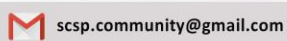




# 25 Questions Every SOC Analysts Should Prepare For.



**Q1. What are the basic components in a Security Operation Center?**

**Q2. What are the fundamentals of a Security Operation Center?**

**Q3. What is a SIEM solution and how does it work?**

**Q4. Describe an efficient and effective method which can be used to prevent violations of computer security procedures?**

**Q5. SOC analysts need to gather information from multiple sources. How can you determine which information is relevant and differentiate between false positives and false negatives logs?**

**Q6. Explain a plan of action which will safeguard computer files against modification, destruction, or disclosure.**

**Q7. In your firewall, do you prefer filtered ports or closed ports?**

**Q8. Which Incident Response methodology do you prefer? Explain why you use it.**

**Q9. Consider you are looking at the incoming traffic, but it is encrypted, how would you figure out if the payloads are malicious or benign?**

**Q10. If a company wants to implement a new security event manager. Describe your approach for the implementation.**

**Q11. What are the multiple sources from which a SOC receives log and data?**

**Q12. What is the difference between traditional and next generation SOC?**

**Q13. How would you define a cyber threat or cyber-attacks?**

**Q14. What is the difference between an IOC and an IOA?**

**Q15. How would you define local logging and central logging?  
What is the difference between them?**

**Q16. What are the concepts of handling alerts, triaging them and analyzing the alerts?**

**Q17. In your opinion, why do you think there is a need for a threat intelligence driven SOC?**

**Q18. What are the phases of incident handling?**

**Q19. Define insider incidents and how would you respond to such events?**

**Q20. Does only setting up a SIEM solution complete a SOC?**

**Q21. Consider that a device is not sharing any logs, being a SOC analyst how would you identify and detect that particular device?**

**Q22. Consider an in-house application or any other custom built application which does not have the capability to share its logs, how would you handle and monitor such applications?**

**Q23. At times certain applications send raw logs, being a SOC analyst how would you parse such logs?**

**Q24. How can you evaluate how Mature is your SOC?**

**Q25. Being an analyst how important is a SOC playbook or Workflow?**