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Exam Questions IIA-CRMA-ADV

Certification in Risk Management Assurance



NEW QUESTION 1

- (Topic 1)

Which of the following techniques would best assist an internal auditor in evaluating the efficiency of a wholesale grocery distributor's process to fill and package orders for shipping?

- A. A Bedford analysis of orders filled to average delivery times.
- B. Decision trees rating actual performance against requirements.
- C. Queuing theory to assess potential bottlenecks in the process.
- D. A program evaluation and review technique chart.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 2

- (Topic 1)

Which of the following is the most significant disadvantage of using checklists to evaluate internal controls?

- A. They serve as a reminder of what controls should exist in a process.
- B. They require yes/no responses to specific questions, not open-ended responses.
- C. They do not capture all controls that may exist.
- D. They are useful in assessing risk.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 3

- (Topic 1)

An accounts receivable clerk receives cash payments, posts the payments to customer accounts, and prepares the daily cash deposit.

The clerk has been stealing some cash and manipulating the customer payments to hide the theft.

This fraud could be detected with which of the following controls?

- A. Monthly bank reconciliations are performed by the clerk on a timely basis.
- B. Total cash deposits for the month are reconciled to the cash receipts journal.
- C. Names, amounts, and dates on remittance advices are reconciled with the names, amounts, and dates recorded in the cash receipts journal.
- D. Total cash deposits are compared with the bank reconciliation.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 4

- (Topic 1)

The director of purchasing, a certified internal auditor (CIA), signs a contract to procure a large order from a supplier whose products provide the best price, quality, and performance. A few days after signing the contract, the supplier presents the CIA with \$1,000 as a gift. Which statement regarding acceptance of the money is correct?

- A. Accepting the money would be prohibited only if it were non-customary.
- B. Accepting the money would violate the IIA Code of Ethics.
- C. Because the CIA is not acting as an internal auditor, accepting the money would be governed only by the organization's code of conduct.
- D. Because the contract was signed before the money was offered, accepting the money would not violate the IIA Code of Ethics.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 5

- (Topic 1)

According to IIA guidance, which of the following best describes processes and tools typically used in ongoing internal assessments?

- A. Benchmarking of the internal audit activity's practices and performance.
- B. Report of internal assessment results, response plans, and outcomes.
- C. Analysis of performance metrics such as cycle times.
- D. Self-assessments and surveys of stakeholder groups.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 6

- (Topic 1)

The audit committee is concerned that the small size of the internal audit activity (IAA) makes it impractical to achieve full conformance with the Standards. To address this concern, which of the following actions is most appropriate for the CAE to take?

- A. The CAE should agree with the audit committee and implement only those standards appropriate to the size of the IAA.
- B. The CAE should request the audit committee to review the Standards to identify specifically which are creating the greatest concern.
- C. The CAE should seek sufficient funding to increase audit resources to meet the minimum requirements of the Standards.
- D. The CAE should explain that conformance with the Standards is essential and not dependent upon the size of the IAA.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 7

- (Topic 1)

The chief audit executive (CAE) of a mid-sized pharmaceutical organization has operational responsibility for the regulatory compliance function. The

auditcommittee requests an assessment of regulatory compliance. According to IIA guidance, which of the following is the CAE's best course of action?

- A. Have a proficient internal audit staff member perform the assessment and disclose the impairment in the audit report and to the board.
- B. Have a regulatory compliance staff member perform a self-assessment, to be reviewed by a proficient internal auditor.
- C. Have a proficient internal audit staff member perform the audit and report the results of the assessment directly to senior management and the board.
- D. Contract with a third-party entity or external auditor to complete the assessment and report the results to senior management and the board.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 8

- (Topic 1)

According to IIA guidance, which of the following objectives of an assurance engagement for the organization's risk management process is valid?

- A. All risks have been identified and mitigated.
- B. Risks have been accurately analyzed and evaluated.
- C. All controls are both adequate and efficient.
- D. The board is appropriately addressing intolerable risks.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 9

- (Topic 1)

An internal audit manager of a furniture manufacturing organization is planning an audit of the procurement process for kiln-dried wood. The procurement department maintains six procurement officers to manage 24 different suppliers used by the organization.

Which of the following controls would best mitigate the risk of employees receiving kickbacks from suppliers?

- A. The periodic rotation of procurement officers' assignments to supplier accounts.
- B. A pre-award financial capacity analysis of suppliers.
- C. An automated computer report, organized by supplier, of any invoices for the same amount.
- D. Periodic inventories of kiln-dried wood at the organization's warehouse.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 10

- (Topic 1)

Which of the following statements describes a control failure that is not directly attributable to a customer billing application?

- * 1. End users have raised a number of concerns regarding data integrity.
- * 2. An untested program change is transferred from the test environment to production.
- * 3. Purchase history does not reconcile with accounts receivable for some customers.
- * 4. End user security is inadvertently granted to an unauthorized individual by management.

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

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 10

- (Topic 1)

When conducting an interview, an internal auditor is most likely to ask open-ended questions in order to:

- A. Obtain specific answers and maximize efficiency.
- B. Gather factual data on several different topics.
- C. Determine agreement or disagreement with a stated viewpoint.
- D. Obtain information based on the person's own perspective.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 11

- (Topic 1)

A computer system automatically locks a user's account after three unsuccessful attempts to log on.

Which type of control does this scenario represent?

- A. Corrective control.
- B. Preventive control.
- C. Detective control.
- D. Compensating control.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 15

- (Topic 1)

An internal auditor would like to identify the involvement of various organizational units in handling employee travel reimbursement claims. Which of the following methods would be most effective and efficient in completing this task?

- A. Process mapping.

- B. Interviewing.
- C. Monitoring.
- D. Distributing questionnaires.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 18

- (Topic 1)

Which of the following is the most effective strategy to manage the risk of foreign exchange losses due to sales to foreign customers?

- A. Hire a risk consultant.
- B. Implement a hedging strategy.
- C. Maintain a large foreign currency balance.
- D. Insist that customers only pay in a stable currency.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 23

- (Topic 1)

Which of the following actions should an internal auditor take to exercise due professional care?

- * 1. Consider the probability of significant noncompliance in each audit engagement.
- * 2. Weigh the cost of assurance against the benefits.
- * 3. Perform assurance procedures with sufficient care to ensure that all risks are identified.

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

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 24

- (Topic 1)

Management has asked the chief audit executive (CAE) to provide assurance on the organization's automated control system related to financial data. The current audit staff does not have the expertise needed to conduct this type of engagement. Which of the following would be the best response by the CAE?

- A. Accept the assignment and use control self-assessment to complete the project.
- B. Do not accept the assignment because the internal audit activity lacks the competency to perform the engagement with due professional care.
- C. Accept the assignment and use an external provider with the necessary knowledge and skills to perform the engagement.
- D. Accept the assignment if the engagement is included in the current audit plan, but inform senior management that the current audit staff does not have the knowledge and skills required.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 29

- (Topic 1)

Suspecting fraud, the chief financial officer (CFO) asked the internal audit activity to investigate a significant increase in travel related expenditures. Work was performed by a qualified internal auditor. Following the completion of the engagement, the chief audit executive (CAE) reported to the CFO that no violations were found and no fraud had occurred.

According to the Standards, which of the following principles did the CAE violate?

- A. Due professional care.
- B. Individual objectivity.
- C. Proficiency.
- D. Organizational independence.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 34

- (Topic 1)

Which type of objectives can best be described as broad goals that promote the effective and efficient use of resources?

- A. Strategic objectives.
- B. Operational objectives.
- C. Reporting objectives.
- D. Compliance objectives.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 37

- (Topic 1)

A chief audit executive (CAE) learns that the brother-in-law of a senior auditor who audits the procurement process was hired as the head of the procurement department six months prior. Which of the following is the most appropriate action for the CAE to take?

- A. The CAE should not interfere because there is no evidence that a conflict of interest has occurred.
- B. The CAE should remind the senior auditor of his obligation to be objective and impartial.
- C. The CAE should change the senior auditor's assignment and take corrective action for the auditor's failure to disclose the conflict of interest.

D. The CAE should require the senior auditor to disclose the relationship in writing before continuing his responsibility for monitoring procurement.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 42

- (Topic 1)

Why is it important for the chief audit executive to periodically review the audit charter and present the results to senior management and the board?

- A. Because management requires the review to measure effectiveness of the internal audit activity.
- B. So that the individual objectivity of the internal audit staff can be more clearly established.
- C. So that there is assurance of the internal audit staff's proficiency to complete audit activities.
- D. Because changes in the organization may impair the internal audit activity's ability to meet its objectives.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 47

- (Topic 1)

According to IIA guidance, which of the following individuals would best be considered independent for the purpose of participating in an external assessment of the quality assurance and improvement program for an internal audit activity (IAA)?

- A. A former employee knowledgeable of the IAA who resigned three years earlier from the organization.
- B. A competent employee of an independent external organization that provides co-sourcing services to the IAA.
- C. An employee in an affiliated organization who has never worked directly with the IAA.
- D. An employee in the parent organization who has not had any previous contact with the IAA.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 50

- (Topic 1)

Which of the following does not need to be defined in the internal audit charter?

- A. The audit engagements to be performed during the upcoming year.
- B. The internal audit activity's position within the organization.
- C. The scope of internal audit activities.
- D. Management and the board of directors' agreement regarding the roles and responsibilities of the internal audit activity.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 53

- (Topic 1)

What type of risk management strategy is being employed when an organization installs two firewalls to provide protection from unauthorized access to the network?

- A. Diversifying the risk that network access will not be available to legitimate, authorized users.
- B. Accepting the risk that there may be attempts at unauthorized access to the network.
- C. Avoiding the risk of having a direct network connection to un-trusted networks.
- D. Sharing the risk that either firewall could be compromised by hackers.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 56

- (Topic 1)

According to the Standards, for how long should internal auditors who have previously performed or had management responsibility for an operation wait to become involved in future internal audit activity with that same operation?

- A. Three months.
- B. Six months.
- C. One year.
- D. Two years.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 61

- (Topic 1)

Which of the following is not a role of the internal audit activity in facilitating risk identification and evaluation?

- A. Evaluating risk management processes.
- B. Recommending accountability for risk management.
- C. Providing assurance that risks are evaluated correctly.
- D. Supporting managers to identify ways to mitigate risks.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 65

- (Topic 1)

An internal audit activity (IAA) provided assurance services for an activity it was responsible for during the preceding year. As a result, which IIA Code of Ethics principle is presumed to be impaired?

- A. Competence.
- B. Flexibility.
- C. Objectivity.
- D. Independence.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 68

- (Topic 1)

A manufacturing organization discovers that the waste water released has failed to meet permitted limits. Which control function will be least effective in correcting the issue?

- A. Performing a chemical analysis of the water, prior to discharge, for components specified in the permit.
- B. Posting signs that tell employees which substances may be disposed of via sinks and floor drains within the facility.
- C. Diluting pollutants by flushing sinks and floor drains daily with large volumes of clean water.
- D. Establishing a preventive maintenance program for the pretreatment system.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 73

- (Topic 1)

Which of the following activities best reflects the scope and status of the internal audit activity as defined in the internal audit policy statement?

- A. The internal auditor reviews the physical access to merchandise during an inventory count.
- B. The audit manager conducts an internal quality assessment of the internal audit activity's adherence to the Standards.
- C. The audit manager refrains from assigning an auditor who was a former payroll clerk to conduct a payroll audit.
- D. The board approves the annual performance evaluation of the chief audit executive.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 75

- (Topic 1)

Which of the following actions does not violate the IIA Code of Ethics or Standards?

- A. An internal auditor performing an audit on an operation that they managed less than a year ago.
- B. An internal auditor performing an audit on procedures that they were responsible for creating.
- C. An internal auditor disclosing details of an audit report to colleagues from a different organization.
- D. An internal auditor disclosing confidential information in response to a lawsuit.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 76

- (Topic 1)

Which the following activities should be performed by the internal audit activity to facilitate an effective relationship with the audit committee?

- * 1. Periodically report about the accounting standards followed by the organization.
- * 2. Provide assurance to the audit committee that its charter, activities, and processes are appropriate.
- * 3. Ensure that the role and activities of the internal audit activity are clearly understood and responsive to the needs of the audit committee.
- * 4. Maintain open and effective communications with the audit committee.

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

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 80

- (Topic 1)

Which of the following controls is not appropriate for sales in a manufacturing organization?

- A. Customers' orders are recorded promptly.
- B. Goods shipped are matched with valid customer orders.
- C. Goods returned are inspected for damage by the receiving department for proper disposition.
- D. Sales department approval is required for credit sales transactions.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 84

- (Topic 2)

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 88

- (Topic 2)

While performing an accounts payable engagement, a senior auditor wants to conduct several tests of controls for travel expenses. Which of the following actions are most appropriate for the senior auditor to undertake?

- * 1. Ensure all tests use a random sampling technique.
- * 2. Consider a judgmental approach for the sample size.
- * 3. Assess testing errors through root cause analysis.
- * 4. Ensure that the entire data set is tested.

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

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 92

- (Topic 2)

Which of the following statements is true regarding assurance services provided to clients outside of the organization?

- A. Assurance services for outside clients are not covered under the internal audit charter.
- B. Assurance services for outside clients must be approved on a case-by-case basis by the board of directors.
- C. The nature of assurance services for outside clients should be defined in the internal audit charter.
- D. The nature of assurance services for outside clients is the same as for internal clients.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 96

- (Topic 2)

According to the COSO enterprise risk management (ERM) framework, which of the following is not part of the new paradigm in ERM?

- A. Assessing the risk factors.
- B. Aligning risk appetite and strategy.
- C. Enhancing risk response decisions.
- D. Reducing operational surprises and losses.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 99

- (Topic 2)

Which of the following are components of the ISO 31000 risk management process?

- * 1. Setting the context.
- * 2. Risk treatment.
- * 3. Risk avoidance.
- * 4. Communication.

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

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 101

- (Topic 2)

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 104

- (Topic 2)

While preparing for an audit of senior management expenses, the chief audit executive (CAE) learns that management is unable to locate a number of original expense claims to support the related disbursements. She decides to defer the engagement until they can be located. Which of the following principles likely guided the CAE's decision?

- A. Objectivity.

- B. Proficiency.
- C. Independence.
- D. Due professional care.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 109

- (Topic 2)

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 114

- (Topic 2)

An internal auditor completed an audit of a bank's loan department and found all significant risks to be managed adequately through effective internal controls. Which of the following would be an appropriate conclusion to report to management?

- A. The residual risk is lower than or equal to the risk appetite.
- B. The residual risk is higher than or equal to the risk appetite.
- C. The inherent risk is lower than or equal to the risk tolerance.
- D. The inherent risk is higher than or equal to the risk tolerance.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 119

- (Topic 2)

According to the IIA 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 120

- (Topic 2)

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 125

- (Topic 2)

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 128

- (Topic 2)

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 130

- (Topic 2)

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 133

- (Topic 2)

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 138

- (Topic 2)

Which of the following is a common type of payroll fraud?

- A. Unauthorized overtime.
- B. Fictitious employees.
- C. Unearned bonuses or commissions.
- D. Skimming.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 143

- (Topic 2)

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 145

- (Topic 2)

What is the primary benefit to the internal audit activity for undertaking an internal quality assessment?

- A. To help the internal audit activity complete its annual assurance plan.
- B. To identify inefficiencies within the internal audit team.
- C. To help improve the overall quality of the internal audit activity's work.
- D. To identify key risks and areas of concern within the organization.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 148

- (Topic 2)

An internal auditor in a small broadcasting organization was assigned to review the revenue collection process. The auditor discovered that some checks from three customers were never recorded in the organization's financial records. Which of the following documents would be the least useful for the auditor to verify the finding?

- A. Bank statements.
- B. Customer confirmation letters.
- C. Copies of sales invoices.
- D. Copies of deposit slips.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 152

- (Topic 2)

Which of the following professional development approaches would offer internal auditors the most opportunities to broaden their engagement experiences?

- A. Assign more experienced internal auditors to mentor the less experienced auditors.
- B. Send internal auditors to external trainings in advanced internal audit topics.
- C. Appraise internal auditors' performance and competencies at least annually and issue constructive feedback.

D. Rotate internal auditors among different engagement assignments.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 153

- (Topic 2)

According to IIA guidance, which of the following must internal auditors consider to conform with the requirements for due professional care during a consulting engagement?

- * 1. The cost of the engagement, as it pertains to audit time and expenses in relation to the potential benefits.
- * 2. The needs and expectation of clients, including the nature, timing, and communication of engagement results.
- * 3. The application of technology-based audit and other data analysis techniques, where appropriate.
- * 4. The relative complexity and extent of work needed to achieve the engagement's objectives.

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

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 155

- (Topic 2)

Faced with a complex, highly technical construction audit engagement, the chief audit executive (CAE) considered complementing the current internal audit resources by engaging the services of a civil engineer.

Which of the following should the CAE consider in determining whether the engineer possesses the necessary skills to perform the engagement?

- * 1. Professional certification, license, or other recognition of the engineer's competence in the relevant discipline.
- * 2. Experience of the engineer in the type of work being considered.
- * 3. Compensation or other incentives that the engineer may receive.
- * 4. The extent of other ongoing services that the engineer may be performing for the organization.

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

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 160

- (Topic 2)

To fill a critical vacancy, an internal auditor is assigned temporarily to a nonaudit role in the purchasing department, where she worked previously before joining the internal audit activity. According to IIA guidance, which of the following statements is true regarding these circumstances?

- A. The chief audit executive (CAE) should review all work performed by the auditor during her temporary assignment to ensure no impairments.
- B. The CAE may conduct audits in the purchasing department during the auditor's temporary assignment.
- C. The auditor should obtain the CAE's approval as to the nature and scope of the duties she is permitted to perform during her temporary assignment.
- D. Any work performed by the auditor during her temporary assignment must conform to the internal audit charter.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 165

- (Topic 2)

When auditing the award of a major contract, which of the following should an internal auditor suspect as a red flag for a bidding fraud scheme?

- * 1. Subsequent change orders increase requirements for low-bid items.
- * 2. Material contract requirements are different on the actual contract than on the request for bids.
- * 3. A high percentage of employees are charged to indirect accounts.
- * 4. Losing bidders are hired as subcontractors.

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

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 166

- (Topic 2)

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 170

- (Topic 2)

Which of the following is considered a violation of The IIA's Code of Ethics?

- A. An auditor conveys public information about an organization's financial condition.
- B. An auditor reports a manager's illegal activity to senior management, rather than reporting the incident to the appropriate external authority.
- C. An auditor receives allegations of fraud from a whistleblower and immediately reports the allegations to senior management.
- D. An auditor reports material deficiencies, despite the fact that management is already aware of the defects.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 174

- (Topic 2)

Which of the following items should the chief audit executive disclose to senior management regarding the results of the internal audit activity's quality assessments?

- A. The internal audit activity's plan for resource allocation.
- B. The amount of the organization's potential loss prevented by the risk-based auditing of the internal audit activity.
- C. The number of audits from the annual internal audit plan that were completed last year.
- D. The qualifications and independence of the assessment Team.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 176

- (Topic 2)

According to IIA guidance, which of the following roles would be appropriate for an internal auditor regarding fraud risk?

- * 1. Identification.
- * 2. Mitigation.
- * 3. Remediation.
- * 4. Reduction.

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

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 177

- (Topic 2)

An internal auditor needs to recommend a policy element to be included in an organization's code of ethics. Which of the following recommendations would be most effective?

- A. Ethics should vary with local customs in the organization's foreign operations.
- B. Whistleblowing should be discouraged because it can cause distrust among employees.
- C. Ethical behavior should be incorporated into performance evaluations.
- D. Senior management should be granted specific exemptions to the code of ethics.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 181

- (Topic 2)

Internal auditors must exercise due professional care by considering which of the following?

- * 1. Cost of assurance in relation to potential benefits.
- * 2. Adequacy and effectiveness of governance, risk management, and control processes.
- * 3. Management's competency level in the area being evaluated.
- * 4. Probability of significant errors, fraud, or noncompliance.

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

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 184

- (Topic 2)

According to IIA guidance, which of the following is an area in which the internal auditor should be proficient?

- A. Management principles.
- B. Computerized information systems.
- C. Internal audit standards, procedures, and techniques.
- D. Fundamentals of accounting, economics, and finance.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 188

- (Topic 2)

An internal audit activity includes in its audit reports the assertion that its work is performed in conformance with the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing (Standards). A recent external quality assessment concluded that the internal audit activity had substantial deficiencies that impact its overall operations. According to IIA guidance, which of the following is the most appropriate action for issuing future audit reports?

- A. Refrain from indicating that the internal audit activity operates in conformance with the Standards until the chief audit executive confirms that the internal audit activity has addressed all areas of nonconformance and the audit committee has been notified.
- B. Refrain from indicating that the internal audit activity operates in conformance with the Standards until another external assessment confirms that the significant areas of nonconformance have been addressed.
- C. Indicate that the internal audit activity operates in partial conformance with the Standards, as the internal audit activity has a quality assurance and improvement program in place to address deficiencies and has met the requirement for conducting an external assessment.
- D. Update and reissue previous audit reports, removing the assertion that the internal audit activity operates in conformance with the Standards, and distribute them to all parties who received the original reports.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 192

- (Topic 2)

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 193

- (Topic 2)

Which of the following is an example of a risk avoidance strategy?

- A. Hedging against exchange rate variations.
- B. Limiting access to an organization's data center.
- C. Selling a nonstrategic business unit.
- D. Outsourcing a high-risk activity.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 198

- (Topic 2)

Which of the following best explains why integrity is a necessary personal quality for internal auditors at all levels?

- A. Internal auditor integrity enables stakeholders to constantly question the work of the internal audit activity.
- B. Internal auditor integrity enables the internal auditor to avoid being challenged by any party in the organization.
- C. Internal auditor integrity enables the internal audit activity to be able to demonstrate independence.
- D. Internal auditor integrity enables users of internal auditors' work to make important business decisions.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 203

- (Topic 2)

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 206

- (Topic 2)

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 208

- (Topic 2)

An internal auditor is conducting an assessment of the organization's fraud prevention program using the COSO enterprise risk management framework. According to this framework, which of the following activities would fall under the control environment component for preventing fraud?

- * 1. The organization uses an automated authority approval matrix to control payments.
- * 2. The organization has a whistleblower hotline that is available to employees.
- * 3. Annually, every manager completes a comprehensive fraud assessment of his or her department.
- * 4. Annually, the organization reviews and communicates the code of expected behavior.

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

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 211

- (Topic 2)

Which of the following types of social responsibilities is voluntary and guided purely by the organization's desire to make social contributions?

- A. The bottom of the pyramid responsibility.
- B. Innovative responsibility.
- C. Ethical responsibility.
- D. Discretionary responsibility.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 215

- (Topic 2)

Non-statistical sampling does not require which of the following?

- A. The sample to be representative of the population.
- B. The sample to be selected haphazardly.
- C. A smaller sample size than if selected using statistical sampling.
- D. Projecting the results to the population.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 219

- (Topic 2)

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 224

- (Topic 2)

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 226

- (Topic 2)

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 231

- (Topic 2)

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 236

- (Topic 2)

According to IIA guidance, which of the following best describes internal auditors' responsibility regarding fraud?

- A. Internal auditors should take a leading role in investigating all fraud-related cases.
- B. Internal auditors must have sufficient knowledge to evaluate the risk of fraud.
- C. Internal auditors should report all fraud cases to law enforcement agents, in accordance with the Code of Ethics.
- D. Internal auditors are responsible for ensuring that fraud does not occur.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 241

- (Topic 2)

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 245

- (Topic 2)

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 247

- (Topic 2)

Which of the following types of fraud includes embezzlement?

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

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 248

- (Topic 2)

According to IIA guidance, which of the following practices by the chief audit executive (CAE) best enhances the organizational independence of the internal audit activity?

- A. CAE reviews and approves the annual audit plan.
- B. CAE meets privately with The CEO at least annually.
- C. CAE meets privately with The board at least annually.
- D. CAE reports to the board regarding audit staff performance evaluation and compensation.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 251

- (Topic 2)

Which of the following describes a key characteristic related to effective organizational communication?

- A. Comprehensive supervisory and verification procedures.
- B. A well-designed system of internal controls.
- C. A culture of integrity and transparency.
- D. Unique operating environments with varying complexity.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 256

- (Topic 2)

A fraud investigation was completed by management, and a proven fraud was communicated to relevant authorities. According to MA guidance, which of the following roles would be most appropriate for the internal audit activity to undertake after the investigation?

- A. Plan employee sessions and team building strategies for the organization to improve awareness of fraud among employees.
- B. Review the investigation and implement any improvements to the process.
- C. Conduct lessons learned sessions to ascertain how the fraud occurred and which controls failed.
- D. Determine why The fraud was not detected earlier and design controls to strengthen early detection.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 257

- (Topic 2)

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 260

- (Topic 2)

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 264

CORRECT TEXT - (Topic 2)

According to IIA guidance, which of the following scenarios demonstrates an internal auditor exercising due professional care?

When auditing investments, the auditor identified instruments with which he was unfamiliar. He decided not to select that type of investment in his sample, as he did not have the knowledge needed to

- A. perform a proper assessment.
- B. An auditor was reviewing inventory counts conducted by the warehouse staf
- C. One truck containing an immaterial amount of inventory was off-site and wasn't verified by the auditor.
- D. An auditor visited a plant that produces a significant portion of the organization's inventor
- E. The day he arrived, the plant manager was out sick, so the auditor issued the report without interviewing the manager.
- F. An auditor in charge needed to have testing completed by the end of the month, but was behind schedul
- G. He identified a junior auditor to conduct the work for him on a complex area of the organization.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 265

- (Topic 2)

According to IIA guidance, which of the following statements is true when an internal auditor performs consulting services that improve an organization's operations?

- A. The services must be aligned with those defined in the internal audit charter.
- B. The services must not be performed by the same internal auditor who performed assurance services, in order to maintain objectivity.
- C. The services may preclude assurance services from the consulting engagement.
- D. The services impose no responsibility to communicate information other than to the engagement client.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 269

- (Topic 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 272

- (Topic 2)

Which of the following would be the most important consideration by the internal audit activity when selecting employees to perform an internal quality assessment?

- A. Their understanding of auditing standards.
- B. Previous experience working with the internal audit activity.
- C. Their reporting line within the organization.
- D. The nature of their regular duties and responsibilities.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 277

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