PCI CPSA Practice Questions

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Question 1

Question Type: MultipleChoice

When must HSA motion detectors generate an alarm event?

Options:

A- Each time movement is detected
B- Each time movement is detected outside of regular business hours
C- Each time movement is detected and the access-control system indicates the room is occupied
D- Each time movement is detected and the access-control system indicates the room is not occupied

Answer:

D

Question 2

Question Type: MultipleChoice

Which document describes the results of an assessment, and is signed by both the assessor and the vendor executive officer?

Options:

A- Security Assessment Questionnaire (SAQ)
B- Attestation of Compliance (AOC)
C- Report on Compliance (ROC)
D- Letter of Approval (LOA)

Answer:

C

Question 3

Question Type: MultipleChoice

For how long must a vendor retain all applicant and employee background information on file?

Options:

A- For at least 12 months after termination of the contract of employment
B- For at least 18 months after termination of the contract of employment
C- For at least 24 months after termination of the contract of employment
D- It is not a requirement to store this information beyond termination of the contract

Answer:

C

Question 4

Question Type: MultipleChoice

If you have a query about a missing field in the card production reporting template, which organization is best-placed to answer it?

Options:

A- The payment brands
B- The vendor
C- The issuer
D- PCI SSC

Answer:

C

Question 5

Question Type: MultipleChoice

A vendor is unsure which forms are needed to complete an assessment. Who should they ask?

Options:

A- Assessor
B- Issuing banks
C- Payment brands
D- PCI SSC

Answer:

D

Question 6

Question Type: MultipleChoice

Who is required to approve visitor entry to the HSA or cloud-based provisioning environment?

Options:

A- The head of the vendor facility
B- The Security Manager
C- Both the Security Manager and the Production Manager
D- The Security Manager, Production Manager, and the head of the vendor facility

Answer:

D

Question 7

Question Type: MultipleChoice

An assessor is unsure if log review and interview is sufficient testing for a requirement. Who can best answer this question?

Options:

A- Payment brands
B- Issuing banks
C- Vendor
D- PCI SSC

Answer:

D

Question 8

Question Type: MultipleChoice

John works for ACME Inc Personalizers. an organization that personalizes payment cards as well as printing the corresponding PIN mailers for distribution directly to the cardholder. Which option best statements is true?

Options:

A- If John is involved in card personalization then he must not be involved in the printing of the corresponding PINs
B- If John is involved in card personalization, then he must never be involved in the card shipment process
C- If John is involved in card personalization, then he must never be involved in PIN printing
D- If John is involved in PIN printing, then he must never be involved in the card shipment process

Answer:

C

Question 9

Question Type: MultipleChoice

A vendor hosts virtual secure elements holding cardholder information in their data center. When a cardholder makes a purchase, the vendor creates a payment token which is sent to the cardholder's mobile device. Which option best best describes the vendor's activities?

Options:

A- Card personalization
B- Host Card Emulation (HCE) provisioning
C- Secure Element (SE) provisioning
D- Over-the-air (OTA) provisioning

Answer:

C

Question 10

Question Type: MultipleChoice

After reviewing their completed ROC and AOC, which state that they are compliant, the vendor wishes to be listed on PCI SSC's list of Compliant Card Vendors. How should you assist them with the listing process?

Options:

A- Submit the full ROC to PCI SSC
B- Submit only the AOC to PCI SSC
C- Inform the vendor that PCI SSC does not list compliant vendors
D- Inform the vendor that they must request a listing via the payment brand(s) that received their ROC

Answer:

D

Question 11

Question Type: MultipleChoice

Before you go on-site, the vendor's primary contact communicates a legitimate reason for delaying the assessment for several months. Who can approve the change in the report delivery schedule?

Options:

A- Vendor senior management
B- Payment brands
C- Affected issuers
D- PCI SSC

Answer:

D

Question 12

Question Type: MultipleChoice

Which of the following statements about unsolicited visitors is true?

Options:

A- They must be turned away
B- They must complete an NDA before entry is granted
C- They must be able to prove a legitimate reason for their visit prior to entry
D- They must be registered, their identities confirmed, and must be allocated an escort before entry

Answer:

D

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