

QUESTION 8

Identify one real phishing email:

A final-year student, Aman, receives a LinkedIn message saying:

“You are shortlisted for a Remote Software Developer role at Google.

Salary: ₹18 LPA.

Pay ₹2,499 as verification fee.

Limited seats. Pay now to confirm.”

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS:-

- a) What type of cybercrime is happening here?
- b) List 3 red flags that show it is a scam?
- c) What should he do to verify if a job offer is real?

Let me know if you'd like help answering the questions too!

Sol:

- a) This is a **phishing scam** — a form of cybercrime where attackers impersonate legitimate organizations to trick individuals into giving up money or personal information.

- b) **List 3 red flags that show it is a scam:**
 - 1) **Request for money upfront** — Legitimate companies like Google never ask for a verification fee.
 - 2) **Too-good-to-be-true offer** — ₹18 LPA for a fresher without an interview is suspicious.
 - 3) **Urgency and pressure** — “Limited seats. Pay now to confirm” is a classic tactic used by scammers to rush victims.

- c) **What should he do to verify if a job offer is real?**
 - **Check the official company website or careers page** for job listings.
 - **Contact the company directly** through verified channels to confirm the offer.
 - **Look for professional email domains** (e.g., @google.com) instead of generic or social media messages.