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Cyber security and privacy

WEEK-1

1. A malicious email attack targeting a specific user or group of users, appearing to originate from a trusted source is:
 - a. **Spear Phishing**
 - b. Man in the Middle Attack
 - c. Smurf Attack
 - d. Social media phishing
2. A malicious attack where hackers encrypt an organization's data and demand payment to restore access is known as:
 - a. Spyware
 - b. **Ransomware**
 - c. Whaling
 - d. Watering hole attack
3. Which of the following characteristics are most likely to be found in a phishing email?
 - a. Sense of urgency and immediate action requests.
 - b. Unusual or inappropriate requests
 - c. Incorrect sender name or email address
 - d. **All of the above.**
4. From a managerial perspective, Information Security is generally understood as a:
 - a. Product
 - b. Technology
 - c. **Process**
 - d. Product, Technology and Process
5. The practice of keeping an organization's network infrastructure secure from unauthorized access is known as:
 - a. Data Security
 - b. **Network Security**
 - c. Information Security
 - d. Operations Security
6. Which of the following statements most accurately reflects the complex role of technology in cybersecurity?
 - a. Technology acts as both a source of threats and a tool for defense.
 - b. Technology is solely a source of threats and vulnerabilities.
 - c. **Technology plays a triple role: source of threats, asset to protect, and defense weapon.**
 - d. Technology solely serves as a defense weapon against cyberattacks.
7. _____ is a manipulation technique that exploits human weakness to gain private information, access, or valuables
 - a. Spyware
 - b. Logic Bomb
 - c. **Social Engineering**
 - d. Man in the Middle Attack

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8. True or False: The word "Cyber" in "Cybernetics" originates from the French language.
 - a. True
 - b. False
9. The impact of a cyber security incident on organizations can include:
 - a. Financial Loss
 - b. Reputation Damage
 - c. Regulatory fine
 - d. All the above
10. True or False: A Vendor guarantees that their IoT solutions are 100% safe from cyberattacks. This statement can be
 - a. True
 - b. False

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WEEK-2

1. CIA triad refers to:
 - a. Confidentiality, Integrity and Availability
 - b. Confidentiality, Integrity and Authentication
 - c. Confidentiality, Integrity and Authorization
 - d. Cybersecurity, Investigation and Authentication
2. What aspect emerges from the intersection of 3 components of Information Security?
 - a. Technology
 - b. Policy
 - c. Human Security
 - d. None of the above
3. -----, authentication and authorization are means to ensure CIA.
 - a. Investigation
 - b. Identification
 - c. Classification
 - d. Verification
4. Should all 27 cells of Mc Cumber's Cube be addressed with the same priority?
 - a. True
 - b. false
5. Which of the following is/ are the design principles of high availability systems?
 - a. Eliminate single points of failure
 - b. Ensure reliable crossover
 - c. Identify failures in real time
 - d. All the above
6. In ensuring confidentiality, what is the crucial process that involves classifying information and individuals, and mapping them based on the level of access
 - a. Identification
 - b. Authentication

- c. Authorization
 - d. Encryption
7. In addition to cryptography, a number of measures may be used for confidentiality, including:
- a. Information classification
 - b. Secure document storage
 - c. Application of general security policies
 - d. All the above
8. When a control provides assurance that every activity undertaken can be attributed to a named person or automated process, it is known as:
- a. Integrity
 - b. Accountability
 - c. Accessibility
 - d. Authenticity
9. Identify the components of Information Security
- a. Network Security
 - b. Computer & Data Security
 - c. Management of Information Security
 - d. All of the above
10. Which are the three types of power Mc Cumber's Cube identifies?
- a. Technologies
 - b. Policies and Practices
 - c. People
 - d. All the above

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WEEK-3

1. The process of defining and specifying the long-term direction to be taken by an organization, and the allocation and acquisition of resources needed to pursue this effort is known as:
- a. Governance
 - b. Security Management
 - c. Strategic Planning
 - d. Objectives
2. Which of the following statements best describes the relationship between GRC (Governance, Risk, and Compliance) and cybersecurity ?
- a. GRC focuses solely on cybersecurity management and overlooks other risk management initiatives.
 - b. Cybersecurity is the primary focus of GRC, with minimal consideration for other risks.
 - c. GRC integrates cybersecurity as one component within the broader framework of enterprise risk management (ERM).
 - d. GRC is a standalone framework independent of cybersecurity and risk management.
3. A written document provided by management that inform employees and others in the workplace about proper behaviour regarding the use of information and information assets are known as:
- a. Guidelines
 - b. Information Security Policy
 - c. De facto standard
 - d. Practices

4. Which approach to cybersecurity management treats cybersecurity as a separate category distinct from other risks an organization may face, and focuses solely on cybersecurity, depending on the size and nature of the organization?
 - a. **Standard Driven Approach**
 - b. Organization Planning Approach
 - c. GRC Framework
 - d. Risk Management Framework
5. Benefits of implementing a GRC in an organization include:
 - a. Responsible operations
 - b. Data-driven decision-making
 - c. Improved cybersecurity
 - d. **All the above**
6. What is the purpose of the COBIT maturity model?
 - a. **To assess an organization's maturity in IT governance processes**
 - b. To rank organizations based on their financial performance
 - c. To determine the efficiency of network infrastructure
 - d. To evaluate employee satisfaction levels in the IT department
7. COSO's ERM framework emphasizes:
 - a. Operational efficiency
 - b. **Risk identification and assessment**
 - c. Regulatory compliance
 - d. Human resource management
8. Which characteristic distinguishes the approaches of COBIT, COSO, and COSO-ERM from specific standards like ISO or NIST?
 - a. They prioritize cybersecurity over other risk management aspects.
 - b. They focus exclusively on small to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).
 - c. **They operate at the enterprise level rather than focusing on specific standards.**
 - d. They are primarily developed by governmental regulatory bodies.
9. Why might some countries be hesitant to adopt the ISO 27001 model?
 - a. It is a mandatory standard with strict compliance requirements.
 - b. It is not recognized as a valid security framework by international organizations.
 - c. **There are concerns about the model's overall effectiveness compared to existing approaches.**
 - d. It prioritizes specific security vendors or technologies.
10. Which of the following is not considered a principle or practice for securing IT systems?
 - a. Implement layered security to ensure there is no single point of vulnerability.
 - b. Do not implement unnecessary security mechanisms.
 - c. **Maximize the system elements to be trusted.**
 - d. Assume that external systems are insecure.

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WEEK – 4

1. A facility that provides only rudimentary services, with no computer hardware or peripherals is known as:
 - a. **Cold site**

- b. Hot site
 - c. Service bureau
2. The amount of effort necessary to make the business function operational after the technology element is recovered is known as:
- a. Recovery Time Objective
 - b. **Work Recovery Time**
 - c. Maximum Tolerable Downtime
 - d. Recovery Point Objective
3. Contingency Planning includes:
- a. Incident response plan
 - b. Disaster recovery plan
 - c. Business continuity plan
 - d. **All the above**
4. An investigation and assessment of the various adverse events that can affect the organization, conducted as a preliminary phase of the contingency planning process, which includes a determination of how critical a system or set of information is to the organization's core processes and recovery priorities is known as:
- a. Risk assessment
 - b. **Business impact analysis**
 - c. Crisis management
 - d. Incident damage assessment
5. The process that prepares an organization to reestablish or relocate critical business operations during a disaster that affects operations at the primary site is known as:
- a. **Business continuity planning**
 - b. Disaster recovery planning
 - c. Strategic Planning
 - d. Operational planning
6. Which level of Organizational Planning typically addresses day-to-day activities and tasks?
- a. Strategic Planning
 - b. Tactical Planning
 - c. **Operational Planning**
 - d. Top Management Planning
7. The job function of the Chief Information Security Officer includes:
- a. Creating a strategic information security plan with a vision for the future of information security.
 - b. Understanding fundamental business activities performed by the company and suggesting appropriate information security solutions that uniquely protect these activities.
 - c. Improving the status of information security by developing action plans, schedules, budgets, status reports and top management communications
 - d. **All the above**
8. What is the unit of analysis in the contingency planning approach?
- a. Business Assets
 - b. Risk Assets
 - c. **Business Processes**
 - d. Risk Factors
9. Which of the following is not a possible incident indicator?

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- a. Presence of unfamiliar files
- b. Unusual consumption of computing resources
- c. Unusual system crashes
- d. Activities at unexpected times

10. What is the purpose of conducting an After Action Review (AAR) in incident response?

- a. To review and improve the effectiveness of the DRP
- b. To review and improve the effectiveness of the BCP
- c. To review and improve the effectiveness of the IRP
- d. To notify law enforcement agencies