**ITP 125 – Homework 07**

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**Questions**

1. I was amazed by how many sly ways social engineering can be used to get personal information. I knew that people could trick people into getting information but I did not realize that there was an actual term for this and how big of a concern it was that that there are national conferences held to discuss the issue. I am shocked by the fact that I may pass by so many social engineering tricks in my day to day life but do not even notice it.
2. The first incident that Mitnick had with the bus passes did not seem too bad for me. It seemed like a young kid just pulling a prank on the bus system. However, his other crimes I believe were unjustifiable because he was harming other citizens by getting access to private information. No longer was he just playing a prank but actually affecting a large group of citizens. I believe that Mitnick’s punishment was just because Mitnick’s crime could easily be repeatable if he was given a chance. With technology surrounding us, Mitnick could have used any piece of technology to continue his crimes.
3. On campus, people can use social engineering to get a hold of student IDs. For example, I could convince someone that I needed to borrow their id to swipe into a residential building and would return it right away, but instead I would go buy food using their dining dollars.