[31.](#) A. One of the more clever ways of spreading a virus is to disguise it so that it looks like an antivirus program. When it alerts the user to a fictitious problem, the user then begins

interacting with the program and allowing the rogue program to do all sorts of damage. One of the trickier things for troublemakers to do is to make the program look as if it came from a trusted source—such as Microsoft—and mimic the Windows Action Center interface enough to fool an unsuspecting user.

**32.** B. If Windows 7 (or Windows Vista/8) does not load properly, it could be a problem with the `BOOTMGR` file. That file starts the loading of the Windows OS. It replaces the `NTLDR` file, which was used by Windows XP and earlier Windows versions. Numerous dynamic link library (DLL) files are required to boot, but usually the lack of corruption of one of them produces a noncritical error.

**33.** A. If you want to recover your computer and bring it back to the point where it was when it was new (minus any files that you added since purchasing the machine), you can use the recovery CD set or DVD. In Windows, you can create a system repair disc from the Backup And Restore interface (beneath the Control Panel options for System And Security). The system repair disc can be used to boot the computer, and it will contain the system recovery tools.

**34.** B. A restore point is a copy, or snapshot, of your system configuration at a given point in time. It's like a backup of your configuration but not your data. Snapshots are created within Windows from the System Restore program. Restore points are created in one of three ways. One, Windows creates them automatically by default. Two, you can manually create them yourself. Three, during the installation of some programs, a restore point is created before the installation (that way, if the install fails, you can "roll back" the system to a preinstallation configuration).

**35.** B. If the hard drive gets to be under 10 percent free space, its performance can slow down dramatically. The Disk Cleanup utility will show how much disk space is being taken up by temporary files, log files, the Recycle Bin, and other items that can easily be deleted. This could free up some disk space. You will possibly need to delete some files as well.



[36.](#) A. Windows comes with many tools to help protect and repair system files and configuration, such as Last Known Good, the Emergency Repair Disk, SFC, and others. But nonsystem files are not covered. The only way to protect user-generated content is to back it up!

[37.](#) C. Mobile devices will overheat on occasion. Sometimes it happens after it's been charging, but it can also happen because of excessive ambient temperatures or too much use over an extended period of time. When the device does overheat, it's best to power it off. And, you can often help it cool down quicker by removing any protective case that may be there—and putting it back on later.

[38.](#) C. The email could be real, but most likely it's a hoax. Worse yet, it could be malware itself, and by clicking the link you will activate it on your computer. Always check a reputable source, such as [www.us-cert.gov](http://www.us-cert.gov), [www.cert.org](http://www.cert.org), or an anti-malware vendor (Symantec, McAfee, and so on) for information on the latest threats. At a minimum, delete the email and don't click the link!

[39.](#) B. If a touchscreen device is not responsive, the first step is to reboot the device. (If the screen is bad enough, he may need to replace the device, but that will not help in the short term.) A force stop just closes an app. Resetting the phone to the factory default settings will erase the data on the phone, which will not help in this situation.

[40.](#) D. Weak signals are a common culprit behind dropped signals. Before engaging in communication, signal strength on the device should be evaluated. If the signal is low (for example, no bars), then change location (step outside, drive out of the tunnel, exit the elevator, and so forth) and try for a better signal. A low battery can affect signal strength, so keep the battery charged as much as possible.

[41.](#) B. A soft reset will not work, because the buttons do not respond, and neither does the touchscreen, so you can't swipe to turn it off. You need to do a hard reset; press and hold the Sleep/Wake and Home buttons on an iPhone for at least 10

seconds until you see the Apple logo. If the restart does not work, try plugging in the device and letting it charge (an hour or more is recommended) and try restarting again.

[42.](#) B. When an app is unresponsive, you can do a force stop to close it. With iOS, press the Home button twice quickly, and small previews of your recently used apps will appear. Swipe left to find the app that you want to close and then swipe up on the app's preview to close it using a force stop.

[43.](#) A. The Windows Event Viewer utility provides information about what's been going on with the whole system to help you troubleshoot problems. Event Viewer shows warnings, error messages, and records of things that have happened successfully. It's found in all current versions of Windows. The three most commonly referenced logs are Security (which includes information about logins), System, and Application.

[44.](#) B. The best practice for malware removal is a seven-step process. Identify malware symptoms, quarantine infected system, disable system restore (in Windows), remediate infected systems (including update anti-malware software and scan and remove the malware), schedule scans and run updates, enable system restore and create a restore point (in Windows), and educate the end user.

[45.](#) C. If an app does not load, the first thing to try is rebooting. If that does not work, attempt to remove and reload the app. Be sure to check the vendor's site for any similar problems (and solutions) encountered by others.

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[47.](#) B. In the UNIX/Linux world, a kernel panic is when the OS crashes, much like a blue screen of death in Windows. This occurs when the operating system detects an error from which it cannot safely recover—rather than one app crashing, the

whole system does. First, reboot. If it comes back, solutions usually include updating hardware, firmware, software, and the OS itself. You can also check drives and RAM for errors that might be causing the crash and correct any problems that you uncover.

[48.](#) B. A computer slowdown could happen because of many things, such as hardware failure, an excessively full hard drive, not enough virtual memory, or malware. Rogue antivirus, hijacked email, and invalid certificates will cause problems but not computer slowdowns.

[49.](#) A, C. iPads and iPhones are not large enough to have external DVI or other video ports. If you want to project to an external monitor, you need an adapter, Apple TV, or an app that will allow you to broadcast to the monitor over Wi-Fi or Bluetooth.

[50.](#) C, D. It's most likely the driver that's causing the problem. One of the quickest (and best) ways to proceed is to boot to Safe Mode, which loads a standard VGA driver. Then you can uninstall the new video card driver. The other way is to boot to the Last Known Good configuration. Last Known Good will roll back the system to the state it was in when the last person logged in. So, if that was before the faulty driver was installed, it might solve the problem.

[51.](#) C. The `MSCONFIG` utility helps troubleshoot startup problems by allowing you to selectively disable individual items that are normally executed at startup. There is no menu command for this utility; you must run it with the Run command (on the Start menu). Choose Start ➤ Run, and type `MSCONFIG`. It works in most versions of Windows, although the interface window is slightly different among versions.

[52.](#) A. Creators of malware have a number of methods by which they can wreak havoc on a system. One of the simplest ways is to delete key system files. Then, the operating system will not work.

[53.](#) D. The Linux terminal is where commands are typed into. (It's the equivalent of a Windows command prompt.) Then, the

commands are processed by the shell. The most common shell in Linux systems is `bash`, which stands for Bourne Again Shell.

[54.](#) B. Hijacked email is when an attacker sends out an email from your address to your contacts or as spam to others. One of the easiest ways to spread malware is to capture the email contacts of a user and send it as an attachment to all of those in their circle. The recipient is more likely to open the attachment because it seemingly comes from a trusted source.

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[56.](#) C. The BIOS or UEFI will contain the boot order, which is what you need to change. You can set the system to boot to a hard drive, optical drive, network card, or other options.

[57.](#) D. Pop-ups are annoying but not necessarily an indication that your computer is infected with anything. Adware pop-ups usually spam your desktop with multiple (if not dozens of) windows at the same time. Spyware generally doesn't announce its presence, and viruses generally do more damage than a simple pop-up ad does.

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[59.](#) D. In the UNIX/Linux world, a kernel panic is when the OS crashes, much like a blue screen of death in Windows. This occurs when the operating system detects an error from which it cannot safely recover—rather than one app crashing, the whole system does. The first step in troubleshooting a kernel panic is to reboot and see whether the error persists.

[60.](#) C. Don't click the button! This is some sort of hoax. When you click the button, something bad will happen—something like malware being installed on your computer. Attackers are very creative about making their pop-ups look like legitimate security alerts. Clicking the X to close the window may work, but clicking anything related to this box is an unpleasant prospect.

[61.](#) A. Numerous dynamic link library (DLL) files are required to boot, but usually the lack of corruption of one of them produces a noncritical error. Within the Windows toolkit, the best utility to use to tackle this problem is the System File Checker (SFC).

[62.](#) A. If a touchscreen device is not responsive, the first step is to reboot the device. In the case of an iPhone, a soft reset won't likely work (because the touchscreen is not responsive), so try a hard reset. Press and hold down the Home and Sleep/Wake buttons for about 10 seconds, and then the Apple logo will appear. The phone will shut off. Then use the Sleep/Wake button to power it back on.

[63.](#) C. First, make sure that the service is configured to start properly. You can do this in the Services MMC app. An easy way to open Services is to click Start and type **services** in the search box. Then find Security Center and see what it's set to. It should be set to a Startup type of Automatic (Delayed Start).

[64.](#) C. If the Bluetooth devices have not been used together previously, they need to be paired to work. Pairing is usually a simple process where one device locates the other, a PIN is entered for security, and connectivity is tested. Then the two will work together. Otherwise, lack of Bluetooth connectivity is often caused when a device is not turned on and/or has an improper setting for discoverability.

[65.](#) B. Defragmenting a disk involves analyzing the disk and then consolidating fragmented files and folders so that they occupy a contiguous space, thus increasing performance during file retrieval. In Windows, there are a few different ways that you can get to the Disk Defragmenter, but the command

prompt version is `DEFRAG`.

[66.](#) D. Windows 8/7/Vista use Boot Configuration Data (BCD), which holds information about which OSs are installed on the computer. If BCD isn't able to find the OS bootstrap files (`BOOTMGR` in this case), then Windows won't load. BCD, which is edited with `BCDEDIT.EXE`, replaces the `BOOT.INI` file, which was used in Windows XP and other older versions of Windows.

[67.](#) C. The best practice for malware removal is a seven-step process. Identify malware symptoms, quarantine infected system, disable system restore (in Windows), remediate infected systems (including update anti-malware software and scan and remove the malware), schedule scans and run updates, enable system restore and create a restore point (in Windows), and educate the end user.

[68.](#) B. While apps, usage, and so on, can contribute to power drain, one of the biggest offenders is the search for a cellular signal.

[69.](#) A, C. The `NTLDR` loader file is a key component of the Windows XP boot process, and the system will not boot without it. The file can be retrieved from the Recovery Console, from SFC, or from bootable media (recovery DVD, repair disk, and so on).

[70.](#) D. iPhones are susceptible to malware, just like any other computer device. Some malware can be configured to perform unauthorized location tracking. To help prevent this, always patch and update iOS as soon as updates are available and install anti-malware software. She can also disable Location Services in Settings > Privacy > Location Services.

[71.](#) A, C. Tips for increasing battery life include keeping OS updates applied (they may include energy-saving patches), avoiding ambient temperatures that are too high or too low, letting the screen automatically dim, and turning off location-based services. You should also disconnect peripherals and quit applications not in use (Bluetooth, for example, uses power when enabled, even if you are not using it to connect to anything).

[72.](#) C. Viruses do exist for Android; some industry estimates say that 90 percent of mobile-based viruses are targeted at Android OSs. Install an antivirus app and make sure it's kept up-to-date, just like you would on a PC.

[73.](#) A. Windows Vista and Windows 7 have a Performance Information and Tools applet in the Control Panel. Once in there, click Advanced Tools to see a list of different tools that can help you monitor system performance. A lot of these tools are also located elsewhere, such as Event Viewer, Task Manager, Performance Monitor, Defrag, and others.

[74.](#) B. Check the settings on the device to see whether it is possible to brighten the screen. You can also change how quickly the phone dims with inactivity, as perhaps it's automatically dimming too quickly.

[75.](#) B. A restore point is a copy, or snapshot, of your system configuration at a given point in time. It's like a backup of your configuration but not your data. Snapshots are created within Windows from the System Restore program. If Windows will not load, Safe Mode can be used to run `rstrui.exe`, which will open a version of System Restore so you can use a snapshot.

[76.](#) C. When you need to get to a safe state—such as when you are disposing of a device or assigning it to a new user—you can reset it to the factory default settings. To do this, tap Settings and then General. Scroll down until you see the Reset option and choose it. Tap Erase All Content And Settings. At this point, the iPhone or iPad will ask you to confirm the reset, and when you tap OK, it will start the process.

[77.](#) A, D. Slow performance is often related to RAM. Look for any apps that are running and can be closed, or perform a soft reset to try to free up memory. Resetting to the factory default will delete all data on the device. You can't upgrade the RAM in an iPad.

[78.](#) A. Different versions of Windows use different files to identify what operating systems are installed and where their boot files can be found. With Windows XP and earlier versions (something you need to know only because `NTLDR` is an



objective), the text file `BOOT.INI` is used to identify the operating systems installed, their locations, and the boot options to use. Windows 8, Windows 7, and Windows Vista use the Windows Boot Configuration Data (BCD) file instead.

[79.](#) C. Light can quickly drain a battery on a mobile device, and thus most of them include the ability to dim the display both manually and automatically after a period of inactivity. While you normally want these actions, if the settings are incorrect, the screen can be too dim to work with. Check the settings on the device to see whether it possible to brighten the screen and/or keep it from automatically dimming within a short period of time.

[80.](#) B. One option for an inaccurate touchscreen is to clean the screen, but that doesn't often solve the problem. A better solution is to calibrate the screen. Each mobile OS handles it differently, so check the manufacturer's website for help.

[81.](#) C. In Windows 8/7/Vista, `WINLOAD.EXE` is responsible for switching the system from real mode (which lacks multitasking, memory protection, and those things that make Windows so great) to protected mode (which offers memory protection, multitasking, and so on) and enables paging. In Windows 8/7/Vista, `WINLOAD.EXE` replaces `NTLDR` from the Windows XP days.

[82.](#) B. The easiest thing to try is to change the monitor orientation. This can be done through Control Panel, but an easy way to get to the setting is to right-click the desktop, choose Screen Resolution, and then change the orientation.

[83.](#) D. At times, a system will become corrupted to the point where it will only boot into Safe Mode and not allow a normal boot. While a hardware issue can cause this, it can often be associated with a damaged/missing driver. To address the problem, boot into the Recovery Console and scan for problems. You can also choose to boot to the Last Known Good configuration or resort to the recovery DVD.

[84.](#) A. Apps that are not used should be removed from a device to free up resources, namely, memory. To be fair, when users



run out of storage space on their mobile devices, it's usually more because of videos, music, or pictures than apps. But apps do take up space and should be deleted if they are not being used.

[85.](#) A. When autoconnect is enabled on mobile devices, it is possible for them to seek out open Wi-Fi networks and try to connect to them automatically. This setting should be disabled for all devices because an untrusted connection is a possible place for a DNS or man-in-the-middle attack to occur.

[86.](#) B. It's true that enabling Bluetooth will cause more of a drain on the battery, but that's not the biggest risk here. When anonymous devices are allowed to connect to Bluetooth-enabled devices, this is known as unintended Bluetooth pairing, and it represents a security threat. Mobile security policies should be created and enforced to prevent this from occurring.

[87.](#) A. When a Mac cursor turns into a pinwheel and stays there, the system will not respond. Opening Apple Diagnostics won't work. You need to force a reboot of the system. There is no need to boot into Safe Mode yet; see whether the problem goes away first.

[88.](#) C, D. Because problems tend to happen no matter how careful you may be, it is important to back up devices and be able to restore from those backups after an incident. In the Apple world, there is iTunes and iCloud. iTunes is installed on a desktop or laptop PC, and iCloud is cloud-based storage, as its name implies. Be sure that your computer meets the necessary hardware and software requirements to install iTunes or other mobile synchronization software.

[89.](#) A, D. Not shutting down properly can result in lost data from open applications or corrupted operating system files. Neither option is good. Train all users on how to shut down properly.

[90.](#) A. If your computer is set to an incorrect time and date (we're talking years off, not just a few minutes), then it can cause invalid certificate errors for the websites you want to visit. It's never recommended to lower your security settings for

the Internet zones.

[91.](#) D. While spam is not truly a virus or a hoax, it is one of the most annoying things with which an administrator must contend. Spam is defined as any unwanted, unsolicited email, and not only can the sheer volume of it be irritating, it can often open the door to larger problems. Administrators can help stop spam with spam filters on email servers. In addition, users can help themselves by not giving out their email addresses to websites that ask for them. Some companies will sell their lists of email addresses to other firms for “marketing” purposes, and then you start to get piles of spam.

[92.](#) B, D. Slow data speeds can be caused by too much interference or by a weak signal. If there is too much interference, try changing the channel on Wi-Fi routers to less-used channels; performance should increase. Solve weak signals by installing more access points or by moving closer to an existing access point.

[93.](#) B. The best practice for malware removal is a seven-step process. Identify malware symptoms, quarantine infected system, disable system restore (in Windows), remediate infected systems (including update anti-malware software and scan and remove the malware), schedule scans and run updates, enable system restore and create a restore point (in Windows), and educate the end user.

[94.](#) A. Fixing this issue is just like fixing a missing operating system or missing system files. Using the installation DVD (you may have to set the BIOS to use the DVD drive as your primary boot device) or the Windows Repair CD, go to System Recovery Options and choose Startup Repair.

[95.](#) A. There are a number of causes why intermittent wireless connections can occur, but the two most common are lack of a good signal and interference. Increasing the number of repeaters, or being closer to them, can address the lack of a good signal.

[96.](#) A. Security holes in mobile device operating systems can leave backdoors into which users can get unauthorized account

or root access. The majority of these holes are closed by patches and upgrades as soon as they are discovered, so be sure to keep operating systems current.

[97.](#) D. Configurations and settings need to be personalized to the user using the device. Except for apps, choosing Settings on the device usually does this, followed by finding the areas that you want to modify and then making the desired changes and saving them.

[98.](#) C. Malware can change more settings than you might be aware of on a computer. For example, adware might be obvious because of the pop-ups and browser redirects, but it can also change the client-side IP settings that point to a DNS or proxy server. Check the IP configuration on the client and be sure it's set properly.

[99.](#) A, B. When authorized users access devices through unintended connections or unauthorized users access absconded devices (such as with root access), they can access the data on the device. Every firm should have a policy for protecting data (encryption) and dealing with leaks when they occur.

[100.](#) C. Going over the limit on your phone's data plan is generally not a major risk, other than to your finances. Data overage charges can be high, depending on your provider and service plan.

[101.](#) D. If an app does not load, try rebooting (forcing the device to restart, if necessary). If that does not work, attempt to remove and reload the app. Be sure to check the vendor's site for any similar problems (and solutions) encountered by others.

[102.](#) A, D. When an application crashes, you want to isolate the cause of the crash—it could be a compatibility issue, hardware, or a host of other problems—and solve it. One step to take early on is to look for updates/patches/fixes to the application released by the vendor. You can also try to repair the installation through Control Panel. If needed, you can remove and reinstall the software.

[103.](#) C. Occasionally, a rogue system will begin automatically shutting down and/or restarting while in use. While it could be indicative of a hardware problem (malfunctioning motherboard, for example), it can also indicate a setting misconfiguration or driver problem. The most likely setting problem is with sleep settings, such as hibernation mode. If that's not it, then it could be a driver. To begin ruling out possibilities, boot the system into Safe Mode and see whether the problem continues. If the problem does not occur while in Safe Mode, then boot normally and begin testing what occurs as you eliminate drivers/devices one by one (sound, video, and so forth) until you find the culprit.

[104.](#) C. Occasionally, a device can be unknowingly put into silent mode, and this will keep sound from coming to the speakers, headphones, or other connected devices. When troubleshooting, always check to see that silent mode is not enabled (or the volume has been turned completely down) and restart the device if necessary.

[105.](#) A. `REGSVR32.EXE`, known as the REGSVR32 tool, allows you to register and unregister modules and controls for troubleshooting purposes. It is often associated with Internet Explorer, but it can be used with any control or module. The command-line syntax is `REGSVR32 DLLNAME`.

[106.](#) B. Malware can change more settings than you might be aware of on a computer. For example, adware might be obvious because of the pop-ups and browser redirects, but it can also change the client-side IP settings that point to a DNS or proxy server. Check the IP configuration on the client and be sure it's set properly.

[107.](#) C. In Linux, there are two common boot loaders used. LILO (Linux LOader) is the older one but has been replaced by GRUB (GRand Unified Bootloader) in most instances. The most likely cause of a GRUB/LILO error is a missing or corrupt master boot record (MBR). The method to fix it depends on the version of Linux you are running, but generally speaking, you need to boot to the Linux installation CD/DVD, go into Linux rescue mode, and re-create the MBR.

[108.](#) C. A soft reset is the gentlest of the resets. In fact, it will retain data for running applications. Many iPhone users will know the soft reset as the way they turn their phone off and on normally. Press and hold the Sleep/Wake button until the red slider appears and then drag the slider to turn the device off. To turn the phone back on, press and hold the Sleep/Wake button again until you see the Apple logo.

[109.](#) D. If you have just updated a driver and the device isn't functioning, rolling back the driver installation can sometimes solve the problem. To roll back a driver, right-click the device name in Device Manager and choose Properties. On the Drivers tab, click the Roll Back Driver button. The Last Known Good configuration will not work because she logged in again. It will therefore be configured with the new (presumably bad) driver.

[110.](#) D. He won't be able to open his anti-malware software because the computer is locked. Paying the fine is not a good option, because this is a ransomware attack. Deleting and reinstalling Windows will work, but it's overkill. Simply boot into Safe Mode and use system restore to roll back the system. It's not guaranteed to work, but it's the best choice here. He could also boot to a recovery disk from his anti-malware provider (if he has one) and try a remediation.

[111.](#) A. Sometimes a driver or application will give you compatibility errors in Windows. Microsoft has provided a Program Compatibility Assistant to help you troubleshoot errors and also fix them. To use Compatibility Assistant, right-click the program and choose Troubleshoot Compatibility.

[112.](#) C, D. Unintended connections of any type are not good. When your device is connected to an anonymous device on the other end, who knows what could happen. Disable autoconnect on your mobile devices so this does not happen.

[113.](#) C. One of the more clever ways of spreading a virus is to disguise it so that it looks like an antivirus program. When it alerts the user to a fictitious problem, the user then begins interacting with the program and allowing the rogue program to do all sorts of damage. One of the trickier things for

troublemakers to do is to make the program look as if it came from a trusted source—such as Microsoft—and mimic the Windows Action Center interface enough to fool an unsuspecting user.

[114.](#) A. All else being equal, airplane mode will actually conserve a bit of battery life because all the wireless signals are disabled. Apps, usage, and searching for a cellular signal will all drain the battery.

[115.](#) D. If when you boot Windows it won't load completely (it hangs or is otherwise corrupted), you can often solve the problem by booting into Safe Mode. To access Safe Mode, you must press F8 when the operating system menu is displayed during the boot process. You'll then see a menu of Safe Mode choices, one of which is Last Known Good Configuration.

[116.](#) B. The `BOOTREC /FIXBOOT` command will rebuild the boot sector to one that is compatible with Windows 7 (or Windows Vista/8/8.1). `BOOTREC /FIXMBR` will fix the Master Boot Record, and `BOOTREC /REBUILDBCD` will rebuild the BCD file.

[117.](#) B. Many mobile security software suites have multiple security features. For example, Avast Mobile Security & Antivirus has multiple antivirus and anti-malware capabilities built in. One of the features is an app scanner, which will scan all apps for issues or potential malware.

[118.](#) B, C. Browser redirection happens any time you try to visit a site and your browser instead sends you to an alternate site. One of two things is causing this. First, and most likely, you have some sort of malware that is redirecting your browser. Removing it can be as simple as uninstalling a program by using Programs in Control Panel, or it might require virus (malware) mitigation. The second possibility is that the DNS server you use (likely your ISP's) has been poisoned. If this happened, your ISP would be attempting to fix it as soon as possible.

[119.](#) A. A computer slowdown could happen because of many things, such as hardware failure, an excessively full hard drive, not enough virtual memory, or malware. Run a scan from anti-

malware software to see whether there are any issues. Event Viewer, `MSCONFIG`, and `REGSRV32` are useful troubleshooting tools but not typically used for system slowdowns.

[120.](#) C. Apple Configurator simplifies mass configuration and deployment on iPhone, iPad, and iPod Touch devices. It is intended for use by schools, businesses, and institutions that need to deploy specific configurations to multiple devices.

[121.](#) C. The Registry Editor (`REGEDIT`) is used to change values and variables stored in a configuration database known as the Registry. This centralized database contains environmental settings for various Windows programs along with registration information, which details the types of filename extensions associated with applications. Be careful when editing the Registry. There is no undo feature, and one incorrect change could cause Windows to malfunction.

[122.](#) A. If an OS update fails, it could be a configuration issue or simply a one-time glitch in the process. Wait until Windows Update reverts the changes and then reboot and try the update again. If that does not work, you can unplug removable media from your computer and try again, or you can try the Windows Update Troubleshooter.

[123.](#) A. A restore point is a copy, or snapshot, of your system configuration at a given point in time. It's like a backup of your configuration but not your data. Snapshots are created within Windows from the System Restore program. If Windows will not load, Safe Mode can be used to run `rstrui.exe`, which will open a version of System Restore so you can use a snapshot.

[124.](#) B. OneDrive is Microsoft's cloud implementation for end users. It will allow the user to sync her phone and back it up to the cloud. She can also access the data from other devices.

[125.](#) A. The best practice for malware removal is a seven-step process. Identify malware symptoms, quarantine infected system, disable system restore (in Windows), remediate infected systems (including update anti-malware software and scan and remove the malware), schedule scans and run updates, enable system restore and create a restore point (in Windows),

and educate the end user.



## Chapter 9: Operational Procedures

[1.](#) D. Power strips come in all shapes and sizes and are convenient for plugging multiple devices into one wall outlet. Most of them even have an on/off switch so that you can turn all the devices on or off at the same time. Don't make the mistake of thinking that power strips will protect you from electrical surges, though. If you get a strong power surge through one of these \$10 devices, the strip and everything plugged into it can be fried.

[2.](#) D. Troubleshooting theory for the A+ exam consists of six steps: identify the problem; establish a theory of probable cause; test the theory to determine cause; establish a plan of action to resolve the problem and implement the solution; verify full system functionality and, if applicable, implement preventive measures; and document findings, actions, and outcomes.

[3.](#) B. One component that people frequently overlook is the case. Cases are generally made of metal, and some computer cases have sharp edges inside, so be careful when handling them. You can, for example, cut yourself by jamming your fingers between the case and the frame when you try to force the case back on.

[4.](#) C. Troubleshooting theory for the A+ exam consists of six steps: identify the problem; establish a theory of probable cause; test the theory to determine cause; establish a plan of action to resolve the problem and implement the solution; verify full system functionality and, if applicable, implement preventive measures; and document findings, actions, and outcomes.

[5.](#) D. One way to keep dust and debris out of your computer is to use an enclosure, which is basically an extra case. But if dust and debris do get inside your case, the best way to remove it is to use compressed air instead of vacuuming. Compressed air can be more easily directed and doesn't easily produce ESD

damage as a vacuum could. Simply blow the dust from inside the computer by using a stream of compressed air. However, make sure to do this outside so that you don't blow dust all over your work area or yourself.

[6.](#) A. Cables are a common cause of tripping. If at all possible, run cables through drop ceilings or through conduits to keep them out of the way. If you need to lay a cable through a trafficked area, use a cable floor guard to keep the cables in place and safe from crushing.

[7.](#) B. Part of identifying the problem is to question the user, identify user changes to the computer, and perform backups before making changes. One could argue that doing external or internal research is part of identifying the problem as well, but in A+ troubleshooting theory, that step is part of establishing a theory of probable cause. Troubleshooting theory for the A+ exam consists of six steps: identify the problem; establish a theory of probable cause; test the theory to determine cause; establish a plan of action to resolve the problem and implement the solution; verify full system functionality and, if applicable, implement preventive measures; and document findings, actions, and outcomes.

[8.](#) A. Troubleshooting theory for the A+ exam consists of six steps: identify the problem; establish a theory of probable cause; test the theory to determine cause; establish a plan of action to resolve the problem and implement the solution; verify full system functionality and, if applicable, implement preventive measures; and document findings, actions, and outcomes. Questioning the user and identifying user changes is part of the first step of identifying the problem.

[9.](#) B. When you buy an application, you aren't actually buying the application. Instead, you're buying the right to use the application in a limited way as prescribed by the licensing agreement that comes with it. Don't like the terms? Too bad. No negotiation is allowed. If you don't accept the end-user license agreement (EULA), your only recourse is to return the software for a refund.

[10.](#) B. After the device or data has been preserved, someone needs to keep track of it before it's handed over to the proper authorities. The specific next step depends on your documented chain of custody. Depending on the situation, materials may be held in a safe, locked location at the office, or they may need to be turned over to local authorities. Have a documented procedure in place to follow, given a situation. Always document the findings and who has custody of the illegal materials.

[11.](#) B. According to troubleshooting theory, backups should be made before making changes. This is part of the first step, which is identifying the problem. In reality, it does make a lot of sense to perform backups before making major changes to a system. Just in case.

[12.](#) D. One of the golden rules of customer service is, don't vent about customers on social media. You never know who will read it, and regardless, it's unprofessional to air dirty laundry. Depending on the situation, it may be advisable to discuss it with your manager or simply document it and move on with your day.

[13.](#) C. If you buy commercial software, you will receive a product key, which you will need to enter during installation or the first time the application is opened. (Some products may let you use them on a trial basis but will then deactivate until you purchase the software and enter the key.) The product key might be emailed to you, or it could be located on the physical media if you got an installation CD-ROM or DVD.

[14.](#) C. IT professionals often deal with confidential, private, or restricted information. Other users trust that IT professionals will treat the sensitive material as such and not spread information. Ignore the paychecks and focus on doing the job professionally.

[15.](#) B. Avoid distraction and/or interruptions when talking with customers. You need to make them feel that their problem is important and that it has your full attention. Distractions can include personal calls, texting or social media, talking to co-

workers, and other personal interruptions. Taking notes and asking appropriate questions is part of good customer service.

[16.](#) D. Self-grounding is not as effective as using proper anti-ESD gear, but it makes up for that with its simplicity. To self-ground, make sure the computer is turned off but plugged in. Then touch an exposed (but not hot or sharp!) metal part of the case. That will drain electrical charge from you. Better yet is if you can maintain constant contact with that metal part. That should keep you at the same bias as the case.

[17.](#) B. Troubleshooting theory for the A+ exam consists of six steps: identify the problem; establish a theory of probable cause; test the theory to determine cause; establish a plan of action to resolve the problem and implement the solution; verify full system functionality and, if applicable, implement preventive measures; and document findings, actions, and outcomes.

[18.](#) B. The lowest static voltage transfer that you can feel is around 3,000 volts; it doesn't electrocute you because there is extremely little current. A static transfer that you can see is at least 10,000 volts. However, a component can be damaged with less than 300 volts!

[19.](#) C. Be culturally sensitive. Some people may have a language barrier that makes it difficult to explain their problem. (Think about how much computer language you learned in your high-school language courses!) Others may have different habits or practices in their workplace. Be respectful of their world. In some cases, using the appropriate professional titles is a sign of respect, and not using them is an insult.

[20.](#) A, D. To use the ESD strap, you attach one end to an earth ground (typically, the computer case) and wrap the other end around your wrist. This strap grounds your body and keeps it at a zero charge. Never wear an ESD strap if you're working inside a monitor or inside a power supply. If you wear one while working on the inside of these components, you increase the chance of getting a lethal shock.

[21.](#) D. When batteries are thrown away and deposited into

landfills, the heavy metals inside them will find their way into the ground. From there, they can pollute water sources and eventually find their way into the supply of drinking water. The best way to dispose of old batteries is to recycle them.

22. C. If you have your policy in place, then your incident response plan should be relatively scripted. Your first priority as the first responder is to identify the improper activity or content. Then you should always get someone else to verify the material or action so that it doesn't turn into a situation of your word against someone else's. Immediately report the situation through proper channels.

23. C. When dealing with a customer, always display professionalism. That means avoiding slang, jargon, and acronyms; not interrupting; and clarifying what the customer wants.

24. A. Antistatic bags are important tools to have at your disposal when servicing electronic components because they protect the sensitive electronic devices from stray static charges. By design, the static charges collect on the outside of these silver or pink bags rather than on the electronic components. Unlike antistatic mats, antistatic bags do not "drain" the charges away, and they should never be used in place of an antistatic mat. But while mats are designed to be stationary on a bench, bags are built for portability.

25. C, D. When troubleshooting an issue, a technician should never leave it unresolved. If the technician's first attempt at solving the problem failed, there are two acceptable next steps, depending on the situation and available resources. The first is to establish a new theory and test it. The second is to escalate the issue to a more experienced technician who may be able to solve it.

26. A. After the device or data has been properly secured and preserved, document everything that could be relevant to the situation. Many companies have standard documentation that is used in incident response in order to be sure that the responder captures important information and does not forget

to ask critical questions or look for vital clues.

[27.](#) C. Set and meet—or exceed—expectations and communicate timelines and status. Customers want to know what is going on. In addition, offering different repair or replacement options will usually make the customer feel better, as you are giving them an option in choosing a solution.

[28.](#) B. When dealing with customers, it's important to maintain a positive attitude and project confidence. They are counting on you to resolve the problem!

[29.](#) D. It's always good to consider the feelings of the user, such that you don't make them feel worse for a situation that they likely already feel bad about. But, the right answer is to consider corporate policies, procedures, and impacts before implementing changes. Perhaps considering user feelings should be part of the corporate policies and procedures for technicians.

[30.](#) C. LCD monitors do not use capacitors like CRT monitors did. Instead, they require an inverter, which provides the high-voltage, high-frequency energy needed to power the backlight. The inverter is a small circuit board installed behind the LCD panel that takes DC power and converts (inverts) it for the backlight. Inverters store energy even when their power source is cut off, so they have the potential to discharge that energy if you mess with them.

[31.](#) C. The toner itself is a carcinogen, and the cartridges can contain heavy metals that are bad for the environment. PC recycling centers will take old toner cartridges and properly dispose of them. Most toner cartridge manufacturers will also take them back for recycling.

[32.](#) D. Although it is possible to open a power supply to work on it, doing so is *not* recommended. Power supplies contain several capacitors that can hold *lethal* charges *long after they have been unplugged!* It is extremely dangerous to open the case of a power supply. Besides, power supplies are pretty cheap. It would probably cost less to replace one than to try to fix it, and this approach would be much safer. Open a power supply only if

you have been specifically trained how to repair them.

[33.](#) B. Creating a policy is the most important part of dealing with prohibited content or actions. Without a policy in place that specifically defines what is and what isn't allowed and what actions will be taken when a violation of the policy occurs, you don't really have a leg to stand on when a situation happens. What is in the policy depends on the company for which you work. A good policy will also contain the action steps to be taken if prohibited content or activity is spotted. It may involve disciplinary action, termination of employment, or contacting law enforcement.

[34.](#) A. Having too little power, such as when a blackout (a complete loss of power) occurs, can wreak havoc on electrical circuits. Power blackouts are generally easy to detect. Power sags without a complete loss, called a brownout, are also very damaging to electrical components but oftentimes go unnoticed.

[35.](#) D. Use proper language and avoid using jargon, abbreviations, and acronyms. Every field has its own language, and outsiders feel lost when they start hearing it. Put yourself in the position of someone not in the field and explain what is going on by using words they understand. Start off with basic terms. If the customer is tech savvy, they will usually let you know, and then you can use more advanced terms as needed.

[36.](#) A, B. Open-source software is free: not only is the application free, but the source code (code used by programmers) is also shared to encourage others to contribute to the future development and improvement of the application. Open-source software can't be sold, although it can be bundled with commercial products that are sold. Contrast open source with commercial licenses, where you pay per user and can't modify the program except for as allowed by the developer.

[37.](#) D. Devices that actually attempt to keep power surges at bay are called *surge protectors*. They often look similar to a power strip, so it's easy to mistake them for each other, but protectors are more expensive, usually starting in the \$25 range. They



have a fuse inside them that is designed to blow if it receives too much current and not to transfer the current to the devices plugged into it. Surge protectors may also have plug-ins for RJ-11 (phone), RJ-45 (Ethernet), and BNC (coaxial cable) connectors.

[38.](#) D. Computer monitors (CRT monitors, not LCDs) are big and bulky, so what do you do when it's time to get rid of them? Most monitors contain several pounds of lead, as well as other harmful elements such as arsenic, beryllium, cadmium, chromium, mercury, nickel, and zinc. Take them to an authorized recycling center.

[39.](#) A. Active listening means paying attention to your customers (eye contact is good) and taking notes. Allow them to complete their statements, and avoid interrupting them. People like to know that they are being heard, and as simple an act as it is, this can make all the difference in making them feel at ease with your work.

[40.](#) C. Compressed air won't likely blow the grime away. Electronic connectors of computer equipment should never touch water. Instead, use a swab moistened in distilled, denatured isopropyl alcohol (also known as electronics or contact cleaner and found in electronics stores) to clean contacts.

[41.](#) A. The best device for power protection is called an uninterruptible power supply (UPS). These devices can be as small as a brick or as large as an entire server rack. Inside the UPS is one or more batteries and fuses. Much like a surge suppressor, a UPS is designed to protect everything that's plugged into it from power surges. UPSs are also designed to protect against power sags and even power outages. Energy is stored in the batteries, and if the power fails, the batteries can power the computer for a period of time so that the administrator can then safely power it down.

[42.](#) C. Whenever working inside the case, always off turn the power. There is some debate as to if you should unplug the system. Leaving it plugged in grounds the equipment and can



help prevent electrostatic discharge. Many technicians swear by this method. According to the A+ objectives, though, you should disconnect power before repairing a PC.

[43.](#) A, C. The muscles in the lower back aren't nearly as strong as those in the legs or other parts of the body. Whenever lifting, you want to reduce the strain on those lower-back muscles as much as possible. To do that, bend at the knees and lift with your legs. Also observe weight limitations and partner-lift if needed. Better yet, partner lift and use a cart to move the item. Also, keep objects close to your body and at waist level to minimize stress on your body.

[44.](#) C. To use the ESD strap, you attach one end to an earth ground (typically, the computer case) and wrap the other end around your wrist. This strap grounds your body and keeps it at a zero charge. This helps prevent you from accidentally frying components.

[45.](#) A, C. Shareware generally does not require licensing, and payment may be handled via the honor system. But shareware is generally not a good choice for a corporate environment where you depend on the software. A single user license is good for only one user. You could buy a lot of single user licenses, but that is generally more expensive than buying a concurrent or corporate license. Corporate and concurrent licenses are designed for large groups of users.

[46.](#) C. Most computers contain small amounts of hazardous substances, so they should be recycled by professionals who know how to deal with those dangers. Many municipalities, states, and countries have regulations in place specifying appropriate measures to enforce their proper disposal. Search the Internet for certified recycling programs near you.

[47.](#) A, D. When testing your theory, there are two logical outcomes. One is that your theory is correct, and you can determine the next steps to solve it. The other is that you are incorrect, and you need to reestablish a new theory or escalate the issue to someone better equipped to handle the situation. Troubleshooting theory for the A+ exam consists of six steps:

identify the problem; establish a theory of probable cause; test the theory to determine cause; establish a plan of action to resolve the problem and implement the solution; verify full system functionality and, if applicable, implement preventive measures; and document findings, actions, and outcomes.

[48.](#) A. Set and meet—or exceed—expectations and communicate timelines and status. After resolving a customer’s issue, follow up with them to ensure that they were satisfied with the services provided. The follow-up shows professionalism and may earn you future business.

[49.](#) A. Even though it’s not recommended that you repair monitors without specific training, the A+ exam may test your knowledge of the safety practices to use if you ever you need to do so. If you have to open a monitor, you must first discharge the high-voltage charge on it by using a high-voltage probe. This probe has a very large needle, a gauge that indicates volts, and a wire with an alligator clip. Do *not* use an ESD strap when discharging the monitor; doing so can lead to a fatal electric shock.

[50.](#) A. In difficult situations, it can be challenging to keep a level head. It’s important to do so, and avoid arguing and becoming defensive. Many times, clients are frustrated because things are not working as they should. Sometimes they will take their frustration out on you. Keep a level head and work to resolve the problem.

[51.](#) A. If you have your policy in place, then your incident response plan should be relatively scripted. Your first priority as the first responder is to identify the improper activity or content. Then you should always get someone else to verify the material or action so that it doesn’t turn into a situation of your word against someone else’s. Immediately report the situation through proper channels.

[52.](#) D. When humidity gets to be very low, around 20 percent or lower, the risk of electrostatic discharge (ESD) increases. Remember that computer components can be damaged with as little as 300 volts, whereas humans can’t feel a shock until it

gets to 3,000 volts.

[53.](#) D. If you have your policy in place, then your incident response plan should be relatively scripted. After identifying illegal content, you need to preserve the device. The data or device should immediately be removed from the possession of the offending party and preserved. This will ensure that the data doesn't mysteriously disappear before the proper parties are notified.

[54.](#) D. Personally identifiable information (PII) is anything that can be used to identify an individual person on its own or in context with other information. This includes someone's name, address, other contact information; the names of family members; and other details that people would consider private. PII should always be kept confidential and secure. Be sure that this information is properly secured and can be accessed only by authorized personnel.

[55.](#) B, D. Freeware is an easy choice, because it's free. Open-source software is often also free, and you can modify the code free of charge as well (if you have the skills to do so). Some shareware is free, but it depends on the program. Single-user and corporate licenses generally cost money.

[56.](#) B, C. It is possible to damage a device by simply laying it on a benchtop. For this reason, you should have an ESD mat in addition to an ESD strap. This mat drains excess charge away from any item coming in contact with it. ESD mats are also sold as mouse/keyboard pads to prevent ESD charges from interfering with the operation of the computer. Many ESD wrist straps can be connected to the mat, thus causing the technician and any equipment in contact with the mat to be at the same electrical potential and eliminating ESD.

[57.](#) A. When using compressed air, particles of dirt and debris can become airborne, and they can be inhaled or get into your eyes. Always wear proper safety gear, such as safety goggles and an air mask.

[58.](#) D. Part of establishing a theory of probable cause is to perform external or internal research based on symptoms. One

could argue that you might also do this at any time during the troubleshooting process. Troubleshooting theory for the A+ exam consists of six steps: identify the problem; establish a theory of probable cause; test the theory to determine cause; establish a plan of action to resolve the problem and implement the solution; verify full system functionality and, if applicable, implement preventive measures; and document findings, actions, and outcomes.

[59.](#) A. While it's possible that the disposal information and risks may be on the container somewhere, you will always find it on the product's Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS). MSDSs include information such as physical product data (boiling point, melting point, flash point, and so forth), potential health risks, storage and disposal recommendations, and spill/leak procedures. With this information, technicians and emergency personnel know how to handle the product as well as respond in the event of an emergency.

[60.](#) B, C. Computers generally tolerate temperature and humidity levels about the same as humans do, except electronics devices do like it a bit colder. The general rule of thumb is room temperature or cooler, average humidity, and good ventilation.

[61.](#) B. If you spill anything on a keyboard, you can clean it by soaking it in distilled, demineralized water and drying it off. The extra minerals and impurities have been removed from this type of water, so it will not leave any traces of residue that might interfere with the proper operation of the keyboard after cleaning. The same holds true for the keyboard's cable and its connector.

[62.](#) C. Four major classes of fire extinguishers are available, one for each type of flammable substance: A for wood and paper fires, B for flammable liquids, C for electrical fires, and D (metal powder or NaCl [salt]) for flammable metals such as phosphorus and sodium. The most popular type of fire extinguisher today is the multipurpose, or ABC-rated, extinguisher. It contains a dry chemical powder that smothers the fire and cools it at the same time. For electrical fires (which

may be related to a shorted-out wire in a power supply), make sure the fire extinguisher will work for class C fires.

[63.](#) D. Be on time. If you're going to be late, be sure to contact your customer. Not doing so indicates that you think their problem isn't important.

[64.](#) D. Providing good customer service involves proper communication and professionalism. Dismissing customer problems is not good. Neither is asking accusatory questions. Clarify the scope of the problem and ask clarifying questions to ensure you understand what isn't working properly.

[65.](#) C. Cables are a common cause of tripping. If at all possible, run cables through drop ceilings or through conduits to keep them out of the way. If you need to lay a cable through a trafficked area, use a cable floor guard to keep the cables in place and safe from crushing. In a pinch, and without a floor cable guard, you can use tape, such as duct tape, to secure your cables to the floor. This is recommended only as a temporary fix for two reasons. First, it's not much less of a trip hazard than just having the cables run across the floor. Second, duct tape doesn't protect the cables from being crushed if people step on them or heavy objects are moved over them.

[66.](#) C. Troubleshooting theory for the A+ exam consists of six steps: identify the problem; establish a theory of probable cause; test the theory to determine cause; establish a plan of action to resolve the problem and implement the solution; verify full system functionality and, if applicable, implement preventive measures; and document findings, actions, and outcomes.

[67.](#) C. One unique challenge when cleaning printers is spilled toner. Getting it wet will make an inky mess. It sticks to everything and should not be blown into the air and inhaled—it's a carcinogen. Use an electronics vacuum that is designed specifically to pick up toner. A normal vacuum's filter isn't fine enough to catch all of the particles, so the toner may be circulated into the air. Normal electronics vacuums may melt the toner instead of picking it up.

[68.](#) B. Electricity can hurt people, but it can also pose safety issues for computer components. One of the biggest concerns for components is electrostatic discharge (ESD). For the most part, ESD won't do serious damage to a person other than provide a little shock. But little amounts of ESD can cause serious damage to computer components, and that damage can manifest itself by causing computers to hang or reboot or fail to boot at all.

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- [1.](#) A. L1 cache is generally the smallest and fastest cache. Therefore, it's reasonable to expect that the computer will have less L1 cache than L2.
- [2.](#) A. TCP printing's RAW protocol uses TCP port 9100 by default. The alternative, LPR, uses source ports 721–731 and the destination port 515.
- [3.](#) D. If the device does not produce sound, first make sure that it's not set to silent operation. Most mobile devices will have a switch on the side that sets them to silent or vibrate mode, which will mute the device from making noises. Also check the volume settings. If the speakers have failed on a mobile device, it's time for a new device.
- [4.](#) B, D. SSDs have many advantages over HDDs, including producing less heat and being less susceptible to damage from shock or overheating. However, they are more expensive per byte and have less capacity.
- [5.](#) A. The monitor has a resolution of 16:9. You can determine this by dividing the first number in the resolution by 16 and multiplying the result by 9. It should equal the second number. (Or, you can just multiply the second number by 1.778, and it should equal the first number. For 16:10 you would multiply the second number by 1.6, and it should equal the first.) 16:9 is the aspect ratio for high-definition television.
- [6.](#) A, D. A groove or scratch in the EP drum can cause the problem of vertical black lines running down all or part of the page. Because a scratch is lower than the surface, it doesn't receive as much (if any) of a charge as the other areas. The result is that toner sticks to it as though it were discharged. The groove may go around the circumference of the drum, so the line may go all the way down the page. Another possible cause of vertical black lines is a dirty charging corona wire. A dirty charging corona wire prevents a sufficient charge from being placed on the EP drum. Because the charge on the EP drum is

almost zero, toner sticks to the areas that correspond to the dirty areas on the charging corona.

[7.](#) B. To avoid communications problems, you need to set the wireless access points to have nonoverlapping channels. In 802.11g, the three nonoverlapping channels are 1, 6, and 11.

[8.](#) A. ATX power supplies provide the following voltages for the computer: +3.3VDC, +5VDC, -5VDC (on older systems), +12VDC, and -12VDC. The 12v connectors have either four or eight pins.

[9.](#) A. Memory problems can cause system lockups, unexpected shutdowns or reboots, or errors such as Blue Screen of Death (BSOD) in Windows or the rotating pinwheel in MacOS. CPUs problems can also cause intermittent rebooting.

[10.](#) D. Rule #1 of troubleshooting is to always check your connections first. The most common issue that prevents network connectivity on a wired network is a bad or unplugged patch cable.

[11.](#) A. You can immediately rule out client-side hardware issues because the user can connect to some resources. You just need to figure out why he can't connect to others. This is most likely caused by one of two things: a configuration issue or a connectivity device (such as a router) problem. Since it's only affecting him, it's probably a configuration issue. But since he hasn't received an IP address conflict message, it's most likely a subnet mask configuration problem.

[12.](#) B, D. A 32-bit OS can run on either a 32-bit or 64-bit processor, although you will not be able to fully utilize the 64-bit processor's capabilities with a 32-bit OS. A 64-bit OS will run only on a 64-bit processor.

[13.](#) C. The vast majority of consumer Bluetooth mobile devices are Class 2 devices, which have a maximum communication distance of 10 meters.

[14.](#) B. The Northbridge is responsible for managing high-speed peripheral communications. The Southbridge manages slower onboard peripherals.



[15.](#) D. Monitors have their own internal power supply, and they can overheat. Overheating was more common with CRT displays than LCDs, but it still happens. Make sure the air vents on the back of the monitor are dust and debris free. In this case, removing the monitor from the cabinet might help. If the problem persists, it's best to replace the monitor.

[16.](#) A, B. This user needs a virtualization workstation. To ensure that the operating systems have the most resources possible, optimize the processors (the more cores, the better) and memory.

[17.](#) A. The micro-ATX form factor is designed to work in standard ATX cases, as well as its own smaller cases.

[18.](#) C, D. PCI expansion buses operate at 33MHz or 66MHz (version 2.1) over a 32-bit (4-byte) channel, resulting in data rates of 133MBps and 266MBps, respectively, with 133MBps being the most common, server architectures excluded.

[19.](#) B. ExpressCard 1.x cards running in PCIe 1.0 x1 mode have a maximum speed of 2.5Gbps. ExpressCard 1.x cards running in USB 2.0 mode have a maximum speed of 480Mbps.

[20.](#) B, C. Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP), Post Office Protocol 3 (POP3), and Internet Message Access Protocol (IMAP) are all email protocols. SMTP is for sending email. POP3 and IMAP are for downloading email.

[21.](#) C. The DC power supply (DCPS) converts house current into three voltages: +5VDC and -5VDC for the logic circuitry and +24VDC for the paper-transport motors.

[22.](#) A. Splitters generally have two effects on a network cable: they degrade the signal and limit the distance the signal will travel. Use them judiciously.

[23.](#) A. A wireless locator or a Wi-Fi analyzer can be either a handheld hardware device or specialized software that is installed on a laptop, and its purpose is to detect and analyze Wi-Fi signals.

[24.](#) A. Because of the much smaller space available for keys, some laptop keys are consolidated into special multifunction

keys. These keys are accessed through the standard keys by using a special function (Fn) key. Video adjustments come in two varieties: changing the video output and dimming or brightening the screen. In this case there is a sun icon and a down arrow. Some laptops will use a smaller sun to signify dimmer and a larger sun to signify brighter or will use plus and minus signs in place of the up and down arrows.

[25.](#) C. A fairly common issue with the BIOS is it fails to retain your computer's settings, such as time and date and hard drive configuration. The BIOS uses a small battery (much like a watch battery) on the motherboard to help it retain settings when the system power is off. If this battery fails, the BIOS won't retain its settings. Simply replace the battery to solve the problem.

[26.](#) B. The four-pin power connector is called a Molex connector. It's used to provide power to hard drives and optical drives.

[27.](#) B, C. The correct printer driver needs to be installed for the printer and operating system. For example, if you have an HP LaserJet III and a Windows 7 computer, then you need to install an HP LaserJet III driver made for Windows 7. If this is not done, you will get garbage out of the printer. The other cause of several pages of garbage being printed is a bad formatter board. This circuit board takes the information the printer receives from the computer and turns it into commands for the various components in the printer. Usually, problems with the formatter board produce wavy lines of print or random patterns of dots on the page.

[28.](#) D. If you have a swollen battery, turn the device off immediately and make sure that it's not plugged into a charger. It may be possible to remove the battery, but swollen batteries are more prone to explosions than normal ones because the casing is already compromised. The best course of action is to purchase a new device. Take the battery or device to a proper recycling center to dispose of it. Never just throw it in the trash because it can explode and harm sanitation workers, as well as cause significant damage to the environment.

[29.](#) B. When your system refuses to boot into anything other than VGA mode, it indicates one of two problems. Either the video card is set to a resolution that it can't handle, or the video card driver isn't loading properly. When in VGA mode, reset the video resolution to something you know the card can handle and reboot. If that doesn't solve it, reinstall the driver. If it still doesn't work, replace the video card.

[30.](#) A, C. The beeps are a BIOS beep code produced because there is an error in the POST routine. The manufacturer's website will likely tell you what the beep code means, and you can also troubleshoot using a USB POST card. Laptops do not have PCIe slots, and there is no specific tool called a BOOT tester.

[31.](#) B. Gaming PCs should have multicore processors, high-end video cards, high-definition sound cards, and high-end cooling systems.

[32.](#) A, B. DIMM DDR2 and DDR3 have 240 pins. SODIMM DDR2 has 200 pins, and SODIMM DDR3 has 204 pins.

[33.](#) C. A personal area network (PAN) is a small-scale network designed around one person within a limited boundary area. The term generally refers to networks that use Bluetooth technology.

[34.](#) C. The x8 card won't completely fill the x16 slot, but it will work at x8 speeds if up-plugging is supported by the motherboard. Otherwise, the specification requires up-plugged devices to operate at only the x1 rate.

[35.](#) C. Wi-Fi Protected Access 2 (WPA2) is a huge improvement over WEP and WPA. It uses Counter Mode CBC-MAC Protocol (CCMP), which is a protocol based on the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) security algorithm. CCMP-AES was created to address the shortcomings of TKIP, so consequently it's much stronger than TKIP.

[36.](#) C. The correct order for a T568A patch (straight through) cable is white/green, green, white/orange, blue, white/blue, orange, white/brown, brown.

[37.](#) B. The `IPCONFIG` command is used in Windows to check a computer's IP configuration information. `IFCONFIG` is used in UNIX, Linux, and macOS.

[38.](#) A. The connectors shown are ST connectors for fiber-optic cable. They connect with a BNC-type locking mechanism.

[39.](#) C. A DB15 connector is most often used for VGA, or analog video, connections. Therefore, a monitor is the best choice.

[40.](#) D. In the exposing step, the image is written to the photosensitive imaging drum. Wherever the laser beam touches, the photosensitive drum's charge is severely reduced from  $-600\text{VDC}$  to a slight negative charge (around  $-100\text{VDC}$ ). As the drum rotates, a pattern of exposed areas is formed, representing the image to be printed.

[41.](#) A. Mobile devices often make use of small form factor memory cards, such as Secure Digital (SD), miniSD, or microSD cards. Higher-capacity versions of these cards are SDHC, SDXC, miniSDHC, microSDHC, and microSDXC. The standard versions can hold up to 4GB in storage, HC up to 32GB, and XC up to 2TB.

[42.](#) C. For DDR2, multiply the bus speed by 8 to identify the type of memory needed. In this case,  $667 \times 8$  equals 5333. The PC industry rounds this off to 5300.

[43.](#) B. A laser printer's DC power supply provides three different DC voltages to printer components. Using the multimeter, you should find the following voltages: pin 1 +5v, pin 5 -5v, pin 9 +24v.

[44.](#) D. To use secure printing, go into the printer preferences (or a similar place) and indicate that it's a secure print job. The document will not print until you physically go to the printer and enter the PIN.

[45.](#) C. Because of the much smaller space available for keys, some laptop keys are consolidated into special multifunction keys. These keys are accessed through the standard keys by using a special function (Fn) key. Nearly every laptop has a video connector on the back or the side to plug in an external

monitor or a projector. You will need to use the video toggle key to get this external port to work.

[46.](#) A. Private IP addresses are not routable on the Internet. The private IP address range for class C networks is 192.168.0.0/16.

[47.](#) D. Nearly every hard drive is built with Self-Monitoring, Analysis, and Reporting Technology (S.M.A.R.T.) software installed on it, which monitors hard drive reliability and theoretically can warn you in the event of an imminent failure.

[48.](#) D. If a key on the laptop keyboard is stuck, you need to determine whether the contact is having problems or whether the key itself is stuck. If the key is not physically stuck but the laptop thinks it is, rebooting generally solves the problem.

[49.](#) C. Network Address Translation (NAT) is a service that translates private IP addresses on your internal network to a public IP address on the Internet. He may also choose to configure DHCP to make IP address configuration easier, but DHCP does not translate addresses like NAT does.

[50.](#) D. RAID 10 is a mirrored striped set. As long as one drive in each mirrored pair is functional (just like in RAID 1), you shouldn't lose any data. Simply replace the failed disk and rebuild the array.

[51.](#) B. RAID 0 is called disk striping. Data can be written to or read from multiple devices at the same time, increasing data access speed. However, if one drive fails, all data is lost. (Back up early and often!) RAID 1 is a mirror set, which does not increase data access but provides fault tolerance. RAID 5 is disk striping with parity, which provides both speed and fault tolerance but requires three hard disks.

[52.](#) D. VGA devices are analog and therefore cannot be driven passively by digital HDMI ports directly. An HDMI-to-VGA adapter must be active in nature, either powered externally or through the HDMI interface itself.

[53.](#) B. During the charging step, the charging corona uses a high voltage to apply a strong, uniform negative charge (around – 600VDC) to the surface of the imaging drum.

[54.](#) C. Mini PCIe cards running in PCIe 1.0 x1 mode have a maximum speed of 2.5Gbps. Mini PCIe cards running in USB 2.0 mode have a maximum speed of 480Mbps, and those running in USB 3.0 or PCIe 2.0 x1 mode have a maximum speed of 5.0Gbps.

[55.](#) B. Resistive touch screens respond to pressure, and they are highly accurate in detecting the position of the touch. These types of touch screens require the use of a stylus or other hard object, such as a fingernail.

[56.](#) C. SATA 1 has throughput of 1.5Gbps, SATA 2 is rated at 3Gbps, and SATA 3 is rated at 6Gbps. SATA speeds can be confusing because the naming does not line up well with the data rates.

[57.](#) A. Fluorescent lighting, and LCD backlights in particular, require fairly high-voltage, high-frequency energy. The component that provides the right kind of energy is the inverter. The inverter is a small circuit board installed behind the LCD panel that takes DC current and inverts it to AC for the backlight.

[58.](#) C. If you have scorch marks on a component, say a video card or a motherboard, it could be that the specific component went bad. It could also be a sign of a problem with the power supply. If you replace the component and a similar problem occurs, definitely replace the power supply as well as the damaged component.

[59.](#) A. The connector on the left is a USB micro connector.

[60.](#) D. CAT7 UTP can handle 10Gbps transmissions over 100 meters. CAT6 can handle 10Gbps, but only for 55 meters. CAT5 has a maximum speed of 100Mbps, and CAT5e has a maximum of 1Gbps.

[61.](#) D. You can use the Windows `chkdsk` utility to create and display status reports for the hard disk. `chkdsk` can also correct file system problems (such as cross-linked files) and scan for and attempt to repair disk errors.

[62.](#) B. The POST routine verifies the BIOS integrity as well as

the presence of multiple hardware devices, including RAM, boot devices, and system buses. It does not verify the integrity of the hard drive (such as looking for bad sectors).

[63.](#) D. A crimper is a handy tool for helping you put connectors on the end of a cable. Most crimpers will be a combination tool that strips and snips wires as well as crimps the connector onto the end.

[64.](#) C, D. Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) dynamically assigns IP addresses and other IP configuration information to network clients. It's not considered a critical service requiring guaranteed data delivery, so it uses the connectionless UDP as its host-to-host layer protocol. It uses UDP 67 and UDP 68.

[65.](#) A, C. Most e-readers use a technology called electrophoretic ink, or E Ink, which is a proprietary type of electronic paper. It's available in color but is often used in grayscales or black and white. E Ink allows for less energy use than other LCD displays, giving longer battery life, and it's much easier to read in bright conditions. E-readers generally have less memory than tablets do.

[66.](#) C. The most common cause of an IP address conflict is if someone configures a computer with a static IP address that's part of the DHCP server's range. The DHCP server, not knowing that the address has been statically assigned somewhere, doles out the address and now there's a conflict. Rebooting the computer won't help, and neither will releasing the address and getting a new lease from the DHCP server—it's just going to hand out the same address again because it doesn't know that there's a problem.

[67.](#) D. If you're using RAID 5 (disk striping with parity), a single drive failure usually means that your data will be fine, provided you replace the failed drive. If you lose multiple drives at the same time, you will need to restore from backup.

[68.](#) A. The `net share` command is used to share folders on a network. (And `net use` will allow users to connect to them.) The proper syntax is `net share <share_name>=<drive_letter>:`



<path>.

[69.](#) C. MicroSD cards are 15mm × 11mm. xD Picture Cards are 25mm × 20mm, and miniSD cards are 21.5mm × 20mm. There is no current standard for an 11mm × 8mm memory card. For comparison, standard SD cards measure 32mm × 24mm.

[70.](#) B. The first thing to try is to remove the battery and then see whether it will power up using AC power. This usually works. Longer term, you may want to replace the battery.

[71.](#) D. The DHCP server can provide all required and optional TCP/IP configuration information to clients. This includes an IP address, subnet mask, default gateway, and DNS server address.

[72.](#) A. If print jobs are processed very slowly or if you are continually seeing “low memory” error messages, it might be a good time to upgrade the memory in the printer.

[73.](#) D. 802.11g operates at 2.4GHz, whereas 802.11ac operates at 5GHz. Therefore, her network adapter may not see the 802.11ac network. Many 802.11ac routers are dual-band, which means they do support 2.4GHz devices for backward compatibility. But the standards themselves operate on different frequencies.

[74.](#) C. The charging corona or wire applies a strong positive charge (+600VDC) to the paper. This allows the paper to attract the negatively charged toner from the imaging drum.

[75.](#) D. The audio settings can often be adjusted using the special function keys. To lower the volume, look for an icon with a speaker with only one “wave” coming out of it. The volume is increased with the speaker with several waves, the mute button will have a speaker with an X or a circle with a line through it, and the microphone mute will show a microphone with the same.

[76.](#) B. A RAID 10 array is a mirror of a striped set. You need two drives to create the striped set, and the other two will mirror the first two. Therefore, you have only 2TB worth of storage in this configuration.

[77.](#) C. The easiest way is to install an external NIC. Windows



should detect the new card and disable the old one. If it doesn't, you can disable it manually in Device Manager.

[78.](#) D. Trying another monitor quickly narrowed down this problem. It's not the monitor, so it's the video card. Video connectors are not field replaceable, so just replace the entire video card.

[79.](#) A. The order of steps is as follows: processing, charging, exposing, developing, transferring, fusing, and cleaning.

[80.](#) A. There are three types of addresses in IPv6: unicast, anycast, and multicast. A unicast address identifies a single node on the network. An anycast address refers to one that has been assigned to multiple nodes. A multicast address is one used by multiple hosts. IPv6 does not use broadcasts.

[81.](#) C. At the Internet layer of TCP/IP, Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) resolves logical IP addresses to physical MAC addresses built into network cards. Reverse ARP (RARP) resolves MAC addresses to IP addresses.

[82.](#) B. The memory module shown is a MicroDIMM. You can tell the difference between a MicroDIMM and SODIMMs because a MicroDIMM does not have a notch on the connector side. MicroDIMMs are also more square than SODIMMs.

[83.](#) D. The FF00::/8 range in IPv6 is for multicasts. Remember that IPv6 does not use broadcasts. The closest IPv6 gets is the use of multicast addresses.

[84.](#) D. GPS systems were designed to require multiple satellites. Receivers use a process called triangulation, which they use to calculate the distance between themselves and the satellites (based on the time it takes to receive a signal) to determine their location. They require input from four satellites to provide location and elevation or from three to provide location.

[85.](#) D. Infrared is a short-distance, line-of-sight wireless communication method. If line of sight is broken, the communication will end.

[86.](#) A. When configuring a router, you should take five steps. Change the router's SSID, change the administrator username

and password, select strong encryption such as AES or WPA2, choose a high-quality security passphrase, and connect the clients using the passphrase.

[87.](#) D. Hubs can be either active or passive. Passive hubs connect all ports electrically but do not have their own power source. Active hubs use electronics to amplify and clean up the signal before it is broadcast to the other ports.

[88.](#) B. There are four major versions of PCIe currently specified: 1.x, 2.x, 3.0, and 4.0. For the four versions, a single omnidirectional lane (such as in x1) operates at a data rate of 250MBps, 500MBps, approximately 1GBps, and roughly 2GBps, respectively. A bidirectional slot doubles the data rate. An x16 slot will operate 16 times as fast as x1.

[89.](#) D. The two most popular methods of manufacturing LCD panels are twisted nematic (TN) and in-plane switching (IPS). Of the two, IPS is regarded as having the best color representation in all angles, while TN is faster and less expensive. Fluorescent and LED are types of backlighting.

[90.](#) C. Of the three optical disc technologies, Blu-ray provides the most capacity over DVD and CD-ROM. Blu-ray double-sided, dual-layer (DS, DL) provides 100GB of storage space, whereas single-sided, single-layer (SS, SL) provides 25GB.

## Chapter 11: Practice Exam 2 (220-902)

[1.](#) A, B. When working with customers, you need to avoid personal interruptions such as phone calls or texts. Exceptions can be made if it's an emergency situation, but in those cases notify the client that you might get a call or text and explain that you will deal with it only if it's the emergency. Otherwise, ignore the personal interruption until you are not working with a client.

[2.](#) A. You can change the priority of a process in Task Manager's Processes tab for Windows Vista and Windows 7 (or on the Details tab in Windows 8) by right-clicking the name of the process and choosing Set Priority. The six priorities, from lowest to highest, are low, below normal, normal, above normal, high, and realtime. Only an administrator can set a process to run at realtime priority. Task Manager changes the priority only for that instance of the running application. The next time the process is started, priorities revert to that of the base (typically normal).

[3.](#) B, C. The New Technology File System (NTFS) is available with all current versions of Windows. NTFS is an advanced file system that includes such features as individual file security, compression, and RAID support as well as support for extremely large file and partition sizes and disk transaction monitoring.

[4.](#) D. The easiest way to see whether your current hardware can run another version of Windows is to download the utility that Microsoft creates for checking what you have. For Windows 7, this was called Upgrade Advisor. For Windows 8 and Windows 8.1, it has been renamed Upgrade Assistant.

[5.](#) D. A virtual private network (VPN) is a private network connection that occurs through a public network. A private network provides security over an otherwise unsecure environment. VPNs can be used to connect LANs together across the Internet or other public networks. With a VPN, the

remote end appears to be connected to the network as if it were connected locally.

[6.](#) B. Self-grounding is not as effective as using proper anti-ESD gear, but it makes up for that with its simplicity. To self-ground, make sure the computer is turned off but plugged in. Then touch an exposed (but not hot or sharp!) metal part of the case. That will drain an electrical charge from you. Better yet is if you can maintain constant contact with that metal part. That should keep you at the same bias as the case.

[7.](#) B. 802.11n is a wireless networking standard. Therefore, choose wireless as the network connection type.

[8.](#) C. Unfortunately, the only solution to a locked phone (or system lockout) is to perform a reset to factory specifications. That means that all of the data on the phone is gone. There is no backdoor. In 2016, there was a publicized case of law enforcement wanting to do this in California, and there was even some discussion of the case going to the U.S. Supreme Court. But Apple was steadfast that there is no backdoor, and they do not believe it's appropriate to create one, which would also create a potential security hole.

[9.](#) B. The `sudo` (“substitute user do” or “superuser do”) command is used to run a command with a different privilege level than the current user logged in. Typically this means running a command with superuser or `root` permissions.

[10.](#) A. In Linux, there are two common boot loaders used. LILO (Linux LOader) is the older one but has been replaced by GRUB (GRand Unified Bootloader) in most instances. The most likely cause of a GRUB/LILO error is a missing or corrupt master boot record (MBR). The method to fix it depends on the version of Linux you are running, but generally speaking, you need to boot to the Linux installation CD/DVD, go into Linux rescue mode, and re-create the MBR.

[11.](#) C. Biometric devices use physical characteristics to identify the user. Biometric systems include fingerprint/palm/hand scanners, retinal scanners, and soon, possibly, DNA scanners. To gain access to resources, you must pass a physical screening

process.

[12.](#) B. Many companies rely upon digital rights management (DRM) to protect digital assets such as online photos or videos. DRM is not as established as licensing agreements are, but you should still respect the property of the owners of digital content.

[13.](#) B. Tailgating refers to being so close to someone when they enter a building, you are able to come in right behind them without needing to use a key, a card, or any other security device. Using mantraps, which are devices such as small rooms that limit access to one or a few individuals, is a great way to stop tailgating.

[14.](#) A. The `MSINFO32` tool displays a thorough list of settings on the machine. You cannot change any values from here, but you can search, export, and save reports. When run from a command prompt, the `/computer` option allows you to specify a remote computer on which to run the utility, and the `/report` option saves the report as a `.txt` file.

[15.](#) C. The two primary methods of installing Windows 8 (and most versions of Windows) are either a clean install or an upgrade. With a clean install, no traces of any previous operating system are kept. With an upgrade, the focus is on keeping something from the previous operating system that was installed earlier on the machine. That “something” can be user accounts, data, apps, or almost anything else. When the upgrade is done without removing the existing operating system (the norm), this is known as an in-place upgrade. A custom installation implies a clean installation.

[16.](#) B. Even if you disable the SSID broadcast, potential attackers still have many simple tools available to see your wireless network traffic and get the SSID anyway. It is a weak form of security that will keep out only the most casual intruders. Enabling MAC filtering can help you allow access only to certain hosts, but MAC addresses can be spoofed. WPA is a good encryption method, but WPA2 is stronger. Changing the default username and password is always recommended.

[17.](#) D. Slow data speeds can be caused by too much interference, a weak signal, or an oversaturated wireless access point. If there is too much interference, try changing the channel on Wi-Fi routers to less-used channels and performance should increase. Solve weak signals by installing more access points or by moving closer to an existing access point. More access points can also help the oversaturation problem. If it was just one user, a low battery could cause problems, but that seems unlikely if the problem is widespread.

[18.](#) B, C. To ensure your personal safety, always remember some important techniques before moving equipment. The first thing to check for always is to see whether it's unplugged. There's nothing worse (and potentially more dangerous) than getting yanked because you're still tethered. Remove any loose jewelry, and secure long hair or neckties. Lift with your legs, not your back (bend at the knees when picking something up, not at the waist).

[19.](#) C. To combine both hard drives into one volume, you need to create a spanned, striped, or mirrored volume. A mirrored volume, like a RAID 1 array, will make one of the disks redundant, so in this case it would not give the user 1TB of storage. A striped volume is like RAID 0 and will give you a slight performance boost.

[20.](#) A. Referenced by CompTIA as "Bit-Locker," Microsoft calls it BitLocker, and it allows you to use drive encryption to protect files, including those needed for startup and logon. BitLocker can be turned on only by administrators.

[21.](#) B. Using near field communication (NFC), a user will simply move their device within range (about 4" or 10cm) of the merchant's receiver, and the payment will be processed. In most cases, a PIN is required. This method is of course used when the customer and merchant are in the same physical location. Charges are usually linked to a bank account, credit card, or online payment service.

[22.](#) D. Privacy filters are either film or glass add-ons that are placed over a monitor or laptop screen to prevent the data on

the screen from being readable when viewed from the sides. Only the user sitting directly in front of the screen is able to read the data.

[23.](#) C. The best way to remove data from the device is to perform a remote wipe. Ideally you have backed up or synced the device before then or you will lose data. Full device encryption is a good security practice, but that should have been completed prior to the phone being stolen.

[24.](#) D. When you create a partition in Windows 8 or newer, it will ask if you want to create a Master Boot Record (MBR) or GUID Partition Table (GPT) one. GPT is newer and has far more features. One of those features is that you can create an unlimited number of logical partitions on it. Only the operating system will limit you; Windows will only allow 128 partitions on one drive.

[25.](#) A. An overwrite, also frequently called a *drive wipe*, replaces all data on a hard drive with 0s. This effectively makes it so that people can't recover old data from the drive and makes the drive safe to recycle.

[26.](#) D. If this is a first-time error, just reboot and see whether it goes away. Windows is pretty stable, but every once in a while it coughs up a hairball (not a technical term, just like blue screen of death is not a technical term) and you need to reboot. If it doesn't happen again, it's not a problem. If it continues to happen, boot into Safe Mode.

[27.](#) A. One of the best ways to avoid overheating is to avoid ambient temperatures that are too hot or too cold: avoid having the device in direct sunlight for extended time periods, in a hot car on a summer day, or on top of a heat source. When the device does overheat, you can often help it cool down quicker by removing any protective case that may be there—and putting it back on later.

[28.](#) D. Netboot is the process of booting the OS from the network, such as from a thin client. This can be done with Windows 8 using Microsoft Desktop Virtualization. This is a useful option for environments where hardware is kept to a



minimum. After using DHCP to obtain network configuration parameters from a server, the thin client can locate a PXE boot server to send it the files that it needs to boot.

[29.](#) C. The `taskkill` command is used to terminate processes, just like you can do in Task Manager in Windows. To kill a process by its name, use the `/IM` switch. If you know the process ID, use the `/PID` switch. The `/S` switch is used to specify a remote system, and the `/FI` switch applies a filter to a set of tasks. The `/T` switch terminates child processes, and `/F` terminates the process forcefully.

[30.](#) B. During the Windows 8/7/Vista boot process, `WINLOAD.EXE` processes a file that resides in the root directory specifying what OSs are installed on the computer and where they reside on the disk. During this step of the boot process, you may be presented with a list of the installed OSs (depending on how your startup options are configured and whether you have multiple OSs installed). In Windows 8/7/Vista, `WINLOAD.EXE` replaces `NTLDR` from the Windows XP days.

[31.](#) C. The best device for power protection is an uninterruptible power supply (UPS). These devices can be as small as a brick or as large as an entire server rack. Inside the UPS is one or more batteries and fuses. Much like a surge suppressor, a UPS is designed to protect everything that's plugged into it from power surges. UPSs are also designed to protect against power sags and even power outages. Energy is stored in the batteries, and if the power fails, the batteries can power the computer for a period of time so that the administrator can then safely power it down.

[32.](#) A. DHCP servers are configured with a scope, which contains the information that the server can provide to clients. DHCP servers need at least one scope, but they can also have more than one. The scope contains the address pool for DHCP clients as well as other pertinent information for configuration.

[33.](#) A, B. There are three tools that quickly show you CPU and memory usage in Windows. They are Resource Monitor, Performance Monitor, and Task Manager. Performance Monitor



can also be accessed through Computer Management.

[34.](#) D. Between the older interfaces and Windows 7, Microsoft released Windows Vista and the Aero interface. This was a departure from the usual and not one that met with as warm a reception as Microsoft had hoped.

[35.](#) A. If the printer is on your local computer and you want others to use it, you need to share the printer. You do this by right-clicking the printer, choosing Printer Properties, and then going to the Sharing tab. Check the box to share the printer. You map a network printer if you are the one connecting to a remote printer.

[36.](#) B. A brute-force attack is an attempt to guess passwords until a successful guess occurs. Because of the nature of this attack, it usually occurs over a long period of time. To make passwords more difficult to guess, they should be much longer than two or three characters (Microsoft recommends eight as the minimum), be complex, and have password lockout policies.

[37.](#) A. Pop-ups are annoying but not necessarily an indication that your computer is infected with anything. Antivirus and anti-malware programs don't generally deal with pop-ups unless those pop-ups are associated with malware, and most pop-ups aren't—they are just coded into the website. A firewall won't help here either.

[38.](#) B. Going over the limits on data plans can be symptomatic of a hacked account. Closely monitor account usage.

[39.](#) A. Windows Vista has an area known as the Sidebar that is designed for gadgets and can be placed on the Desktop. Windows 7 did away with the Sidebar, and the gadgets are now placed directly on the Desktop.

[40.](#) A. Acceptable use policies (AUPs) describe how the employees in an organization can use company systems and resources, both software and hardware. This policy should also outline the consequences for misuse. In addition, the policy (also known as a use policy) should address the installation of personal software on company computers and the use of

personal hardware such as USB devices. The AUP may be part of an employee handbook but is not required to be.

[41.](#) B. This is a form of ransomware, which can be programmed to take control over a user's webcam. It's just another layer of complexity to scare users. Deleting and reinstalling Windows will work, but it's not necessary. The system will be locked, so you can't open the anti-malware software. You can, however, boot to a bootable CD or DVD from the anti-malware software provider and start a remediation that way.

[42.](#) D. While it's possible that the disposal information and risks may be on the container somewhere, you will always find it on the product's Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS). MSDSs include information such as physical product data (boiling point, melting point, flash point, and so forth), potential health risks, storage and disposal recommendations, and spill/leak procedures. With this information, technicians and emergency personnel know how to handle the product as well as respond in the event of an emergency.

[43.](#) A, C. When authorized users access devices through unintended connections or unauthorized users access absconded devices, they can access the data on the device. Disable autoconnect to avoid unintended connections, and encrypt data on devices to help protect the data on them in the event they are stolen.

[44.](#) D. An Intrusion Detection System (IDS) is a passive device. It watches network traffic, and it can detect anomalies that might represent an attack. For example, if an attacker were to try to flood a network with traffic on a specific port, the IDS would sense that the additional traffic on that port was unusual. Then the IDS would log the anomaly and send an alert to an administrator. Note that it does nothing to prevent the attack; it simply logs relevant information pertaining to the attack and sends an alert.

[45.](#) A. The `dir` command shows a directory listing. The `/p` switch displays only one page at a time. Think of it as the pause switch.

[46.](#) C. A Type 1 hypervisor sits directly on the hardware, and

because of this, it's sometimes referred to as a bare-metal hypervisor. In this instance, the hypervisor is basically the operating system for the physical machine. This setup is most commonly used for server-side virtualization, because the hypervisor itself typically has very low hardware requirements to support its own functions. Type 1 is generally considered to have better performance than Type 2, simply because there is no host OS involved and the system is dedicated to supporting virtualization. The hypervisor is also called a *virtual machine manager* (VMM).

[47.](#) B. Software running on infected computers called *zombies* is often known as a *botnet*. Bots, by themselves, are but a form of software that runs automatically and autonomously and are not harmful. *Botnet*, however, has come to be the word used to describe malicious software running on a zombie and under the control of a bot-herder. Denial of service attacks—both DoS and DDoS—can be launched by botnets, as can many forms of adware, spyware, and spam (via spambots).

[48.](#) C. Inheritance is the default behavior throughout the permission structure, unless a specific setting is created to override it. For example, a user who has Read and Write permissions in one folder will have that in all the subfolders unless a change has been made specifically to one of the subfolders. Modify access does not give users permissions to change permissions for others. Only Full Control allows that.

[49.](#) A. Monitor settings such as resolution, orientation, and location of secondary monitors are changed through Screen Resolution.

[50.](#) C. If an app does not load, try rebooting (forcing the device to restart, if necessary). If that does not work, attempt to remove and reload the app. Be sure to check the vendor's site for any similar problems (and solutions) encountered by others.

[51.](#) D. If you have your policy in place, then your incident response plan should be relatively scripted. Your first priority as the first responder is to identify the improper activity or content. Then you should always get someone else to verify the

material or action so that it doesn't turn into a situation of your word against someone else's. Immediately report the situation through proper channels.

[52.](#) B. Device Manager has been present in every version of Windows since Windows 95. It allows you to manage all of your hardware devices, including updating drivers and disabling the device. It is found within the Computer Management console.

[53.](#) D. Microsoft Windows User State Migration Tool (USMT) allows you to migrate user file settings related to the applications, Desktop configuration, and accounts. It is intended to be used by administrators, and it requires a client computer connected to a Windows Server-based domain controller. USMT allows transfers to be scripted, whereas WET uses a GUI that requires user interaction.

[54.](#) D. In macOS there is a bar of icons that runs along the bottom (or side, if so configured) of your screen. That set of icons is known as the Dock, and it provides easy access to key apps that come with the Mac (such as Safari, Mail, Videos, and Music) or others that you choose to add there.

[55.](#) C. With ransomware, software—often delivered through a Trojan horse—takes control of a system and demands that a third party be paid. The “control” can be accomplished by encrypting the hard drive, by changing user password information, or via any of a number of other creative ways. Users are usually assured that by paying the extortion amount (the ransom), they will be given the code needed to revert their systems to normal operations. Even among malware, ransomware is particularly nasty.

[56.](#) D. The purpose of the System File Checker (SFC) utility is to keep the operating system alive and well. `SFC.EXE` automatically verifies system files after a reboot to see whether they were changed to unprotected copies. If an unprotected file is found, a stored copy of the system file overwrites it.

[57.](#) B. A common cause for a lack of wireless connectivity is for a device to be in airplane mode. Since the user has a cellular signal, the phone definitely isn't in this mode. The other

wireless signal types (Wi-Fi, Bluetooth) can be individually disabled, so check them as well.

[58.](#) A, C. Do not attempt to repair a CRT monitor without specific training. Even if the monitor has not been used for some time, capacitors can still hold a lethal charge. Also be careful with the tubes in a CRT monitor. They are vacuum sealed, and if the glass breaks, it can be sent flying in any direction.

[59.](#) B. The best practices for malware removal is a seven-step process. Identify malware symptoms, quarantine infected system, disable system restore (in Windows), remediate infected systems (including update anti-malware software and scan and remove the malware), schedule scans and run updates, enable system restore and create a restore point (in Windows), and educate the end user.

[60.](#) B, C. BitLocker and EFS can both be used for encrypting files on an NTFS volume. Encrypting File System (EFS) is available in most editions of Windows, and all users can use EFS. Only administrators can turn on BitLocker. As an additional distinction, EFS can encrypt just one file, if so desired, while BitLocker encrypts the whole volume and whatever is stored on it.

[61.](#) D. The recommended way to assign permissions on Microsoft systems is to grant them to groups. Then, users can be assigned to groups depending on their access needs. This is far less work than managing permissions on a user-by-user basis.

[62.](#) D. From a networking standpoint, each of the virtual desktops will typically need full network access. The VM will create a virtual NIC and manage the resources of that NIC appropriately. The virtual NIC doesn't have to be connected to the physical NIC. Administrators will often configure a virtual switch within the hypervisor to manage the traffic to and from the virtual NICs and logically attach the virtual switch to the physical NIC.

[63.](#) A. The `copy` command makes a copy of a file in a second

location. It cannot be used to copy directories. To copy a directory, you need to use the `xcopy` command.

[64.](#) C. If there is sufficient space on a machine and the hardware will support it, you can have more than one operating system and choose which one to run when you boot. If you create a multiboot environment, always install each OS on its own partition; that way the key OS files remain separated and don't conflict with each other.

[65.](#) C, D. `BOOTREC /REBUILDBCD` will rebuild the BCD file, and `BCDEDIT` allows you to edit the file. The `BOOTREC /FIXBOOT` command will rebuild the boot sector to one that is compatible with Windows 7 (or Windows Vista/8/8.1). `BOOTREC /FIXMBR` will fix the Master Boot Record.

[66.](#) A. Troubleshooting theory for the A+ exam consists of six steps: identify the problem; establish a theory of probable cause; test the theory to determine cause; establish a plan of action to resolve the problem and implement the solution; verify full system functionality and, if applicable, implement preventive measures; and document findings, actions, and outcomes.

[67.](#) D. Don't click the buttons! This is some sort of hoax. When you click either button, something bad will happen—something like malware being installed on your computer. Attackers are very creative about making their pop-ups look like legitimate security alerts. Shut your computer down, and after you reboot, run a virus scan.

[68.](#) A. Keychain is a password management system from Apple. It allows you to store passwords for websites, mail servers, Wi-Fi, and so forth. There is an iCloud variant (iCloud Keychain) that keeps such information as Safari usernames/passwords and credit card information.

[69.](#) D. The System Configuration tool allows you to force the operating system to boot into Safe Mode, using the Boot tab. System configuration (`MSCONFIG.EXE`) has five tabs: General, Boot, Services, Startup, and Tools.

[70.](#) D. The one big advantage of Share permissions is that they can be used if the NTFS file system is not in place. Of course, share permissions are in effect only when the user connects to the resource via the network. NTFS permissions are able to protect you at the file level. Share permissions can be applied to the directory level only. NTFS permissions can affect users logged on locally or across the network to the system where the NTFS permissions are applied.

[71.](#) A. Antivirus databases should be updated frequently to keep your antivirus program up-to-date with all the possible virus definitions. Most antivirus programs will automatically update themselves (if configured properly) just as Windows Update will update Windows, provided the computer has a live Internet connection. The best bet is to let them automatically update. Otherwise, at least once a week is good.

[72.](#) A. Personally identifiable information (PII) is anything that can be used to identify an individual person on its own or in context with other information. This includes someone's name, address, other contact information; the names of family members; and other details that people would consider private. A first name is considered to be generally common enough that it is not PII. A full name, if not common, would be PII.

[73.](#) C. When a problem pops up with the Windows 8 operating system, you can boot into the Windows Recovery Environment (Windows RE) and repair it by choosing to refresh, reset, or restore it. Refreshing it keeps personal files and settings along with the default apps and those that you installed from the Windows Store. Resetting reinstalls Windows and deletes all but the default apps (meaning that you lose your personal files and settings). Restoring allows you to just undo recent system changes.

[74.](#) D. When you move a file or folder on the same NTFS volume, it will keep its original permissions. If you copy it or move it to a different volume, it will inherit permissions from its new parent directory.

[75.](#) A. No unintended or unauthorized event is a good thing for



mobile users. The one that leaves a user most susceptible to a man-in-the-middle attack is an unintended Wi-Fi connection. This is because the device at the other end that the user is connecting to could be intercepting data or storing it for a possible attack later.

[76.](#) A. The way to protect against this is to implement a BIOS/UEFI password. If a user can get into the BIOS, then he can change the boot sequence, boot to an unauthorized device, and then do some damage to the system. A strong Windows password will help protect Windows but does not protect the computer in general. Autorun is a feature of Windows and does not affect the boot process.

[77.](#) D. In hibernate mode, the computer saves all the contents of memory to the hard drive, preserves all data and applications exactly where they are, and allows the computer to power off completely. When the system comes out of hibernation, it returns to its previous state.

[78.](#) C. A restore point is a copy, or snapshot, of your system configuration at a given point in time. It's like a backup of your configuration but not your data. Snapshots are created within Windows from the System Restore program. If Windows will not load, Safe Mode can be used to run `rstrui.exe`, which will open a version of System Restore so you can use a snapshot.

[79.](#) C. When accessing the NTFS-based resource over the network, both NTFS and Share permissions are applied. If there is a difference between the two of them, the most restrictive permissions are used. Therefore, the user has Read & Execute access.

[80.](#) C. A snapshot is an exact copy of a logical volume that has been frozen at a specific point in time. When creating the snapshot, you don't need to worry about users changing files or taking the volume offline.

[81.](#) C. To run the SFC, you must be logged in as an administrator or have administrative privileges. If you attempt to run SFC from a standard command prompt, you will be told that you must be an administrator running a console session in



order to continue. Rather than opening a standard command prompt, choose Start ➤ All Programs ➤ Accessories; then right-click Command Prompt and choose Run As Administrator. The UAC will prompt you to continue, and then you can run SFC without a problem.

[82.](#) C. The Windows Event Viewer utility provides information about what's been going on with the whole system to help you troubleshoot problems. Event Viewer shows warnings, error messages, and records of things that have happened successfully. It's found in all current versions of Windows. The three most commonly referenced logs are Security (which includes information about logins), System, and Application.

[83.](#) A. The user needs at least Read & Execute access to be able to run programs, and Write will allow him to make changes to files. Neither will allow him to delete files. Modify and Full Control will allow everything he needs as well, but Modify allows him to delete files (or the folder), and Full Control also gives him the ability to take ownership and assign permissions to others.

[84.](#) D. A community cloud is created when multiple organizations with common interests combine to create a cloud. In a sense, it's like a public cloud with better security. The clients know who the other clients are and, in theory, can trust them more than they could trust random people on the Internet. The economies of scale and flexibility won't be as great as with a public cloud, but that's the trade-off for better security.

[85.](#) A. Windows 7 incorporates Windows Firewall, which can be used to stop incoming and outgoing network traffic. Traffic is allowed or denied by specific rules that are part of an access control list (ACL). By default, Windows Firewall blocks incoming traffic. By creating exceptions, you can configure what incoming traffic you want to allow through.

[86.](#) B. Set and meet—or exceed—expectations and communicate timelines and status. Customers want to know what is going on. In addition, offering different repair or replacement options will

usually make the customer feel better, as you are giving them an option in choosing a solution.

[87.](#) C. When formatting a hard drive, you can usually choose between a quick format or a full format. With a quick format, a new file table is created on the hard disk, but files are not fully overwritten or erased from the disk. Someone with data recovery software could easily access the data. A full format removes old files, creates a new file allocation table, and scans the hard drive for bad sectors.

[88.](#) B. When synchronizing with a desktop, both the iOS and the desktop authenticate each other. This two-way authentication is called *mutual authentication*, and it lets multiple services on the iOS device communicate with the appropriate services on the desktop.

[89.](#) C, D. Social engineering is a process in which an attacker attempts to acquire information about your network and system by social means, such as talking to people in the organization. When this is done via email or instant messaging, it's called *phishing*. Phishing attempts that appear to come from a trusted source are called *spear phishing*. Another form of social engineering is known as *shoulder surfing*, and it involves nothing more than watching someone when they enter their sensitive data.

[90.](#) A, C. If an OS update fails, it could be a configuration issue or simply a one-time glitch in the process. Wait until Windows Update reverts the changes; then reboot and try the update again. If that does not work, you can unplug removable media from your computer and try again, or you can try the Windows Update Troubleshooter.

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