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Topic 1, Volume A

QUESTION NO: 1

You need to ensure that a session key derived from a set of long-term public and private keys will not be compromised if one of the private keys is compromised in the future?

- A. Perfect forward secrecy
- B. Secure socket layer
- C. Secure shell
- D. Security token

Answer: A Explanation:

Perfect forward secrecy (or PFS) is the property that ensures that a session key derived from a set of long-term public and private keys will not be compromised if one of the (long-term) private keys is compromised in the future.

Forward secrecy has been used as a synonym for perfect forward secrecy, since the term perfect has been controversial in this context. However, at least one reference distinguishes perfect forward secrecy from forward secrecy with the additional property that an agreed key will not be compromised even if agreed keys derived from the same long-term keying material in a subsequent run are compromised.

Answer option C is incorrect. Secure Shell (SSH) is a program that is used for logging into a remote computer over a network. Secure Shell can be used to execute commands on a remote machine and to move files from one machine to another. SSH uses strong authentication and secure communications over insecure channels.

Answer option B is incorrect. Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) is a protocol that was developed by Netscape for transmitting private documents via the Internet. It uses a cryptographic system that uses public and private keys to encrypt data. A public key is globally available and a private key is known only to the recipient of the message. Both Netscape Navigator and Internet Explorer support the SSL protocol. Several web sites use this protocol to obtain confidential user information. When the SSL protocol is used to connect to a Web site, the URL must begin with https instead of http.

Answer option D is incorrect. Security token can be a physical device that an authorized user of computer services is given to ease authentication. The term may also refer to software tokens. Security tokens are used to prove one's identity electronically (as in the case of a customer trying to access his bank account). The token is used in addition to or in place of a password to prove that the customer is who he claims to be. The token acts like an electronic key to access something.

QUESTION NO: 2

The Security Development Lifecycle (SDL) consists of various security practices that are grouped under seven phases. Which of the following security practices are included in the Requirements phase?

Each correct answer represents a complete solution. Choose all that apply.

- A. Incident Response Plan
- B. Create Quality Gates/Bug Bars
- C. Attack Surface Analysis/Reduction
- D. Security and Privacy Risk Assessment

Answer: B,D

Explanation:

The Requirements phase of the Security Development Lifecycle (SDL) includes the following security practices:

- Security and Privacy Requirements
- Create Quality Gates/Bug Bars
- Security and Privacy Risk Assessment

Answer option C is incorrect. Attack Surface Analysis/Reduction is a security practice included in the Design phase of the Security Development Lifecycle (SDL).

Answer option A is incorrect. Incident Response Plan is a security practice included in the Release phase of the Security Development Lifecycle (SDL).

QUESTION NO: 3

Which of the following components of a VoIP network is frequently used to bridge video conferencing connections?

A. MCU
B. Videoconference station
C. IP Phone
D. Call agent

Answer: A

Explanation:

A Multipoint Control Unit (MCU) is a device frequently used to bridge video conferencing connections. The Multipoint Control Unit is an endpoint on the LAN that provides the ability for 3 or more terminals and gateways to participate in a multipoint conference. The MCU consists of a mandatory Multipoint Controller (MC) and optional Multipoint Processors (MPs). Answer option C is incorrect. IP Phones provide IP endpoints for voice communication. Answer option D is incorrect. A call agent provides call control for IP phones, CAC, bandwidth control and management, and address translation. Unlike a gatekeeper, which in a Cisco environment typically runs on a router, a call agent typically runs on a server platform. Cisco Unified Communications Manager is an example of a call agent.

The call agent controls switching logic and calls for all the sites under the central controller. A central gateway controller includes both centralized configuration and maintenance of call control functionality, when new functionality needs to be added, only the controller needs to be updated.

Answer option B is incorrect. A videoconference station provides access for end-user involvement in videoconferencing. The videoconference station contains a video capture device for video input and a microphone for audio input. A user can view video streams and hear audio that originates at a remote user station.

QUESTION NO: 4

Which of the following is a declarative access control policy language implemented in XML and a processing model, describing how to interpret the policies?

A. SAML B. SOAP C. SPML D. XACML

Answer: D

Explanation:

XACML stands for extensible Access Control Markup Language. It is a declarative access control policy language implemented in XML and a processing model, describing how to interpret the policies.

Latest version 2.0 was ratified by OASIS standards organization on 1 February 2005. The planned version 3.0 will add generic attribute categories for the evaluation context and policy delegation