

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?

ANS: This is a phishing scam and job fraud (online recruitment scam).
The attacker is pretending to be Google to steal money.

b) List 3 red flags that show it is a scam?

1. **Asking for money (₹2,499 verification fee)** –

No genuine company, especially Google, ever charges money for hiring.

2. **Too-good-to-be-true offer** –

₹18 LPA for a fresher without any interview is unrealistic.

3. **Urgency pressure (“Limited seats. Pay now”)** –

Scammers use urgency to force quick decisions.

c) What should he do to verify if a job offer is real?

1. **Check the sender’s email/domain** — Genuine Google mail ends with **@google.com**.
2. **Visit the official Google Careers website** (careers.google.com) to confirm if such a role exists.
3. **Contact Google HR through official channels** or LinkedIn profile that is verified.
4. **Search the message online** (“Google job verification fee scam”).
5. **Ask seniors/teachers** before making any payment.