

## 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) Let me show you what happened if you click on the link in the message:  
The link is <http://www.google.com> and it says "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."

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 — ₹18LPA 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.

Texting with (970) 815- [REDACTED] (SMS/MMS)

Congratulations! You've been selected to receive a \$500 Amazon gift card. This is an exclusive offer, but you must claim it within the next 24 hours. Click the link below to verify your eligibility:

<https://shorturl.at/3uleX>



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Thanks!



Okay, thanks



Text message

