

Exam Questions IIA-CIA-Part1

Certified Internal Auditor - Part 1, The Internal Audit Activitys Role in Governance, Risk, and Control

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NEW QUESTION 1

Which of the following statements accurately describes the responsibility of the internal audit activity regarding IT governance?

- * 1. The internal audit activity does not have any responsibility because IT governance is the responsibility of the board and senior management of the organization.
- * 2. The internal audit activity must assess whether the IT governance of the organization supports the organization's strategies and objectives.
- * 3. The internal audit activity may assess whether the IT governance of the organization supports the organization's strategies and objectives.
- * 4. The internal audit activity may accept requests from management to perform advisory services regarding how the IT governance of the organization supports the organization's strategies and objectives.

- A. 1 only.
- B. 4 only.
- C. 2 and 4.
- D. 3 and 4.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 2

Which two of the following are preventive controls in a check disbursement process?

- * 1. Daily reconciliation of the bank account used for check disbursements and prompt follow-up of un-reconciled items.
- * 2. Segregation of the following duties: establishing new vendors, approving checks, and reconciling the bank account.
- * 3. An activity report detailing who accesses the check disbursement system and the nature of any action taken in the system.
- * 4. Evidence of strong access controls ensuring that authorized individuals have access only to the functions related to their responsibilities.

- A. 1 and 3.
- B. 1 and 4.
- C. 2 and 3.
- D. 2 and 4.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 3

According to IIA guidance, which of the following are considerations of due professional care when an internal auditor conducts a formal consulting engagement?

- * 1. The complexity of the work required.
- * 2. The needs and expectations of the client.
- * 3. The potential value of the engagement compared to the effort.
- * 4. Information regarding assumptions and procedures to be employed.

- A. 1 and 4 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1, 2, and 3 only
- D. 1, 2, 3, and 4

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 4

Which of the following control activities is the most effective to ensure users' levels of access are appropriate for their current roles?

- A. The human resources department generates a monthly list of terminated and transferred employees and requests IT to update the user access as required.
- B. Standardized user access profiles are developed and the appropriate access profiles are automatically assigned to new or transferred employees.
- C. System administrator rights are assigned to one user in each department who can update user access of terminated or transferred employees immediately.
- D. Department managers are required to perform periodic user access reviews of relevant systems and applications.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 5

Which of the following is most likely to enhance an internal auditor's objectivity?

- A. An auditor is appropriately able to communicate results.
- B. An auditor performs his work free from interference.
- C. An auditor is unrestricted in determination of scope.
- D. An auditor avoids conflicts of interest.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 6

According to the IA Code of Ethics, which of the following statements best describes the principle of competency?

- A. Internal auditors shall perform their work with honesty, diligence, and responsibility.
- B. Internal auditors shall perform their work in accordance with the Standards.
- C. Internal auditors shall perform their work in accordance with the law and make disclosures expected by the law.
- D. Internal auditors shall be prudent in the use of information acquired while performing their work.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 7

An internal audit team is performing an audit of workplace accident claims.
Which of the following actions by the audit team best demonstrates due professional care?

- A. Having an occupational health officer on the engagement team.
- B. Determining that the claims have been classified properly.
- C. Placing reliance on medical reports from the injured worker's doctor.
- D. Reviewing claims to ensure all accidents actually occurred in the workplace.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 8

Which of the following factors should be considered when determining the appropriate combination of manual techniques and computer-assisted audit techniques (CAATs) to be used during an audit?

- * 1. Acceptance of CAATs findings by entity management.
- * 2. Computer knowledge and expertise of the auditor.
- * 3. Time constraints.
- * 4. Level of audit risk.

- A. 1 and 4
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1, 2, and 3
- D. 2, 3, and 4

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 9

Reviewing prior audit reports and supporting workpapers before an engagement starts enables an internal auditor to do which of the following?

- * 1. To understand better the activity and processes that will be audited.
- * 2. To identify the audit procedures that will be used during the engagement.
- * 3. To ensure that matters of greatest vulnerability will be addressed.
- * 4. To use the information obtained as evidence in the current engagement.

- A. 4 only
- B. 1 and 3 only
- C. 1 and 4 only
- D. 2, 3, and 4 only

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 10

According to IIA guidance, the results of a formal quality assessment should be reported to which of the following groups?

- A. The audit committee and senior management.
- B. The audit committee and the external auditors.
- C. Senior management and management of the audited area.
- D. Senior management and the external auditors.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 10

A multinational organization has asked the internal audit activity to assist in setting up the organization's risk management system. The chief audit executive (CAE) agrees to take on the engagement as a consultant. Which of the following tasks is appropriate for the CAE to undertake?

- A. Coordinate and facilitate risk workshops for management to attend.
- B. Establish the degree of risk appetite for management to accept.
- C. Set risk indicators and mitigation plans for management to implement.
- D. Determine the number of significant risks for management to report to the board.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 12

According to IIA guidance, which of the following is ultimately responsible for seeing that the internal control system of an organization's social responsibility program is effective?

- A. Senior management.
- B. Internal audit activity.
- C. All employees.
- D. Board of directors.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 14

An internal auditor is using a spreadsheet application to review a cash flow forecast prepared by management. Which of the following correctly identifies the type of evidence this information represents?

- A. Competent, corroborative evidence of future working capital requirements.
- B. Sufficient, analytical evidence of the cash flow position at a given point of time in the future.

- C. Competent, documentary evidence of future cash flow changes within the organization.
- D. Sufficient, circumstantial evidence of the future solvency of the organization.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 15

Which of the following is an example of a risk management avoidance response?

- A. Exiting a marketplace.
- B. Recalling a product.
- C. Obtaining product insurance.
- D. Outsourcing production.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 17

Which of the following must be in existence as a precondition to developing an effective system of internal controls?

- A. A monitoring process.
- B. A risk assessment process.
- C. A strategic objective-setting process.
- D. An information and communication process.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 22

The chief audit executive (CAE) of a small internal audit activity (IAA) performs all high-risk engagements on the annual audit plan to make use of his knowledge and experience and to maximize the efficient use of audit resources. Which of the following statements is most relevant regarding this practice?

- A. The CAE's work may be reviewed by any other experienced staff member within the IAA.
- B. The CAE's work should be reviewed by an individual with the appropriate background and knowledge.
- C. The CAE may self-review his work, provided he discloses this practice in the final report.
- D. The CAE should avoid performing engagements to ensure he is able to review all audit work objectively.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 24

Which of the following statements is true with regard to conducting an effective quality assurance and improvement program?

- A. The IIA's Quality Assessment Manual for the Internal Audit Activity must be used as the basis for periodic assessments.
- B. Members of the internal audit activity are not permitted to perform quality assessments, as they would not be independent.
- C. Periodic internal assessments provide the most current and independent recommendations for improvement.
- D. The conclusions of periodic internal assessments are intended to assist in achieving conformity to the Standards.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 27

Which of the following situations is most likely to impair internal audit objectivity?

- A. An internal auditor reports both functionally and administratively to the chief financial officer (CFO).
- B. An internal auditor, who was an accounts receivable intern for the organization three years prior, performs an audit of the accounts receivable cycle.
- C. According to policy, the internal auditor must obtain approval from the CFO prior to requesting information for internal audit purposes.
- D. An internal auditor performs an audit in a department that is led by the auditor's close friend.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 31

During an audit, the client questions the internal audit activity's authority to perform procedures over fraud allegations. According to IA guidance, which of the following would provide the most relevant support to respond to the client's concerns?

- A. Definition of Internal Auditing.
- B. IA Standards.
- C. Internal audit charter.
- D. The IIA's Code of Ethics.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 34

According to IA guidance, which of the following statements describes one of the similarities between assurance and consulting services?

- A. When planning assurance and consulting engagements, internal auditors must consider the strategies and objectives of the activity being reviewed.
- B. Internal auditors determine the engagement objectives, scope, and work program for both assurance and consulting services.
- C. Internal auditors must not provide assurance or consulting services for an activity for which they had responsibility within the previous year.
- D. Both assurance and consulting services generally involve the internal auditor, the area under review, senior management, and the board.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 37

According to COSO, which of the following describes a principle related to the control environment?

- A. The organization identifies and assesses changes that could significantly impact the system of internal control.
- B. The organization establishes appropriate authorities and responsibilities in the pursuit of objectives.
- C. The organization selects and develops control activities that contribute to the mitigation of risks.
- D. The organization performs evaluations to ascertain whether internal control components are present and functioning.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 41

Which of the following is the most common way that occupational fraud is detected?

- A. Internal audits.
- B. Whistleblower hotline.
- C. Key controls.
- D. External audits.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 44

An internal audit charter, approved by the board, restricts the internal audit activity to providing assurance only on the reliability of financial information and the effectiveness of internal accounting controls. Which of the following statements is true regarding the extent to which the external auditor may rely on the internal audit activity's work?

- A. The external auditor may make full use of the work, as the audit charter is very specific as to the work the internal audit activity may undertake.
- B. The external auditor may use the work, as the board has approved the charter, thus taking responsibility for any deficiencies.
- C. The external auditor must disregard the work, as the scope of the charter may introduce bias and result in a lack of due professional care.
- D. The external auditor may use the work with caution, due to the internal audit activity's scope and responsibility restrictions.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 46

Which of the following types of fraud includes embezzlement?

- A. Fraudulent statements.
- B. Bribery.
- C. Misappropriation of assets.
- D. Corruption.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 49

Which of the following actions best demonstrates that an internal auditor is exercising due professional care?

- A. The auditor performs thorough reviews and provides absolute assurance of regulatory compliance.
- B. The auditor is alert to the possibility of fraud and activities where irregularities are most likely to occur.
- C. The auditor recommends improvements for all of the organization's procedures and practices.
- D. The auditor is cognizant of reducing travel expenses by combining a personal vacation with a business trip.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 53

Which of the following offers the best evidence that the internal audit activity has achieved organizational independence?

- A. An independent third party has assessed the organization's system of internal controls to be adequate and effective.
- B. The chief audit executive reports both functionally and administratively to the CEO.
- C. The internal audit charter is drafted properly and approved by the appropriate parties.
- D. The mission statement and strategy of the internal audit activity demonstrates alignment to organizational objectives.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 56

Which of the following scenarios best illustrates the principle of due professional care?

- A. An internal auditor evaluates the significant risks arising from a consulting engagement.
- B. An internal auditor declares that he would have a conflict of interest in providing planned audit support.
- C. An internal auditor has been given sufficient authority to access documents needed to make an appraisal of an issue.
- D. An internal auditor uses technology-based audit techniques to ensure that all significant risks are identified.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 59

Which of the following activities is most likely to require a fraud specialist to supplement the knowledge and skills of the internal audit activity?

- A. Planning an engagement of the area in which fraud is suspected.
- B. Employing audit tests to detect fraud.
- C. Interrogating a suspected fraudster.
- D. Completing a process review to improve controls to prevent fraud.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 63

Which of the following is an example of a directive control?

- A. Segregation of duties.
- B. Exception reports.
- C. Incentive compensation plans.
- D. Automated reconciliations.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 66

A snow removal company is conducting a scenario planning exercise where participating employees consider the potential impacts of a significant reduction in annual snowfall for the coming winter. Which of the following best describes this type of risk?

- A. Residual.
- B. Net.
- C. Inherent.
- D. Accepted.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 68

According to COSO, which of the following is not considered one of the components of an organization's internal environment?

- A. Authority and responsibility to resolve issues.
- B. Framework to plan, execute and monitor activities.
- C. Integrated responses to multiple risks.
- D. Knowledge and skills needed to perform activities.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 70

Sometimes, internal audit staff may partner with operating managers to rank risks. Which of the following outcomes may be the most beneficial aspects of this strategy?

- * 1. Reappraising risks levels.
- * 2. Providing accurate information to management.
- * 3. Marketing the internal audit activity.
- * 4. Planning safeguards for assets in high-risk areas.

- A. 1 and 2.
- B. 1 and 3.
- C. 2 and 3.
- D. 3 and 4.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 74

According to the International Professional Practices Framework, which of the following are allowable activities for an internal auditor?

- * 1. Advocating the establishment of a risk management function.
- * 2. Identifying and evaluating significant risk exposures during audit engagements.
- * 3. Developing a risk response for the organization if there is no chief risk officer.
- * 4. Benchmarking risk management activities with other organizations.
- * 5. Documenting risk mitigation strategies and techniques.

- A. 4 and 5 only.
- B. 1, 2, and 3 only.
- C. 1, 2, 4, and 5 only.
- D. 2, 3, 4, and 5 only.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 78

As a matter of policy, the chief audit executive routinely rotates internal audit staff assignments and periodically interviews the staff to discuss the potential for conflicts of interest. These actions help fulfill which of the following internal audit mandates?

- A. Organizational independence.
- B. Professional objectivity.

- C. Due professional care.
- D. Individual proficiency.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 79

Which of the following is an example of a management control technique?

- A. A budget.
- B. A risk assessment.
- C. The board of directors.
- D. The control environment.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 82

According to The MA Global Internal Audit Competency Framework, which of the following areas of training would best assist the internal audit activity in improving its use of tools and techniques?

- A. Negotiation and conflict resolution.
- B. Project management.
- C. Financial accounting.
- D. Ethics and fraud.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 86

According to IIA guidance, when preparing the charter for the internal audit activity, the chief audit executive (CAE), board, and senior management should agree on which of the following?

- * 1. The standards to be used by the internal audit activity.
- * 2. The internal audit activity's code of ethics.
- * 3. The CAE's reporting line.
- * 4. The internal audit activity's responsibilities.

- A. 4 only.
- B. 1 and 2 only.
- C. 3 and 4.
- D. 1,2, and 3.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 89

An IT contractor applied for an internal audit position at a bank. The contractor worked for the bank's IT security manager two years ago. If the audit manager interviewed the contractor and wants to extend a job offer, which of the following actions should the chief audit executive pursue?

- A. Allow the audit manager to hire the contractor and state that the individual is free to perform IT audits, including security.
- B. Not allow the audit manager to hire the contractor, as it would be a conflict of interest.
- C. Allow the audit manager to hire the contractor, but state that the individual is not allowed to work on IT security audits for one year.
- D. Not allow the audit manager to hire the contractor and ask the individual to apply again in one year.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 94

Which of the following actions would be characterized as a preventive control to safeguard inventory from the risk of theft?

- * 1. Locking doors and physically securing inventory items.
- * 2. Independently observing the receipt of materials.
- * 3. Conducting monthly inventory counts.
- * 4. Requiring the use of employee ID badges at all times.

- A. 1 and 3.
- B. 1 and 4.
- C. 2 and 3.
- D. 2 and 4.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 97

Given the highly technical and legal nature of privacy issues, which of the following statements best describes the internal audit activity's responsibility with regard to assessing an organization's privacy framework?

- A. If an organization does not have a mature privacy framework, the internal audit activity should assist in developing and implementing an appropriate privacy framework.
- B. Because the audit committee is ultimately responsible for ensuring that appropriate control processes are in place to mitigate risks associated with personal information, the internal audit activity is
- C. required to conduct privacy assessments.
- D. The internal audit activity may delegate to nonaudit IT specialists the responsibility of determining whether personal information has been secured adequately and data protection controls are sufficient.

E. The internal audit activity should have appropriate knowledge and competence to conduct an asses.....framework.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 98

According to The MA Code of Ethics, which of the following is one of the rules of conduct for objectivity?

- A. Internal auditors shall continually improve their proficiency and effectiveness and quality of their services.
- B. Internal auditors shall respect and contribute to legitimate and ethical objectives of the organization.
- C. Internal auditors shall not accept anything that may impair or be presumed to impair their professional judgment.
- D. Internal auditors shall be prudent in the use and protection of information acquired in the course of their duties.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 101

Which of the following best describes the details that must be included in the quality assurance and improvement program (QAIP) report to senior management and the board?

- A. The scope and frequency of internal and external assessments as well as the qualifications and independence of the assessor.
- B. The scope and cost of the QAI
- C. frequency of internal and external assessments, and conclusions of the assessor.
- D. The scope, findings, risks, recommendations, and agreed-upon improvement actions.
- E. The number and types of people involved in the assessment, costs, and duration of the QAIP

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 102

A large sales organization maintains a system of internal control according to the COSO model and has updated its code of conduct. This change relates to which component of the COSO framework?

- A. Control activities.
- B. Information and communication.
- C. Commitment.
- D. Control environment.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 105

An organization is beginning to implement an enterprise risk management program. One of the first steps is to develop a common risk language. Which of the following statements about a common risk language is true?

- A. Management will be able to reduce inherent risk because they will have a better understanding of risk.
- B. Internal auditors will be able to reduce their sample sizes because controls will be more consistent.
- C. Stakeholders will have more assurance that the risks are assessed consistently.
- D. Decision makers will understand that the likelihood of missing or ineffective controls will be reduced.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 106

According to IIA guidance, which of the following is least compliant with the requirements regarding an internal auditor's need for objectivity?

- A. An internal auditor assessed the effectiveness of controls over payroll software, which he had helped implement with a previous employer.
- B. An internal auditor participated in an audit of controls around absenteeism, despite providing some consultation on controls in this area earlier in the year.
- C. An internal auditor performed an assurance engagement for the effectiveness of accounts payable access controls, one of which he previously helped to design.
- D. An internal auditor, previously employed in the quality assurance operations area, performed a consulting engagement for the operations manager.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 110

Which of the following is true regarding the use of a formal risk management framework?

- * 1. It facilitates a methodical approach to risk mitigation.
- * 2. It defines and standardizes the terminology used in risk communication.
- * 3. It establishes the risk tolerance levels to be accommodated in the strategy.
- * 4. It facilitates the alignment of risk mitigation strategies with management priorities.

- A. 1,2, and 3.
- B. 1,2, and 4.
- C. 1,3, and 4.
- D. 2, 3, and 4.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 112

An organization decides to take no action on one of its financial risks because the cost of implementing the control outweighs the value of the asset being

protected. Which of the following best describes this risk strategy?

- A. Risk avoidance.
- B. Risk-benefit analysis.
- C. Risk sharing.
- D. Risk acceptance.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 115

According to IIA guidance, which of the following is not a responsibility of the chief audit executive pertaining to documenting information to support internal audit engagement results and conclusions?

- A. Rating each engagement record to assess its relevance and accessibility for the organization's board.
- B. Controlling access to engagement records, including access by senior management.
- C. Developing retention requirements for engagement records that are consistent with organizational guidelines.
- D. Forming policies governing the custody and retention of consulting engagement records before their release to other parties.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 119

Which of the following scenarios best illustrates a rationalization as the root cause of potential fraud?

- A. Managers who have been with the organization for several decades become aware that newly hired, younger managers are being moved more quickly into senior positions.
- B. The controller at a nationwide manufacturing company recently opted to no longer require two-week mandatory vacations for accounting staff.
- C. Security cameras that monitor cash handling at the register are not functioning.
- D. The organization is slowly phasing out three mature products that produce the highest commissions for the sales staff.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 121

If appropriate safeguards exist, which of the following is considered a legitimate internal audit role within risk management at an organization?

- A. Imposing risk management processes.
- B. Providing consolidated reporting on risks.
- C. Taking accountability for risk management.
- D. Making decisions on risk responses.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 125

An auditor identifies three errors in the sample of 25 entries selected for review (a 12 percent error rate). Based on this result, the auditor assumes that approximately 59 of the total population of 492 entries are incorrect. To reach this assumption, the auditor has used a technique known as which of the following?

- A. Variability tolerance.
- B. Ratio estimation.
- C. Stratification.
- D. Acceptance sampling.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 128

Which of the following controls could an internal auditor reasonably conclude is effective by observing the physical controls of a large server room?

- A. Adequate signs are in place to assist in locating safety equipment.
- B. Servers are secured individually to their racks by locks.
- C. Foam fire extinguishers are operable to protect against electrical fires.
- D. Swipe card access is required to gain access to the server room.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 131

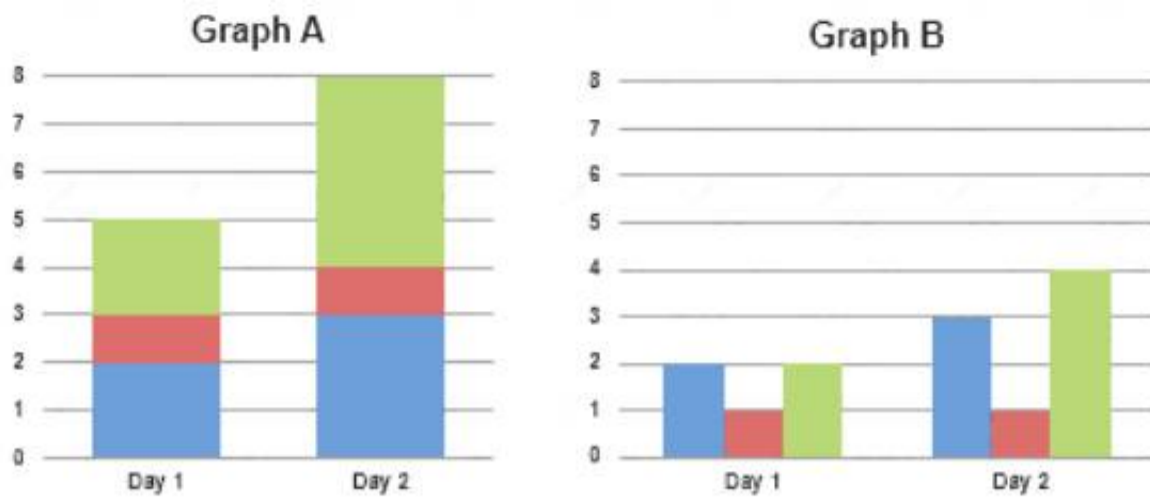
Which of the following is a detective control strategy against fraud?

- A. Requiring employees to attend ethics training.
- B. Performing background checks on employees.
- C. Implementing a control self-assessment.
- D. Performing a surprise audit.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 132

Click the Exhibit.



Internal auditors are asked to keep track of how many hours per day they spend planning the audit, conducting the engagement, and writing the audit report. The data for two days has been collected as follows:

- Day 1
- Day 2
- Planning the audit 2 hours
- 3 hours
- Conducting the engagement 1 hour
- 1 hour
- Writing the audit report 2 hours
- 4 hours

Which of the following graphs depicts the data accurately?

- A. Graph A only
- B. Graph B only
- C. Both A and B.
- D. Neither A nor B.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 137

Which of the following would not be considered part of preliminary survey of an engagement area?

- A. Interviews with individuals affected by the entity.
- B. Functional walk through test.
- C. Analytical reviews.
- D. Sampling scope.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 140

According to IIA guidance, which of the following should be formally documented in the internal audit charter?

- A. The internal audit activity's responsibility for imposing risk management processes.
- B. The internal audit activity's responsibility for the organization's governance framework.
- C. The nature of consulting services provided by the internal audit activity.
- D. The budgeting process for the internal audit activity.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 144

According to IIA guidance, which of the following are macro-level audit activities performed for an assurance engagement of the purchasing department?

- * 1. Obtain and review all purchasing-related audit reports issued within the past year.
- * 2. Meet with the quality assurance group to discuss its previous reports of any purchasing-related findings.
- * 3. Review a memo written by the purchasing manager that outlines ongoing problems with the purchasing software.
- * 4. Request a copy of the report from a purchasing audit conducted last year by an external service provider.

- A. 1 and 2.
- B. 1 and 3.
- C. 2 and 4.
- D. 3 and 4.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 145

The chief audit executive (CAE) has assigned an internal auditor to an upcoming engagement. Which of the following requirements would most likely indicate that the internal auditor was assigned to an assurance engagement?

- A. The assigned internal auditor must determine the objectives, scope, and techniques of the engagement.
- B. The CAE must personally obtain the needed skills, knowledge, or other competencies if the internal auditor does not have them.
- C. The assigned internal auditor must not assume management responsibilities while performing the engagement.
- D. The assigned internal auditor must maintain objectivity while performing the engagement.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 148

A credit card company detects potential errors in credit card numbers by checking whether all entered numbers contain the correct amount of digits. This is an example of which of the following IT controls?

- A. Logic test.
- B. Check digits.
- C. Data integrity tests.
- D. Balancing control activities.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 151

Which of the following is a weakness of observation as audit evidence?

- A. It cannot be used to test the completeness assertion.
- B. It cannot be used to test the existence assertion.
- C. It cannot be used to test the occurrence assertion.
- D. It cannot be relied upon because the evidence is not persuasive.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 154

Which of the following is a requirement for an assurance engagement that may not be for a consulting engagement?

- A. The internal audit activity has to ensure team members' objectivity is not impaired.
- B. Auditors cannot participate in an assurance engagement of a function for which they previously performed a consulting engagement.
- C. The scope and objective of the engagement is agreed upon based on the engagement client's needs.
- D. The internal audit activity must ensure management actions have been implemented effectively or risk accepted.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 157

Forty-five percent of an organization's customer payments are submitted online. Eight percent of online payments are rejected. Executive management decides to outsource its online payment services to a contractor that will assume 75 percent of the total value of rejected payments. The organization estimates \$1.25 million customer payments due during the contract period.

Which of the following represents the organization's residual risk for online customer payments due?

- A. \$11, 250
- B. \$25, 000
- C. \$33, 750
- D. \$45, 000

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 161

Which of the following control methods is effective in reducing the risk of purchasing-scheme fraud?

- * 1. Periodically reviewing the vendor list for unusual vendors and addresses.
- * 2. Segregating duties for amount purchasing, receiving, shipping, and accounting.
- * 3. Validating sequential integrity of purchase orders.
- * 4. Verifying the validity of invoices with post office box addresses.

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 3 and 4 only
- C. 1, 2, and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3, and 4

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 164

The security department uncovered what appears to be a complex fraud in the accounting department. The CEO has requested the internal audit activity to investigate the fraud. If the internal audit staff lacks the expertise to conduct the investigation, how should the chief audit executive proceed?

- A. Disclose the deficiency, and request that the investigation be reassigned to the first line of defense.
- B. Proceed with the investigation, as internal auditors are not required to have fraud expertise.
- C. Outsource the sensitive investigation to a third-party consultant with fraud expertise.
- D. Select a member of the accounting department who is not involved in the fraud to join the investigation team in a consulting capacity.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 165

According to IIA guidance, which of the following must the internal auditor consider to meet the requirements for due professional care?

- A. The training courses necessary to enhance the internal auditor's knowledge, skills, and other competencies.
- B. The appropriateness of assurance procedures necessary to ensure all significant risks will be identified.
- C. The use of innovative technology and data analysis techniques.
- D. The extent of work needed to achieve the engagement's objectives.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 169

According to The IIA's Code of Ethics, which of the following is true?

- A. Confidentiality requires that auditors disclose all material facts known to them.
- B. Integrity requires that auditors perform internal audit services in accordance with the Standards.
- C. Objectivity requires that auditors perform their work with honesty, diligence, and responsibility.
- D. Confidentiality requires that auditors be prudent in the use and protection of client information.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 170

A furniture manufacturer has installed a new fire sprinkler system at its central warehouse and canceled the existing fire insurance policy on that property. What change of risk response strategy does this course of action most likely reflect?

- A. From sharing to reduction.
- B. From acceptance to reduction.
- C. From sharing to avoidance.
- D. From acceptance to avoidance.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 172

A chief audit executive (CAE) reports functionally to the CEO and administratively to the chief financial officer, both of whom serve on the company's board of directors. According to IIA guidance, which of the following would offer the greatest protection for the independence of the internal audit activity?

- A. Appoint the CAE as a member of the board.
- B. Move the CAE's functional reporting to an executive who is not on the board.
- C. Obtain full board approval of the internal audit activity's annual audit plan.
- D. Move the CAE's functional reporting to the audit committee.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 177

According to IIA guidance, which of the following should be included in the internal audit charter?

- A. The minimum resources and competencies needed for the internal audit activity.
- B. Identification of the organizational units where engagements are to be performed.
- C. Organizational relationships and reporting lines.
- D. Assigned responsibilities for designing and implementing controls.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 181

According to IIA guidance, which of the following statements is true regarding periodic internal assessments of the internal audit activity?

- A. Internal assessments are conducted to benchmark the internal audit activity's performance against industry best practices.
- B. Internal assessments must be performed at least once every five years by a qualified assessor.
- C. An internal auditor may perform a peer review of a colleague's workpapers, as long as the auditor wasn't involved in the audit under review.
- D. Follow-up to ensure appropriate improvements are implemented is a recommended, but not mandatory, element of internal assessments.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 182

Which of the following responsibilities would fall under the role of the chief audit executive, rather than internal audit staff or the audit manager?

- A. Manage and support a quality assurance and improvement program.
- B. Maintain industry-specific knowledge appropriate to the audit engagements
- C. Set clear performance standards for internal auditors and the internal audit activity.
- D. Apply problem-solving techniques for routine situations.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 185

Which of the following is the most common method of fraud detection?

- A. Analytical reviews of high-risk areas.
- B. Detective controls built into the daily processes.
- C. Unannounced audits or reviews of programs or departments.
- D. Tips received from employees or citizens.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 190

Which of the following factors have the greatest influence on the independence of the internal audit activity?

- A. Quality assessments and cultural biases of the internal audit activity.
- B. Rotational assignments and familiarity of the internal audit activity.
- C. Employee incentives and self review of the internal audit activity.
- D. Organizational positioning and scope control of the internal audit activity.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 192

What should the internal auditor's role be in assessing the organization's ethical climate?

- A. Perform ongoing surveys of the employees, customers, and partners of the organization to assess the organization's ethical climate.
- B. Evaluate the effectiveness of the organization's strategies and processes for achieving the desired level of legal and ethical compliance.
- C. Maintain a whistleblower hotline to identify inappropriate or illegal activity within the organization.
- D. Perform background checks of potential new employees before they are hired by the organization.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 193

According to The IIA's Code of Ethics, which of the following statements is true?

- A. When an internal auditor releases required information to a regulator, resulting in a significant loss through fines and penalties for the organization, he fails to add value.
- B. When an internal auditor limits the scope of the audit engagement after learning that management is hiding relevant information, he demonstrates integrity.
- C. When an internal auditor disagrees with the treatment received by workers in the organization's foreign subsidiary and alters the audit program to highlight the issue, he fails to demonstrate objectivity.
- D. When an internal auditor continues with an audit engagement, despite the audit client's claims that the work performed is unnecessary and redundant he fails to demonstrate competency.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 196

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