

**NO.1** A company is providing weather data over a REST-based API to several customers. The API is hosted by Amazon API Gateway and is integrated with different AWS Lambda functions for each API operation. The company uses Amazon Route 53 for DNS and has created a resource record of weather.example.com. The company stores data for the API in Amazon DynamoDB tables. The company needs a solution that will give the API the ability to fail over to a different AWS Region. Which solution will meet these requirements?

- A.** Deploy a new set of Lambda functions in a new Region. Update the API Gateway API to use an edge-optimized API endpoint with Lambda functions from both Regions as targets. Convert the DynamoDB tables to global tables.
- B.** Deploy a new API Gateway API and Lambda functions in another Region. Change the Route 53 DNS record to a multivalue answer. Add both API Gateway APIs to the answer. Enable target health monitoring. Convert the DynamoDB tables to global tables.
- C.** Deploy a new API Gateway API and Lambda functions in another Region. Change the Route 53 DNS record to a failover record. Enable target health monitoring. Convert the DynamoDB tables to global tables.
- D.** Deploy a new API Gateway API in a new Region. Change the Lambda functions to global functions. Change the Route 53 DNS record to a multivalue answer. Add both API Gateway APIs to the answer. Enable target health monitoring. Convert the DynamoDB tables to global tables.

**Answer:** C

Explanation:

<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/apigateway/latest/developerguide/dns-failover.html>

**NO.2** A company runs its sales reporting application in an AWS Region in the United States. The application uses an Amazon API Gateway Regional API and AWS Lambda functions to generate on-demand reports from data in an Amazon RDS for MySQL database. The frontend of the application is hosted on Amazon S3 and is accessed by users through an Amazon CloudFront distribution. The company is using Amazon Route 53 as the DNS service for the domain. Route 53 is configured with a simple routing policy to route traffic to the API Gateway API.

In the next 6 months, the company plans to expand operations to Europe. More than 90% of the database traffic is read-only traffic. The company has already deployed an API Gateway API and Lambda functions in the new Region.

A solutions architect must design a solution that minimizes latency for users who download reports. Which solution will meet these requirements?

- A.** Use an AWS Database Migration Service (AWS DMS) task with full load to replicate the primary database in the original Region to the database in the new Region. Change the Route 53 record to latency-based routing to connect to the API Gateway API.
- B.** Use an AWS Database Migration Service (AWS DMS) task with full load plus change data capture (CDC) to replicate the primary database in the original Region to the database in the new Region. Change the Route 53 record to geolocation routing to connect to the API Gateway API.
- C.** Configure a cross-Region read replica for the RDS database in the new Region. Change the Route 53 record to latency-based routing to connect to the API Gateway API.
- D.** Configure a cross-Region read replica for the RDS database in the new Region. Change the Route 53 record to geolocation routing to connect to the API

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

The company should configure a cross-Region read replica for the RDS database in the new Region. The company should change the Route 53 record to latency-based routing to connect to the API Gateway API. This solution will meet the requirements because a cross-Region read replica is a feature that enables you to create a MariaDB, MySQL, Oracle, PostgreSQL, or SQL Server read replica in a different Region from the source DB instance. You can use cross-Region read replicas to improve availability and disaster recovery, scale out globally, or migrate an existing database to a new Region<sup>1</sup>. By creating a cross-Region read replica for the RDS database in the new Region, the company can have a standby copy of its primary database that can serve read-only traffic from users in Europe. A latency-based routing policy is a feature that enables you to route traffic based on the latency between your users and your resources. You can use latency-based routing to route traffic to the resource that provides the best latency<sup>2</sup>. By changing the Route 53 record to latency-based routing, the company can minimize latency for users who download reports by connecting them to the API Gateway API in the Region that provides the best response time.

The other options are not correct because:

Using AWS Database Migration Service (AWS DMS) to replicate the primary database in the original Region to the database in the new Region would not be as cost-effective or simple as using a cross-Region read replica. AWS DMS is a service that enables you to migrate relational databases, data warehouses, NoSQL databases, and other types of data stores. You can use AWS DMS to perform one-time migrations or continuous data replication with high availability and consolidate databases into a petabyte-scale data warehouse<sup>3</sup>. However, AWS DMS requires more configuration and management than creating a cross-Region read replica, which is fully managed by Amazon RDS. AWS DMS also incurs additional charges for replication instances and tasks.

Creating an Amazon API Gateway Data API service integration with Amazon Redshift would not help with disaster recovery or minimizing latency. The Data API is a feature that enables you to query your Amazon Redshift cluster using HTTP requests, without needing a persistent connection or a SQL client. It is useful for building applications that interact with Amazon Redshift, but not for replicating or recovering data from an RDS database.

Creating an AWS Data Exchange datashare by connecting AWS Data Exchange to the Redshift cluster would not help with disaster recovery or minimizing latency. AWS Data Exchange is a service that makes it easy for AWS customers to exchange data in the cloud. You can use AWS Data Exchange to subscribe to a diverse selection of third-party data products or offer your own data products to other AWS customers. A datashare is a feature that enables you to share live and secure access to your Amazon Redshift data across your accounts or with third parties without copying or moving the underlying data. It is useful for sharing query results and views with other users, but not for replicating or recovering data from an RDS database.

**Reference:**

[https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonRDS/latest/UserGuide/Concepts.RDS\\_Fea\\_Regions\\_DB-eng.Feature.CrossRegionReadReplicas.html](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonRDS/latest/UserGuide/Concepts.RDS_Fea_Regions_DB-eng.Feature.CrossRegionReadReplicas.html)

<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/Route53/latest/DeveloperGuide/routing-policy.html#routing-policy-latency>

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<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/redshift/latest/mgmt/data-api.html>

<https://aws.amazon.com/data-exchange/>

<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/redshift/latest/dg/datashare-overview.html>

**NO.3** A company recently started hosting new application workloads in the AWS Cloud. The company is using Amazon EC2 instances, Amazon Elastic File System (Amazon EFS) file systems, and Amazon RDS DB instances.

To meet regulatory and business requirements, the company must make the following changes for data backups:

- \* Backups must be retained based on custom daily, weekly, and monthly requirements.
- \* Backups must be replicated to at least one other AWS Region immediately after capture.
- \* The backup solution must provide a single source of backup status across the AWS environment.
- \* The backup solution must send immediate notifications upon failure of any resource backup.

Which combination of steps will meet this requirement with the LEAST amount of operational overhead? (Select THREE.)

- A.** Create an AWS Backup plan with a backup rule for each of the retention requirements.
- B.** Configure an AWS backup plan to copy backups to another Region.
- C.** Create an AWS Lambda function to replicate backups to another Region and send notification if a failure occurs.
- D.** Add an Amazon Simple Notification Service (Amazon SNS) topic to the backup plan to send a notification for finished jobs that have any status except BACKUP- JOB- COMPLETED.
- E.** Create an Amazon Data Lifecycle Manager (Amazon DLM) snapshot lifecycle policy for each of the retention requirements.
- F.** Set up RDS snapshots on each database.

**Answer:** A,B,D

Explanation:

Cross region with AWS Backup: <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/aws-backup/latest/devguide/cross-region-backup.html>

**NO.4** A company is updating an application that customers use to make online orders. The number of attacks on the application by bad actors has increased recently.

The company will host the updated application on an Amazon Elastic Container Service (Amazon ECS) cluster. The company will use Amazon DynamoDB to store application data. A public Application Load Balancer (ALB) will provide end users with access to the application. The company must prevent attacks and ensure business continuity with minimal service interruptions during an ongoing attack.

Which combination of steps will meet these requirements MOST cost-effectively? (Select TWO.)

- A.** Create an Amazon CloudFront distribution with the ALB as the origin. Add a custom header and random value on the CloudFront domain. Configure the ALB to conditionally forward traffic if the header and value match.
- B.** Deploy the application in two AWS Regions. Configure Amazon Route 53 to route to both Regions with equal weight.
- C.** Configure auto scaling for Amazon ECS tasks. Create a DynamoDB Accelerator (DAX) cluster.
- D.** Configure Amazon ElastiCache to reduce overhead on DynamoDB.
- E.** Deploy an AWS WAF web ACL that includes an appropriate rule group. Associate the web ACL with the Amazon CloudFront distribution.

**Answer:** A,E

Explanation:

The company should create an Amazon CloudFront distribution with the ALB as the origin. The company should add a custom header and random value on the CloudFront domain. The company should configure the ALB to conditionally forward traffic if the header and value match. The company should also deploy an AWS WAF web ACL that includes an appropriate rule group. The company should associate the web ACL with the Amazon CloudFront distribution. This solution will meet the requirements most cost-effectively because Amazon CloudFront is a fast content delivery network (CDN) service that securely delivers data, videos, applications, and APIs to customers globally with low latency, high transfer speeds, all within a developer-friendly environment<sup>1</sup>. By creating an Amazon CloudFront distribution with the ALB as the origin, the company can improve the performance and availability of its application by caching static content at edge locations closer to end users. By adding a custom header and random value on the CloudFront domain, the company can prevent direct access to the ALB and ensure that only requests from CloudFront are forwarded to the ECS tasks. By configuring the ALB to conditionally forward traffic if the header and value match, the company can implement origin access identity (OAI) for its ALB origin. OAI is a feature that enables you to restrict access to your content by requiring users to access your content through CloudFront URLs<sup>2</sup>. By deploying an AWS WAF web ACL that includes an appropriate rule group, the company can prevent attacks and ensure business continuity with minimal service interruptions during an ongoing attack. AWS WAF is a web application firewall that lets you monitor and control web requests that are forwarded to your web applications. You can use AWS WAF to define customizable web security rules that control which traffic can access your web applications and which traffic should be blocked<sup>3</sup>. By associating the web ACL with the Amazon CloudFront distribution, the company can apply the web security rules to all requests that are forwarded by CloudFront.

The other options are not correct because:

Deploying the application in two AWS Regions and configuring Amazon Route 53 to route to both Regions with equal weight would not prevent attacks or ensure business continuity. Amazon Route 53 is a highly available and scalable cloud Domain Name System (DNS) web service that routes end users to Internet applications by translating names like `www.example.com` into numeric IP addresses<sup>4</sup>. However, routing traffic to multiple Regions would not protect against attacks or provide failover in case of an outage. It would also increase operational complexity and costs compared to using CloudFront and AWS WAF.

Configuring auto scaling for Amazon ECS tasks and creating a DynamoDB Accelerator (DAX) cluster would not prevent attacks or ensure business continuity. Auto scaling is a feature that enables you to automatically adjust your ECS tasks based on demand or a schedule. DynamoDB Accelerator (DAX) is a fully managed, highly available, in-memory cache for DynamoDB that delivers up to a 10x performance improvement. However, these features would not protect against attacks or provide failover in case of an outage. They would also increase operational complexity and costs compared to using CloudFront and AWS WAF.

Configuring Amazon ElastiCache to reduce overhead on DynamoDB would not prevent attacks or ensure business continuity. Amazon ElastiCache is a fully managed in-memory data store service that makes it easy to deploy, operate, and scale popular open-source compatible in-memory data stores. However, this service would not protect against attacks or provide failover in case of an outage. It would also increase operational complexity and costs compared to using CloudFront and AWS WAF.

Reference:

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<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonCloudFront/latest/DeveloperGuide/private-content->

[restricting-access-to-s3.html](#)

<https://aws.amazon.com/waf/>

<https://aws.amazon.com/route53/>

<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonECS/latest/developerguide/service-auto-scaling.html>

<https://aws.amazon.com/dynamodb/dax/>

<https://aws.amazon.com/elasticache/>

**NO.5** An AWS partner company is building a service in AWS Organizations using its organization named org1. This service requires the partner company to have access to AWS resources in a customer account, which is in a separate organization named org2. The company must establish least privilege security access using an API or command line tool to the customer account. What is the MOST secure way to allow org1 to access resources in org2?

- A.** The customer should provide the partner company with their AWS account access keys to log in and perform the required tasks.
- B.** The customer should create an IAM user and assign the required permissions to the IAM user. The customer should then provide the credentials to the partner company to log in and perform the required tasks.
- C.** The customer should create an IAM role and assign the required permissions to the IAM role. The partner company should then use the IAM role's Amazon Resource Name (ARN) when requesting access to perform the required tasks.
- D.** The customer should create an IAM role and assign the required permissions to the IAM role. The partner company should then use the IAM role's Amazon Resource Name (ARN). Including the external ID in the IAM role's trust policy, when requesting access to perform the required tasks.

**Answer:** C

Explanation:

<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/IAM/latest/UserGuide/confused-deputy.html>

This is the most secure way to allow org1 to access resources in org2 because it allows for least privilege security access. The customer should create an IAM role and assign the required permissions to the IAM role. The partner company should then use the IAM role's Amazon Resource Name (ARN) and include the external ID in the IAM role's trust policy when requesting access to perform the required tasks. This ensures that the partner company can only access the resources that it needs and only from the specific customer account.

**NO.6** A company operates a fleet of servers on premises and operates a fleet of Amazon EC2 instances in its organization in AWS Organizations. The company's AWS accounts contain hundreds of VPCs. The company wants to connect its AWS accounts to its on-premises network. AWS Site-to-Site VPN connections are already established to a single AWS account. The company wants to control which VPCs can communicate with other VPCs.

Which combination of steps will achieve this level of control with the LEAST operational effort? (Choose three.)

- A.** Create a transit gateway in an AWS account. Share the transit gateway across accounts by using AWS Resource Access Manager (AWS RAM).
- B.** Configure attachments to all VPCs and VPNs.
- C.** Set up transit gateway route tables. Associate the VPCs and VPNs with the route tables.
- D.** Configure VPC peering between the VPCs.



E. Configure attachments between the VPCs and VPNs.

F. Set up route tables on the VPCs and VPNs.

**Answer:** A,B,C

**NO.7** An online retail company is migrating its legacy on-premises .NET application to AWS. The application runs on load-balanced frontend web servers, load-balanced application servers, and a Microsoft SQL Server database.

The company wants to use AWS managed services where possible and does not want to rewrite the application. A solutions architect needs to implement a solution to resolve scaling issues and minimize licensing costs as the application scales.

Which solution will meet these requirements MOST cost-effectively?

**A.** Deploy Amazon EC2 instances in an Auto Scaling group behind an Application Load Balancer for the web tier and for the application tier. Use Amazon Aurora PostgreSQL with Babelfish turned on to replatform the SQL Server database.

**B.** Create images of all the servers by using AWS Database Migration Service (AWS DMS). Deploy Amazon EC2 instances that are based on the on-premises imports. Deploy the instances in an Auto Scaling group behind a Network Load Balancer for the web tier and for the application tier. Use Amazon DynamoDB as the database tier.

**C.** Containerize the web frontend tier and the application tier. Provision an Amazon Elastic Kubernetes Service (Amazon EKS) cluster. Create an Auto Scaling group behind a Network Load Balancer for the web tier and for the application tier. Use Amazon RDS for SQL Server to host the database.

**D.** Separate the application functions into AWS Lambda functions. Use Amazon API Gateway for the web frontend tier and the application tier. Migrate the data to Amazon S3. Use Amazon Athena to query the data.

**Answer:** A

Explanation:

The best solution is to create a tag policy that contains the allowed project tag values in the organization's management account and create an SCP that denies the cloudformation:CreateStack API operation unless a project tag is added. A tag policy is a type of policy that can help standardize tags across resources in the organization's accounts. A tag policy can specify the allowed tag keys, values, and case treatment for compliance. A service control policy (SCP) is a type of policy that can restrict the actions that users and roles can perform in the organization's accounts. An SCP can deny access to specific API operations unless certain conditions are met, such as having a specific tag. By creating a tag policy in the management account and attaching it to each OU, the organization can enforce consistent tagging across all accounts. By creating an SCP that denies the cloudformation:CreateStack API operation unless a project tag is added, the organization can prevent users from creating new resources without proper tagging. This solution will meet the requirements with the least effort, as it does not involve creating additional resources or modifying existing ones.

Reference: Tag policies - AWS Organizations, Service control policies - AWS Organizations, AWS CloudFormation User Guide

**NO.8** A company has IoT sensors that monitor traffic patterns throughout a large city. The company wants to read and collect data from the sensors and perform aggregations on the data.

A solutions architect designs a solution in which the IoT devices are streaming to Amazon Kinesis Data

Streams. Several applications are reading from the stream. However, several consumers are experiencing throttling and are periodically encountering a `ReadProvisionedThroughputExceeded` error.

Which actions should the solution architect take to resolve this issue? (Select THREE.)

- A.** Reshard the stream to increase the number of shards in the stream.
- B.** Use the Kinesis Producer Library (KPL). Adjust the polling frequency.
- C.** Use consumers with the enhanced fan-out feature.
- D.** Reshard the stream to reduce the number of shards in the stream.
- E.** Use an error retry and exponential backoff mechanism in the consumer logic.
- F.** Configure the stream to use dynamic partitioning.

**Answer:** A,C,E

Explanation:

<https://repost.aws/knowledge-center/kinesis-readprovisionedthroughputexceeded> Follow Data Streams best practices To mitigate `ReadProvisionedThroughputExceeded` exceptions, apply these best practices:

- \* Reshard your stream to increase the number of shards in the stream.
- \* Use consumers with enhanced fan-out. For more information about enhanced fan-out, see [Developing custom consumers with dedicated throughput \(enhanced fan-out\)](#).
- \* Use an error retry and exponential backoff mechanism in the consumer logic if `ReadProvisionedThroughputExceeded` exceptions are encountered. For consumer applications that use an AWS SDK, the requests are retried by default.

**NO.9** A financial services company receives a regular data feed from its credit card servicing partner. Approximately 5,000 records are sent every 15 minutes in plaintext, delivered over HTTPS directly into an Amazon S3 bucket with server-side encryption. This feed contains sensitive credit card primary account number (PAN) data. The company needs to automatically mask the PAN before sending the data to another S3 bucket for additional internal processing. The company also needs to remove and merge specific fields, and then transform the record into JSON format. Additionally, extra feeds are likely to be added in the future, so any design needs to be easily expandable.

Which solutions will meet these requirements?

- A.** Trigger an AWS Lambda function on file delivery that extracts each record and writes it to an Amazon SQS queue. Trigger another Lambda function when new messages arrive in the SQS queue to process the records, writing the results to a temporary location in Amazon S3. Trigger a final Lambda function once the SQS queue is empty to transform the records into JSON format and send the results to another S3 bucket for internal processing.
- B.** Trigger an AWS Lambda function on file delivery that extracts each record and writes it to an Amazon SQS queue. Configure an AWS Fargate container application to automatically scale to a single instance when the SQS queue contains messages. Have the application process each record, and transform the record into JSON format. When the queue is empty, send the results to another S3 bucket for internal processing and scale down the AWS Fargate instance.
- C.** Create an AWS Glue crawler and custom classifier based on the data feed formats and build a table definition to match. Trigger an AWS Lambda function on file delivery to start an AWS Glue ETL job to transform the entire record according to the processing and transformation requirements. Define the output format as JSON. Once complete, have the ETL job send the results to another S3 bucket for internal processing.

**D.** Create an AWS Glue crawler and custom classifier based upon the data feed formats and build a table definition to match. Perform an Amazon Athena query on file delivery to start an Amazon EMR ETL job to transform the entire record according to the processing and transformation requirements. Define the output format as JSON. Once complete, send the results to another S3 bucket for internal processing and scale down the EMR cluster.

**Answer:** C

Explanation:

You can use a Glue crawler to populate the AWS Glue Data Catalog with tables. The Lambda function can be triggered using S3 event notifications when object create events occur. The Lambda function will then trigger the Glue ETL job to transform the records masking the sensitive data and modifying the output format to JSON. This solution meets all requirements.

**NO.10** A company wants to use AWS for disaster recovery for an on-premises application. The company has hundreds of Windows-based servers that run the application. All the servers mount a common share.

The company has an RTO of 15 minutes and an RPO of 5 minutes. The solution must support native failover and fallback capabilities.

Which solution will meet these requirements MOST cost-effectively?

**A.** Create an AWS Storage Gateway File Gateway. Schedule daily Windows server backups. Save the data to Amazon S3. During a disaster, recover the on-premises servers from the backup. During fallback, run the on-premises servers on Amazon EC2 instances.

**B.** Create a set of AWS CloudFormation templates to create infrastructure. Replicate all data to Amazon Elastic File System (Amazon EFS) by using AWS DataSync. During a disaster, use AWS CodePipeline to deploy the templates to restore the on-premises servers. Fail back the data by using DataSync.

**C.** Create an AWS Cloud Development Kit (AWS CDK) pipeline to stand up a multi-site active-active environment on AWS. Replicate data into Amazon S3 by using the s3 sync command. During a disaster, swap DNS endpoints to point to AWS. Fail back the data by using the s3 sync command.

**D.** Use AWS Elastic Disaster Recovery to replicate the on-premises servers. Replicate data to an Amazon FSx for Windows File Server file system by using AWS DataSync. Mount the file system to AWS servers. During a disaster, fail over the on-premises servers to AWS. Fail back to new or existing servers by using Elastic Disaster Recovery.

**Answer:** D

**NO.11** A company is planning to store a large number of archived documents and make the documents available to employees through the corporate intranet. Employees will access the system by connecting through a client VPN service that is attached to a VPC. The data must not be accessible to the public.

The documents that the company is storing are copies of data that is held on physical media elsewhere. The number of requests will be low. Availability and speed of retrieval are not concerns of the company.

Which solution will meet these requirements at the LOWEST cost?

**A.** Create an Amazon S3 bucket. Configure the S3 bucket to use the S3 One Zone-Infrequent Access (S3 One Zone-IA) storage class as default. Configure the S3 bucket for website hosting. Create an S3 interface endpoint. Configure the S3 bucket to allow access only through that endpoint.



- B.** Launch an Amazon EC2 instance that runs a web server. Attach an Amazon Elastic File System (Amazon EFS) file system to store the archived data in the EFS One Zone-Infrequent Access (EFS One Zone-IA) storage class. Configure the instance security groups to allow access only from private networks.
- C.** Launch an Amazon EC2 instance that runs a web server. Attach an Amazon Elastic Block Store (Amazon EBS) volume to store the archived data. Use the Cold HDD (sc1) volume type. Configure the instance security groups to allow access only from private networks.
- D.** Create an Amazon S3 bucket. Configure the S3 bucket to use the S3 Glacier Deep Archive storage class as default. Configure the S3 bucket for website hosting. Create an S3 interface endpoint. Configure the S3 bucket to allow access only through that endpoint.

**Answer:** D

Explanation:

The S3 Glacier Deep Archive storage class is the lowest-cost storage class offered by Amazon S3, and it is designed for archival data that is accessed infrequently and for which retrieval time of several hours is acceptable. S3 interface endpoint for the VPC ensures that access to the bucket is only from resources within the VPC and this will meet the requirement of not being accessible to the public. And also, S3 bucket can be configured for website hosting, and this will allow employees to access the documents through the corporate intranet. Using an EC2 instance and a file system or block store would be more expensive and unnecessary because the number of requests to the data will be low and availability and speed of retrieval are not concerns. Additionally, using Amazon S3 bucket will provide durability, scalability and availability of data.

**NO.12** A company uses an organization in AWS Organizations to manage the company's AWS accounts. The company uses AWS CloudFormation to deploy all infrastructure. A finance team wants to build a chargeback model. The finance team asked each business unit to tag resources by using a predefined list of project values.

When the finance team used the AWS Cost and Usage Report in AWS Cost Explorer and filtered based on project, the team noticed noncompliant project values. The company wants to enforce the use of project tags for new resources.

Which solution will meet these requirements with the LEAST effort?

- A.** Create a tag policy that contains the allowed project tag values in the organization's management account. Create an SCP that denies the cloudformation:CreateStack API operation unless a project tag is added. Attach the SCP to each OU.
- B.** Create a tag policy that contains the allowed project tag values in each OU. Create an SCP that denies the cloudformation:CreateStack API operation unless a project tag is added. Attach the SCP to each OU.
- C.** Create a tag policy that contains the allowed project tag values in the AWS management account. Create an IAM policy that denies the cloudformation:CreateStack API operation unless a project tag is added. Assign the policy to each user.
- D.** Use AWS Service Catalog to manage the CloudFormation stacks as products. Use a TagOptions library to control project tag values. Share the portfolio with all OUs that are in the organization.

**Answer:** A

Explanation:

The best solution is to create a tag policy that contains the allowed project tag values in the organization's management account and create an SCP that denies the cloudformation:CreateStack

API operation unless a project tag is added. A tag policy is a type of policy that can help standardize tags across resources in the organization's accounts. A tag policy can specify the allowed tag keys, values, and case treatment for compliance. A service control policy (SCP) is a type of policy that can restrict the actions that users and roles can perform in the organization's accounts. An SCP can deny access to specific API operations unless certain conditions are met, such as having a specific tag. By creating a tag policy in the management account and attaching it to each OU, the organization can enforce consistent tagging across all accounts. By creating an SCP that denies the `cloudformation:CreateStack` API operation unless a project tag is added, the organization can prevent users from creating new resources without proper tagging. This solution will meet the requirements with the least effort, as it does not involve creating additional resources or modifying existing ones. Reference: Tag policies - AWS Organizations, Service control policies - AWS Organizations, AWS CloudFormation User Guide

**NO.13** A company is running an application in the AWS Cloud. The application runs on containers in an Amazon Elastic Container Service (Amazon ECS) cluster. The ECS tasks use the Fargate launch type. The application's data is relational and is stored in Amazon Aurora MySQL. To meet regulatory requirements, the application must be able to recover to a separate AWS Region in the event of an application failure. In case of a failure, no data can be lost. Which solution will meet these requirements with the LEAST amount of operational overhead?

- A.** Provision an Aurora Replica in a different Region.
- B.** Set up AWS DataSync for continuous replication of the data to a different Region.
- C.** Set up AWS Database Migration Service (AWS DMS) to perform a continuous replication of the data to a different Region.
- D.** Use Amazon Data Lifecycle Manager (Amazon DLM) to schedule a snapshot every 5 minutes.

**Answer:** A

Explanation:

Provision an Aurora Replica in a different Region will meet the requirement of the application being able to recover to a separate AWS Region in the event of an application failure, and no data can be lost, with the least amount of operational overhead.

**NO.14** A solutions architect has deployed a web application that serves users across two AWS Regions under a custom domain. The application uses Amazon Route 53 latency-based routing. The solutions architect has associated weighted record sets with a pair of web servers in separate Availability Zones for each Region. The solutions architect runs a disaster recovery scenario. When all the web servers in one Region are stopped, Route 53 does not automatically redirect users to the other Region. Which of the following are possible root causes of this issue? (Select TWO)

- A.** The weight for the Region where the web servers were stopped is higher than the weight for the other Region.
- B.** One of the web servers in the secondary Region did not pass its HTTP health check.
- C.** Latency resource record sets cannot be used in combination with weighted resource record sets.
- D.** The setting to evaluate target health is not turned on for the latency alias resource record set that is associated with the domain in the Region where the web servers were stopped.
- E.** An HTTP health check has not been set up for one or more of the weighted resource record sets associated with the stopped web servers.

**Answer:** D,E

Explanation:

Evaluate Target Health Setting:

Ensure that the "Evaluate Target Health" setting is enabled for the latency alias resource record sets in Route 53. This setting helps Route 53 determine the health of the resources associated with the alias record and redirect traffic appropriately.

HTTP Health Checks:

Configure HTTP health checks for all weighted resource record sets. Health checks monitor the availability and performance of the web servers, allowing Route 53 to reroute traffic to healthy servers in case of a failure.

Verify that the health checks are correctly set up and associated with the resource record sets. This ensures that Route 53 can detect server failures and redirect traffic to the servers in the other Region.

By enabling the "Evaluate Target Health" setting and configuring HTTP health checks, Route 53 can effectively manage traffic during failover scenarios, ensuring high availability and reliability.

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AWS Route 53 Documentation on Latency-Based Routing(50).

AWS Architecture Blog on Cross-Account and Cross-Region Setup(49).

**NO.15** A company is developing a web application that runs on Amazon EC2 instances in an Auto Scaling group behind a public-facing Application Load Balancer (ALB). Only users from a specific country are allowed to access the application. The company needs the ability to log the access requests that have been blocked. The solution should require the least possible maintenance. Which solution meets these requirements?

- A.** Create an IPSet containing a list of IP ranges that belong to the specified country. Create an AWS WAF web ACL. Configure a rule to block any requests that do not originate from an IP range in the IPSet. Associate the rule with the web ACL. Associate the web ACL with the ALB.
- B.** Create an AWS WAF web ACL. Configure a rule to block any requests that do not originate from the specified country. Associate the rule with the web ACL. Associate the web ACL with the ALB.
- C.** Configure AWS Shield to block any requests that do not originate from the specified country. Associate AWS Shield with the ALB.
- D.** Create a security group rule that allows ports 80 and 443 from IP ranges that belong to the specified country. Associate the security group with the ALB.

**Answer:** B

Explanation:

The best solution is to create an AWS WAF web ACL and configure a rule to block any requests that do not originate from the specified country. This will ensure that only users from the allowed country can access the application. AWS WAF also provides logging capabilities that can capture the access requests that have been blocked. This solution requires the least possible maintenance as it does not involve updating IP ranges or security group rules. Reference: [AWS WAF Developer Guide], [AWS Shield Developer Guide]

**NO.16** A company uses a Grafana data visualization solution that runs on a single Amazon EC2 instance to monitor the health of the company's AWS workloads. The company has invested time and effort to create dashboards that the company wants to preserve. The dashboards need to be highly available and cannot be down for longer than 10 minutes. The company needs to minimize ongoing

maintenance.

Which solution will meet these requirements with the LEAST operational overhead?

- A.** Migrate to Amazon CloudWatch dashboards. Recreate the dashboards to match the existing Grafana dashboards. Use automatic dashboards where possible.
- B.** Create an Amazon Managed Grafana workspace. Configure a new Amazon CloudWatch data source. Export dashboards from the existing Grafana instance. Import the dashboards into the new workspace.
- C.** Create an AMI that has Grafana pre-installed. Store the existing dashboards in Amazon Elastic File System (Amazon EFS). Create an Auto Scaling group that uses the new AMI. Set the Auto Scaling group's minimum, desired, and maximum number of instances to one. Create an Application Load Balancer that serves at least two Availability Zones.
- D.** Configure AWS Backup to back up the EC2 instance that runs Grafana once each hour. Restore the EC2 instance from the most recent snapshot in an alternate Availability Zone when required.

**Answer:** C

Explanation:

By creating an AMI that has Grafana pre-installed and storing the existing dashboards in Amazon Elastic File System (Amazon EFS) it allows for faster and more efficient scaling, and by creating an Auto Scaling group that uses the new AMI and setting the Auto Scaling group's minimum, desired, and maximum number of instances to one and creating an Application Load Balancer that serves at least two Availability Zones, it ensures high availability and minimized downtime.

**NO.17** A company is using AWS Organizations to manage multiple AWS accounts. For security purposes, the company requires the creation of an Amazon Simple Notification Service (Amazon SNS) topic that enables integration with a third-party alerting system in all the Organizations member accounts. A solutions architect used an AWS CloudFormation template to create the SNS topic and stack sets to automate the deployment of CloudFormation stacks. Trusted access has been enabled in Organizations. What should the solutions architect do to deploy the CloudFormation StackSets in all AWS accounts?

- A.** Create a stack set in the Organizations member accounts. Use service-managed permissions. Set deployment options to deploy to an organization. Use CloudFormation StackSets drift detection.
- B.** Create stacks in the Organizations member accounts. Use self-service permissions. Set deployment options to deploy to an organization. Enable the CloudFormation StackSets automatic deployment.
- C.** Create a stack set in the Organizations management account. Use service-managed permissions. Set deployment options to deploy to the organization. Enable CloudFormation StackSets automatic deployment.
- D.** Create stacks in the Organizations management account. Use service-managed permissions. Set deployment options to deploy to the organization. Enable CloudFormation StackSets drift detection.

**Answer:** C

Explanation:

<https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/aws/use-cloudformation-stacksets-to-provision-resources-across-multiple-aws-accounts-and-regions/>

**NO.18** A financial company is planning to migrate its web application from on premises to AWS. The company uses a third-party security tool to monitor the inbound traffic to the application. The company has used the security tool for the last 15 years, and the tool has no cloud solutions available

from its vendor. The company's security team is concerned about how to integrate the security tool with AWS technology.

The company plans to deploy the application migration to AWS on Amazon EC2 instances. The EC2 instances will run in an Auto Scaling group in a dedicated VPC. The company needs to use the security tool to inspect all packets that come in and out of the VPC. This inspection must occur in real time and must not affect the application's performance. A solutions architect must design a target architecture on AWS that is highly available within an AWS Region.

Which combination of steps should the solutions architect take to meet these requirements? (Select TWO.)

- A.** Deploy the security tool on EC2 instances in a new Auto Scaling group in the existing VPC.
- B.** Deploy the web application behind a Network Load Balancer.
- C.** Deploy an Application Load Balancer in front of the security tool instances.
- D.** Provision a Gateway Load Balancer for each Availability Zone to redirect the traffic to the security tool.
- E.** Provision a transit gateway to facilitate communication between VPCs.

**Answer:** A,D

Explanation:

Option A, Deploy the security tool on EC2 instances in a new Auto Scaling group in the existing VPC, allows the company to use its existing security tool while still running it within the AWS environment. This ensures that all packets coming in and out of the VPC are inspected by the security tool in real time. Option D, Provision a Gateway Load Balancer for each Availability Zone to redirect the traffic to the security tool, allows for high availability within an AWS Region. By provisioning a Gateway Load Balancer for each Availability Zone, the traffic is redirected to the security tool in the event of any failures or outages. This ensures that the security tool is always available to inspect the traffic, even in the event of a failure.

**NO.19** A company that uses AWS Organizations allows developers to experiment on AWS. As part of the landing zone that the company has deployed, developers use their company email address to request an account. The company wants to ensure that developers are not launching costly services or running services unnecessarily. The company must give developers a fixed monthly budget to limit their AWS costs.

Which combination of steps will meet these requirements? (Choose three.)

- A.** Create an SCP to set a fixed monthly account usage limit. Apply the SCP to the developer accounts.
- B.** Use AWS Budgets to create a fixed monthly budget for each developer's account as part of the account creation process.
- C.** Create an SCP to deny access to costly services and components. Apply the SCP to the developer accounts.
- D.** Create an IAM policy to deny access to costly services and components. Apply the IAM policy to the developer accounts.
- E.** Create an AWS Budgets alert action to terminate services when the budgeted amount is reached. Configure the action to terminate all services.
- F.** Create an AWS Budgets alert action to send an Amazon Simple Notification Service (Amazon SNS) notification when the budgeted amount is reached. Invoke an AWS Lambda function to terminate all services.



**Answer:** B,C,F

Explanation:

Option A is incorrect because creating an SCP to set a fixed monthly account usage limit is not possible. SCPs are policies that specify the services and actions that users and roles can use in the member accounts of an AWS Organization. SCPs cannot enforce budget limits or prevent users from launching costly services or running services unnecessarily<sup>1</sup> Option B is correct because using AWS Budgets to create a fixed monthly budget for each developer's account as part of the account creation process meets the requirement of giving developers a fixed monthly budget to limit their AWS costs. AWS Budgets allows you to plan your service usage, service costs, and instance reservations. You can create budgets that alert you when your costs or usage exceed (or are forecasted to exceed) your budgeted amount<sup>2</sup> Option C is correct because creating an SCP to deny access to costly services and components meets the requirement of ensuring that developers are not launching costly services or running services unnecessarily. SCPs can restrict access to certain AWS services or actions based on conditions such as region, resource tags, or request time. For example, an SCP can deny access to Amazon Redshift clusters or Amazon EC2 instances with certain instance types<sup>1</sup> Option D is incorrect because creating an IAM policy to deny access to costly services and components is not sufficient to meet the requirement of ensuring that developers are not launching costly services or running services unnecessarily. IAM policies can only control access to resources within a single AWS account. If developers have multiple accounts or can create new accounts, they can bypass the IAM policy restrictions. SCPs can apply across multiple accounts within an AWS Organization and prevent users from creating new accounts that do not comply with the SCP rules<sup>3</sup> Option E is incorrect because creating an AWS Budgets alert action to terminate services when the budgeted amount is reached is not possible. AWS Budgets alert actions can only perform one of the following actions: apply an IAM policy, apply an SCP, or send a notification through Amazon SNS. AWS Budgets alert actions cannot terminate services directly. Option F is correct because creating an AWS Budgets alert action to send an Amazon SNS notification when the budgeted amount is reached and invoking an AWS Lambda function to terminate all services meets the requirement of giving developers a fixed monthly budget to limit their AWS costs. AWS Budgets alert actions can send notifications through Amazon SNS when a budget threshold is breached. Amazon SNS can trigger an AWS Lambda function that can perform custom logic such as terminating all services in the developer's account. This way, developers cannot exceed their budget limit and incur additional costs.

**NO.20** A large education company recently introduced Amazon Workspaces to provide access to internal applications across multiple universities. The company is storing user profiles on an Amazon FSx (or Windows File Server) file system. The file system is configured with a DNS alias and is connected to a self-managed Active Directory. As more users begin to use the Workspaces, login time increases to unacceptable levels.

An investigation reveals a degradation in performance of the file system. The company created the file system on HDD storage with a throughput of 16 MBps. A solutions architect must improve the performance of the file system during a defined maintenance window.

What should the solutions architect do to meet these requirements with the LEAST administrative effort?

**A.** Use AWS Backup to create a point-in-time backup of the file system. Restore the backup to a new FSx for Windows File Server file system. Select SSD as the storage type. Select 32 MBps as the throughput capacity. When the backup and restore process is completed, adjust the DNS alias

accordingly. Delete the original file system.

**B.** Disconnect users from the file system. In the Amazon FSx console, update the throughput capacity to 32 MBps. Update the storage type to SSD. Reconnect users to the file system.

**C.** Deploy an AWS DataSync agent onto a new Amazon EC2 Instance. Create a task. Configure the existing file system as the source location. Configure a new FSx for Windows File Server file system with SSD storage and 32 MBps of throughput as the target location. Schedule the task. When the task is completed, adjust the DNS alias accordingly. Delete the original file system.

**D.** Enable shadow copies on the existing file system by using a Windows PowerShell command. Schedule the shadow copy job to create a point-in-time backup of the file system. Choose to restore previous versions. Create a new FSx for Windows File Server file system with SSD storage and 32 MBps of throughput. When the copy job is completed, adjust the DNS alias. Delete the original file system.

**Answer:** C

Explanation:

<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/fsx/latest/WindowsGuide/migrate-files-to-fsx-datasync.html>

**NO.21** A company has implemented an ordering system using an event-driven architecture. During initial testing, the system stopped processing orders. Further log analysis revealed that one order message in an Amazon Simple Queue Service (Amazon SQS) standard queue was causing an error on the backend and blocking all subsequent order messages. The visibility timeout of the queue is set to 30 seconds, and the backend processing timeout is set to 10 seconds. A solutions architect needs to analyze faulty order messages and ensure that the system continues to process subsequent messages.

Which step should the solutions architect take to meet these requirements?

**A.** Increase the backend processing timeout to 30 seconds to match the visibility timeout.

**B.** Reduce the visibility timeout of the queue to automatically remove the faulty message.

**C.** Configure a new SQS FIFO queue as a dead-letter queue to isolate the faulty messages.

**D.** Configure a new SQS standard queue as a dead-letter queue to isolate the faulty messages.

**Answer:** D

Explanation:

<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSSimpleQueueService/latest/SQSDeveloperGuide/sqs-dead-letter-queues.html>

**NO.22** A solutions architect at a large company needs to set up network security for outbound traffic to the internet from all AWS accounts within an organization in AWS Organizations. The organization has more than 100 AWS accounts, and the accounts route to each other by using a centralized AWS Transit Gateway. Each account has both an internet gateway and a NAT gateway for outbound traffic to the internet. The company deploys resources only into a single AWS Region.

The company needs the ability to add centrally managed rule-based filtering on all outbound traffic to the internet for all AWS accounts in the organization. The peak load of outbound traffic will not exceed 25 Gbps in each Availability Zone.

Which solution meets these requirements?

**A.** Create a new VPC for outbound traffic to the internet. Connect the existing transit gateway to the new VPC. Configure a new NAT gateway. Create an Auto Scaling group of Amazon EC2 instances that run an open-source internet proxy for rule-based filtering across all Availability Zones in the Region.

Modify all default routes to point to the proxy's Auto Scaling group.

**B.** Create a new VPC for outbound traffic to the internet. Connect the existing transit gateway to the new VPC. Configure a new NAT gateway. Use an AWS Network Firewall firewall for rule-based filtering. Create Network Firewall endpoints in each Availability Zone. Modify all default routes to point to the Network Firewall endpoints.

**C.** Create an AWS Network Firewall firewall for rule-based filtering in each AWS account. Modify all default routes to point to the Network Firewall firewalls in each account.

**D.** In each AWS account, create an Auto Scaling group of network-optimized Amazon EC2 instances that run an open-source internet proxy for rule-based filtering. Modify all default routes to point to the proxy's Auto Scaling group.

**Answer:** B

Explanation:

<https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/networking-and-content-delivery/deployment-models-for-aws-network-firewall/>

**NO.23** A company manufactures smart vehicles. The company uses a custom application to collect vehicle data. The vehicles use the MQTT protocol to connect to the application.

The company processes the data in 5-minute intervals. The company then copies vehicle telematics data to on-premises storage. Custom applications analyze this data to detect anomalies.

The number of vehicles that send data grows constantly. Newer vehicles generate high volumes of data. The on-premises storage solution is not able to scale for peak traffic, which results in data loss. The company must modernize the solution and migrate the solution to AWS to resolve the scaling challenges.

Which solution will meet these requirements with the LEAST operational overhead?

**A.** Use AWS IoT Greengrass to send the vehicle data to Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka (Amazon MSK). Create an Apache Kafka application to store the data in Amazon S3. Use a pretrained model in Amazon SageMaker to detect anomalies.

**B.** Use AWS IoT Core to receive the vehicle data. Configure rules to route data to an Amazon Kinesis Data Firehose delivery stream that stores the data in Amazon S3. Create an Amazon Kinesis Data Analytics application that reads from the delivery stream to detect anomalies.

**C.** Use AWS IoT FleetWise to collect the vehicle data. Send the data to an Amazon Kinesis data stream. Use an Amazon Kinesis Data Firehose delivery stream to store the data in Amazon S3. Use the built-in machine learning transforms in AWS Glue to detect anomalies.

**D.** Use Amazon MQ for RabbitMQ to collect the vehicle data. Send the data to an Amazon Kinesis Data Firehose delivery stream to store the data in Amazon S3. Use Amazon Lookout for Metrics to detect anomalies.

**Answer:** B

Explanation:

Using AWS IoT Core to receive the vehicle data will enable connecting the smart vehicles to the cloud using the MQTT protocol<sup>1</sup>. AWS IoT Core is a platform that enables you to connect devices to AWS Services and other devices, secure data and interactions, process and act upon device data, and enable applications to interact with devices even when they are offline<sup>2</sup>. Configuring rules to route data to an Amazon Kinesis Data Firehose delivery stream that stores the data in Amazon S3 will enable processing and storing the vehicle data in a scalable and reliable way<sup>3</sup>. Amazon Kinesis Data Firehose is a fully managed service that delivers real-time streaming data to destinations such as

Amazon S3. Creating an Amazon Kinesis Data Analytics application that reads from the delivery stream to detect anomalies will enable analyzing the vehicle data using SQL queries or Apache Flink applications. Amazon Kinesis Data Analytics is a fully managed service that enables you to process and analyze streaming data using SQL or Java.

**NO.24** A company is building a solution in the AWS Cloud. Thousands of devices will connect to the solution and send data. Each device needs to be able to send and receive data in real time over the MQTT protocol. Each device must authenticate by using a unique X.509 certificate.

Which solution will meet these requirements with the LEAST operational overhead?

- A.** Set up AWS IoT Core. For each device, create a corresponding Amazon MQ queue and provision a certificate. Connect each device to Amazon MQ.
- B.** Create a Network Load Balancer (NLB) and configure it with an AWS Lambda authorizer. Run an MQTT broker on Amazon EC2 instances in an Auto Scaling group. Set the Auto Scaling group as the target for the NLB. Connect each device to the NLB.
- C.** Set up AWS IoT Core. For each device, create a corresponding AWS IoT thing and provision a certificate. Connect each device to AWS IoT Core.
- D.** Set up an Amazon API Gateway HTTP API and a Network Load Balancer (NLB). Create integration between API Gateway and the NLB. Configure a mutual TLS certificate authorizer on the HTTP API. Run an MQTT broker on an Amazon EC2 instance that the NLB targets. Connect each device to the NLB.

**Answer:** D

Explanation:

This solution requires minimal operational overhead, as it only requires setting up AWS IoT Core and creating a thing for each device. (Reference: AWS Certified Solutions Architect - Professional Official Amazon Text Book, Page 537) AWS IoT Core is a fully managed service that enables secure, bi-directional communication between internet-connected devices and the AWS Cloud. It supports the MQTT protocol and includes built-in device authentication and access control. By using AWS IoT Core, the company can easily provision and manage the X.509 certificates for each device, and connect the devices to the service with minimal operational overhead.

**NO.25** A company is creating a centralized logging service running on Amazon EC2 that will receive and analyze logs from hundreds of AWS accounts. AWS PrivateLink is being used to provide connectivity between the client services and the logging service.

In each AWS account with a client, an interface endpoint has been created for the logging service and is available. The logging service running on EC2 instances with a Network Load Balancer (NLB) are deployed in different subnets. The clients are unable to submit logs using the VPC endpoint.

Which combination of steps should a solutions architect take to resolve this issue? (Select TWO.)

- A.** Check that the NACL is attached to the logging service subnet to allow communications to and from the NLB subnets. Check that the NACL is attached to the NLB subnet to allow communications to and from the logging service subnets running on EC2 instances.
- B.** Check that the NACL is attached to the logging service subnets to allow communications to and from the interface endpoint subnets. Check that the NACL is attached to the interface endpoint subnet to allow communications to and from the logging service subnets running on EC2 instances.
- C.** Check the security group for the logging service running on the EC2 instances to ensure it allows Ingress from the NLB subnets.

**D.** Check the security group for the loggia service running on EC2 instances to ensure it allows ingress from the clients.

**E.** Check the security group for the NLB to ensure it allows ingress from the interlace endpoint subnets.

**Answer:** A,C

**NO.26** A company has hundreds of AWS accounts. The company uses an organization in AWS Organizations to manage all the accounts. The company has turned on all features.

A finance team has allocated a daily budget for AWS costs. The finance team must receive an email notification if the organization's AWS costs exceed 80% of the allocated budget. A solutions architect needs to implement a solution to track the costs and deliver the notifications.

Which solution will meet these requirements?

**A.** In the organization's management account, use AWS Budgets to create a budget that has a daily period. Add an alert threshold and set the value to 80%. Use Amazon Simple Notification Service (Amazon SNS) to notify the finance team.

**B.** In the organization's management account, set up the organizational view feature for AWS Trusted Advisor. Create an organizational view report for cost optimization. Set an alert threshold of 80%. Configure notification preferences. Add the email addresses of the finance team.

**C.** Register the organization with AWS Control Tower. Activate the optional cost control (guardrail). Set a control (guardrail) parameter of 80%. Configure control (guardrail) notification preferences. Use Amazon Simple Notification Service (Amazon SNS) to notify the finance team.

**D.** Configure the member accounts to save a daily AWS Cost and Usage Report to an Amazon S3 bucket in the organization's management account. Use Amazon EventBridge to schedule a daily Amazon Athena query to calculate the organization's costs. Configure Athena to send an Amazon CloudWatch alert if the total costs are more than 80% of the allocated budget. Use Amazon Simple Notification Service (Amazon SNS) to notify the finance team.

**Answer:** A

**NO.27** A company has an organization in AWS Organizations that has a large number of AWS accounts. One of the AWS accounts is designated as a transit account and has a transit gateway that is shared with all of the other AWS accounts. AWS Site-to-Site VPN connections are configured between all of the company's global offices and the transit account. The company has AWS Config enabled on all of its accounts.

The company's networking team needs to centrally manage a list of internal IP address ranges that belong to the global offices. Developers will reference this list to gain access to applications securely. Which solution meets these requirements with the LEAST amount of operational overhead?

**A.** Create a JSON file that is hosted in Amazon S3 and that lists all of the internal IP address ranges. Configure an Amazon Simple Notification Service (Amazon SNS) topic in each of the accounts that can be involved when the JSON file is updated. Subscribe an AWS Lambda function to the SNS topic to update all relevant security group rules with the updated IP address ranges.

**B.** Create a new AWS Config managed rule that contains all of the internal IP address ranges. Use the rule to check the security groups in each of the accounts to ensure compliance with the list of IP address ranges. Configure the rule to automatically remediate any noncompliant security group that is detected.



**C.** In the transit account, create a VPC prefix list with all of the internal IP address ranges. Use AWS Resource Access Manager to share the prefix list with all of the other accounts. Use the shared prefix list to configure security group rules in the other accounts.

**D.** In the transit account create a security group with all of the internal IP address ranges. Configure the security groups in the other accounts to reference the transit account's security

**Answer: C**

group by using a nested security group reference of `*<transit-account-id>./sg-1a2b3c4d`".

Explanation:

Customer-managed prefix lists - Sets of IP address ranges that you define and manage. You can share your prefix list with other AWS accounts, enabling those accounts to reference the prefix list in their own resources. <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/vpc/latest/userguide/managed-prefix-lists.html> a VPC prefix list is created in the transit account with all of the internal IP address ranges, and then shared to all of the other accounts using AWS Resource Access Manager. This allows for central management of the IP address ranges, and eliminates the need for manual updates to security group rules in each account. This solution also allows for compliance checks to be run using AWS Config and for any non-compliant security groups to be automatically remediated.

**NO.28** A company is migrating a document processing workload to AWS. The company has updated many applications to natively use the Amazon S3 API to store, retrieve, and modify documents that a processing server generates at a rate of approximately 5 documents every second. After the document processing is finished, customers can download the documents directly from Amazon S3. During the migration, the company discovered that it could not immediately update the processing server that generates many documents to support the S3 API. The server runs on Linux and requires fast local access to the files that the server generates and modifies. When the server finishes processing, the files must be available to the public for download within 30 minutes.

Which solution will meet these requirements with the LEAST amount of effort?

**A.** Migrate the application to an AWS Lambda function. Use the AWS SDK for Java to generate, modify, and access the files that the company stores directly in Amazon S3.

**B.** Set up an Amazon S3 File Gateway and configure a file share that is linked to the document store. Mount the file share on an Amazon EC2 instance by using NFS. When changes occur in Amazon S3, initiate a RefreshCache API call to update the S3 File Gateway.

**C.** Configure Amazon FSx for Lustre with an import and export policy. Link the new file system to an S3 bucket. Install the Lustre client and mount the document store to an Amazon EC2 instance by using NFS.

**D.** Configure AWS DataSync to connect to an Amazon EC2 instance. Configure a task to synchronize the generated files to and from Amazon S3.

**Answer: C**

Explanation:

Amazon FSx for Lustre is a fully managed service that provides cost-effective, high-performance, scalable storage for compute workloads. Powered by Lustre, the world's most popular high-performance file system, FSx for Lustre offers shared storage with sub-ms latencies, up to terabytes per second of throughput, and millions of IOPS. FSx for Lustre file systems can also be linked to Amazon Simple Storage Service (S3) buckets, allowing you to access and process data concurrently from both a high-performance file system and from the S3 API.

**NO.29** A solutions architect needs to advise a company on how to migrate its on-premises data processing application to the AWS Cloud. Currently, users upload input files through a web portal. The web server then stores the uploaded files on NAS and messages the processing server over a message queue. Each media file can take up to 1 hour to process. The company has determined that the number of media files awaiting processing is significantly higher during business hours, with the number of files rapidly declining after business hours.

What is the MOST cost-effective migration recommendation?

- A.** Create a queue using Amazon SQS. Configure the existing web server to publish to the new queue. When there are messages in the queue, invoke an AWS Lambda function to pull requests from the queue and process the files. Store the processed files in an Amazon S3 bucket.
- B.** Create a queue using Amazon MQ. Configure the existing web server to publish to the new queue. When there are messages in the queue, create a new Amazon EC2 instance to pull requests from the queue and process the files. Store the processed files in Amazon EFS. Shut down the EC2 instance after the task is complete.
- C.** Create a queue using Amazon MQ. Configure the existing web server to publish to the new queue. When there are messages in the queue, invoke an AWS Lambda function to pull requests from the queue and process the files. Store the processed files in Amazon EFS.
- D.** Create a queue using Amazon SQS. Configure the existing web server to publish to the new queue. Use Amazon EC2 instances in an EC2 Auto Scaling group to pull requests from the queue and process the files. Scale the EC2 instances based on the SQS queue length. Store the processed files in an Amazon S3 bucket.

**Answer:** D

Explanation:

<https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/compute/operating-lambda-performance-optimization-part-1/>

**NO.30** A company wants to use Amazon Workspaces in combination with thin client devices to replace aging desktops. Employees use the desktops to access applications that work with clinical trial data. Corporate security policy states that access to the applications must be restricted to only company branch office locations. The company is considering adding an additional branch office in the next 6 months.

Which solution meets these requirements with the MOST operational efficiency?

- A.** Create an IP access control group rule with the list of public addresses from the branch offices. Associate the IP access control group with the Workspaces directory.
- B.** Use AWS Firewall Manager to create a web ACL rule with an IPSet with the list of public addresses from the branch office locations. Associate the web ACL with the Workspaces directory.
- C.** Use AWS Certificate Manager (ACM) to issue trusted device certificates to the machines deployed in the branch office locations. Enable restricted access on the Workspaces directory.
- D.** Create a custom Workspace image with Windows Firewall configured to restrict access to the public addresses of the branch offices. Use the image to deploy the Workspaces.

**Answer:** A

Explanation:

Utilizing an IP access control group rule with the list of public addresses from branch offices and associating it with the Amazon WorkSpaces directory is the most operationally efficient solution. This method ensures that access to WorkSpaces is restricted to specified locations, aligning with the

corporate security policy. This approach offers simplicity and flexibility, especially with the potential addition of a new branch office, as updating the IP access control group is straightforward.

**NO.31** A software company needs to create short-lived test environments to test pull requests as part of its development process. Each test environment consists of a single Amazon EC2 instance that is in an Auto Scaling group.

The test environments must be able to communicate with a central server to report test results. The central server is located in an on-premises data center. A solutions architect must implement a solution so that the company can create and delete test environments without any manual intervention. The company has created a transit gateway with a VPN attachment to the on-premises network.

Which solution will meet these requirements with the LEAST operational overhead?

**A.** Create an AWS CloudFormation template that contains a transit gateway attachment and related routing configurations. Create a CloudFormation stack set that includes this template. Use CloudFormation StackSets to deploy a new stack for each VPC in the account. Deploy a new VPC for each test environment.

**B.** Create a single VPC for the test environments. Include a transit gateway attachment and related routing configurations. Use AWS CloudFormation to deploy all test environments into the VPC.

**C.** Create a new OU in AWS Organizations for testing. Create an AWS CloudFormation template that contains a VPC, necessary networking resources, a transit gateway attachment, and related routing configurations. Create a CloudFormation stack set that includes this template. Use CloudFormation StackSets for deployments into each account under the testing OI.1. Create a new account for each test environment.

**D.** Convert the test environment EC2 instances into Docker images. Use AWS CloudFormation to configure an Amazon Elastic Kubernetes Service (Amazon EKS) cluster in a new VPC, create a transit gateway attachment, and create related routing configurations. Use Kubernetes to manage the deployment and lifecycle of the test environments.

**Answer:** B

Reference:

Working with VPCs and subnets

Working with transit gateways

Working with AWS CloudFormation stacks

**NO.32** A company provides auction services for artwork and has users across North America and Europe. The company hosts its application in Amazon EC2 instances in the us-east-1 Region. Artists upload photos of their work as large-size, high-resolution image files from their mobile phones to a centralized Amazon S3 bucket created in the us-east-1 Region. The users in Europe are reporting slow performance for their image uploads.

How can a solutions architect improve the performance of the image upload process?

**A.** Redeploy the application to use S3 multipart uploads.

**B.** Create an Amazon CloudFront distribution and point to the application as a custom origin

**C.** Configure the buckets to use S3 Transfer Acceleration.

**D.** Create an Auto Scaling group for the EC2 instances and create a scaling policy.

**Answer:** C

Explanation:

Transfer acceleration. S3 Transfer Acceleration utilizes the Amazon CloudFront global network of edge locations to accelerate the transfer of data to and from S3 buckets. By enabling S3 Transfer Acceleration on the centralized S3 bucket, the users in Europe will experience faster uploads as their data will be routed through the closest CloudFront edge location.

**NO.33** A solutions architect needs to implement a client-side encryption mechanism for objects that will be stored in a new Amazon S3 bucket. The solutions architect created a CMK that is stored in AWS Key Management Service (AWS KMS) for this purpose.

The solutions architect created the following IAM policy and attached it to an IAM role:

```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Sid": "DownloadUpload",
      "Action": [
        "s3:GetObject",
        "s3:GetObjectVersion",
        "s3:PutObject",
        "s3:PutObjectAcl"
      ],
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Resource": "arn:aws:s3:::BucketName/*"
    },
    {
      "Sid": "KMSAccess",
      "Action": [
        "kms:Decrypt",
        "kms:Encrypt"
      ],
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Resource": "arn:aws:kms:Region:Account:key/Key ID"
    }
  ]
}
```

During tests, the solutions architect was able to successfully get existing test objects in the S3 bucket. However, attempts to upload a new object resulted in an error message. The error message stated that the action was forbidden.

Which action must the solutions architect add to the IAM policy to meet all the requirements?

- A. kms:GenerateDataKey
- B. kms:GetKeyPolicy
- C. kms:GetPublicKey
- D. kms:SKJn

**Answer:** A

Explanation:

<https://aws.amazon.com/premiumsupport/knowledge-center/s3-access-denied-error-kms/>

"An error occurred (AccessDenied) when calling the PutObject operation: Access Denied" This error message indicates that your IAM user or role needs permission for the kms:GenerateDataKey action.

**NO.34** A company is serving files to its customers through an SFTP server that is accessible over the internet. The SFTP server is running on a single Amazon EC2 instance with an Elastic IP address attached. Customers connect to the SFTP server through its Elastic IP address and use SSH for authentication. The EC2 instance also has an attached security group that allows access from all customer IP addresses.

A solutions architect must implement a solution to improve availability, minimize the complexity of infrastructure management, and minimize the disruption to customers who access files. The solution must not change the way customers connect. Which solution will meet these requirements?

**A.** Disassociate the Elastic IP address from the EC2 instance. Create an Amazon S3 bucket to be used for SFTP file hosting. Create an AWS Transfer Family server. Configure the Transfer Family server with a publicly accessible endpoint. Associate the SFTP Elastic IP address with the new endpoint. Point the Transfer Family server to the S3 bucket. Sync all files from the SFTP server to the S3 bucket.

**B.** Disassociate the Elastic IP address from the EC2 instance. Create an Amazon S3 bucket to be used for SFTP file hosting. Create an AWS Transfer Family Server. Configure the Transfer Family server with a VPC-hosted, internet-facing endpoint. Associate the SFTP Elastic IP address with the new endpoint. Attach the security group with customer IP addresses to the new endpoint. Point the Transfer Family server to the S3 bucket. Sync all files from the SFTP server to the S3 bucket.

**C.** Disassociate the Elastic IP address from the EC2 instance. Create a new Amazon Elastic File System (Amazon EFS) file system to be used for SFTP file hosting. Create an AWS Fargate task definition to run an SFTP server. Specify the EFS file system as a mount in the task definition. Create a Fargate service by using the task definition, and place a Network Load Balancer (NLB) in front of the service. When configuring the service, attach the security group with customer IP addresses to the tasks that run the SFTP server. Associate the Elastic IP address with the NLB. Sync all files from the SFTP server to the S3 bucket.

**D.** Disassociate the Elastic IP address from the EC2 instance. Create a multi-attach Amazon Elastic Block Store (Amazon EBS) volume to be used for SFTP file hosting. Create a Network Load Balancer (NLB) with the Elastic IP address attached. Create an Auto Scaling group with EC2 instances that run an SFTP server. Define in the Auto Scaling group that instances that are launched should attach the new multi-attach EBS volume. Configure the Auto Scaling group to automatically add instances behind the NLB. Configure the Auto Scaling group to use the security group that allows customer IP addresses for the EC2 instances that the Auto Scaling group launches. Sync all files from the SFTP server to the new multi-attach EBS volume.

**Answer:** B

Explanation:

<https://aws.amazon.com/premiumsupport/knowledge-center/aws-sftp-endpoint-type/>

**NO.35** A video processing company wants to build a machine learning (ML) model by using 600 TB of compressed data that is stored as thousands of files in the company's on-premises network-attached storage system. The company does not have the necessary compute resources on premises for ML experiments and wants to use AWS.

The company needs to complete the data transfer to AWS within 3 weeks. The data transfer will be a one-time transfer. The data must be encrypted in transit. The measured upload speed of the company's internet connection is 100 Mbps, and multiple departments share the connection. Which solution will meet these requirements MOST cost-effectively?



- A.** Order several AWS Snowball Edge Storage Optimized devices by using the AWS Management Console. Configure the devices with a destination S3 bucket. Copy the data to the devices. Ship the devices back to AWS.
- B.** Set up a 10 Gbps AWS Direct Connect connection between the company location and the nearest AWS Region. Transfer the data over a VPN connection into the Region to store the data in Amazon S3.
- C.** Create a VPN connection between the on-premises network storage and the nearest AWS Region. Transfer the data over the VPN connection.
- D.** Deploy an AWS Storage Gateway file gateway on premises. Configure the file gateway with a destination S3 bucket. Copy the data to the file gateway.

**Answer:** A

Explanation:

This solution will meet the requirements of the company as it provides a secure, cost-effective and fast way of transferring large data sets from on-premises to AWS. Snowball Edge devices encrypt the data during transfer, and the devices are shipped back to AWS for import into S3. This option is more cost effective than using Direct Connect or VPN connections as it does not require the company to pay for long-term dedicated connections.