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# **Getting Ready for the CAS-004 Exam:**

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# **Explore CAS-004 Syllabus:**

Topic	Details
	Security Architecture 29%
	- Services
Given a scenario,	Load balancer
analyze the security	<ul> <li>Intrusion detection system (IDS)/network</li> </ul>
requirements and	intrusion detection system (NIDS)/wireless
objectives to ensure an	intrusion detection system (WIDS)
appropriate, secure network architecture for a new or existing network.	Intrusion prevention system (IPS)/network
	intrusion prevention system (NIPS)/wireless
	intrusion prevention system (WIPS)
	<ul> <li>Web application firewall (WAF)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Network access control (NAC)</li> </ul>



Topic	Details
	Virtual private network (VPN)
	<ul> <li>Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Firewall/unified threat management (UTM)/next- generation firewall (NGFW)</li> </ul>
	<ul><li>Network address translation (NAT) gateway</li><li>Internet gateway</li></ul>
	Forward/transparent proxy
	Reverse proxy
	<ul> <li>Distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) protection</li> <li>Routers</li> </ul>
	Mail security
	Application programming interface (API)     gateway/Extensible Markup Language (XML)     gateway
	<ul> <li>Traffic mirroring</li> <li>Switched port analyzer (SPAN) ports</li> <li>Port mirroring</li> <li>Virtual private cloud (VPC)</li> </ul>
	- Network tap
	Sensors Security information and event management (SIEM) File integrity monitoring (FIM) Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) traps NetFlow Data loss prevention (DLP) Antivirus
	- Segmentation
	Microsegmentation
	<ul> <li>Local area network (LAN)/virtual local area network (VLAN)</li> </ul>
	Jump box
	Screened subnet
	Data zones
	Staging environments
	Guest environments



Topic	Details
	VPC/virtual network (VNET)
	Availability zone
	NAC lists
	Policies/security groups
	Regions
	Access control lists (ACLs)
	Peer-to-peer
	Air gap
	- Deperimeterization/zero trust
	• Cloud
	Remote work
	Mobile
	Outsourcing and contracting
	Wireless/radio frequency (RF) networks
	- Merging of networks from various organizations
	Peering
	Cloud to on premises
	Data sensitivity levels
	Mergers and acquisitions
	Cross-domain
	Federation
	Directory services
	- Software-defined networking (SDN)
	Open SDN
	Hybrid SDN
	SDN overlay
	- Scalability
Given a scenario,	Vertically
analyze the	Horizontally
organizational requirements to	- Resiliency
determine the proper	
infrastructure security	High availability
design.	Diversity/heterogeneity
	Course of action orchestration



Topic	Details
•	<ul> <li>Distributed allocation</li> <li>Redundancy</li> <li>Replication</li> <li>Clustering</li> <li>Automation</li> <li>Autoscaling</li> <li>Security Orchestration, Automation, and Response (SOAR)</li> <li>Bootstrapping</li> <li>Performance</li> </ul>
	<ul><li>- Performance</li><li>- Containerization</li><li>- Virtualization</li><li>- Content delivery network</li><li>- Caching</li></ul>
	<ul> <li>Baseline and templates</li> <li>Secure design patterns/ types of web technologies <ul> <li>Storage design patterns</li> </ul> </li> <li>Container APIs</li> <li>Secure coding standards</li> <li>Application vetting processes</li> <li>API management</li> <li>Middleware</li> </ul>
Given a scenario, integrate software applications securely into an enterprise architecture.	<ul> <li>Software assurance</li> <li>Sandboxing/development environment</li> <li>Validating third-party libraries</li> <li>Defined DevOps pipeline</li> <li>Code signing</li> <li>Interactive application security testing (IAST) vs. dynamic application security testing (DAST) vs. static application security testing (SAST)</li> <li>Considerations of integrating enterprise applications</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Customer relationship management (CRM)</li> <li>Enterprise resource planning (ERP)</li> <li>Configuration management database (CMDB)</li> </ul>



Topic	Details
	Content management system (CMS)     Integration enablers     Directory services     Domain name system (DNS)     Service-oriented architecture (SOA)     Enterprise service bus (ESB)  Integrating security into development life cycle
	<ul> <li>Formal methods</li> <li>Requirements</li> <li>Fielding</li> <li>Insertions and upgrades</li> <li>Disposal and reuse</li> <li>Testing <ul> <li>Regression</li> <li>Unit testing</li> <li>Integration testing</li> </ul> </li> <li>Development approaches <ul> <li>SecDevOps</li> <li>Agile</li> <li>Waterfall</li> <li>Spiral</li> <li>Versioning</li> <li>Continuous integration/continuous delivery (CI/CD) pipelines</li> </ul> </li> <li>Best practices <ul> <li>Open Web Application Security Project (OWASP)</li> <li>Proper Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) headers</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Given a scenario, implement data security techniques for securing enterprise architecture.	<ul> <li>Data loss prevention</li> <li>Blocking use of external media</li> <li>Print blocking</li> <li>Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP) blocking</li> <li>Clipboard privacy controls</li> <li>Restricted virtual desktop infrastructure (VDI) implementation</li> <li>Data classification blocking</li> </ul>



Topic	Details
	- Data loss detection
	Watermarking
	Digital rights management (DRM)
	Network traffic decryption/deep packet
	inspection
	Network traffic analysis
	- Data classification, labeling, and tagging
	Metadata/attributes
	- Obfuscation
	Tokenization
	Scrubbing
	Masking
	- Anonymization
	- Encrypted vs. unencrypted - Data life cycle
	- Bata inc cycle
	Create
	• Use
	• Share
	Store
	Archive
	Destroy
	- Data inventory and mapping
	- Data integrity management - Data storage, backup, and recovery
	Redundant array of inexpensive disks (RAID)
	- Credential management
Given a scenario,	Password repository application
analyze the security	- End-user password storage
requirements and	- On premises vs. cloud repository
objectives to provide the appropriate	Hardware key manager
authentication and	Privileged access management
authorization controls.	- Password policies
	Complexity



Topic	Details
	<ul> <li>Length</li> <li>Character classes</li> <li>History</li> <li>Maximum/minimum age</li> <li>Auditing</li> <li>Reversable encryption</li> <li>Federation</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Transitive trust</li> <li>OpenID</li> <li>Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML)</li> <li>Shibboleth</li> <li>Access control</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Mandatory access control (MAC)</li> <li>Discretionary access control (DAC)</li> <li>Role-based access control</li> <li>Rule-based access control</li> <li>Attribute-based access control</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Remote Authentication Dial-in User Server (RADIUS)</li> <li>Terminal Access Controller Access Control System (TACACS)</li> <li>Diameter</li> <li>Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP)</li> <li>Kerberos</li> <li>OAuth</li> <li>802.1X</li> <li>Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP)</li> <li>Multifactor authentication (MFA)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Two-factor authentication (2FA)</li> <li>2-Step Verification</li> <li>In-band</li> <li>Out-of-band</li> <li>One-time password (OTP)</li> </ul>



Topic	Details
	<ul><li>HMAC-based one-time password (HOTP)</li><li>Time-based one-time password (TOTP)</li></ul>
	<ul><li>Hardware root of trust</li><li>Single sign-on (SSO)</li><li>JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) web token (JWT)</li><li>Attestation and identity proofing</li></ul>
	- Virtualization strategies
Given a set of requirements, implement secure cloud and virtualization solutions.	<ul> <li>Type 1 vs. Type 2 hypervisors</li> <li>Containers</li> <li>Emulation</li> <li>Application virtualization</li> <li>VDI</li> <li>Provisioning and deprovisioning</li> <li>Middleware</li> <li>Metadata and tags</li> <li>Deployment models and considerations</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Business directives <ul> <li>Cost</li> <li>Scalability</li> <li>Resources</li> <li>Location</li> <li>Data protection</li> </ul> </li> <li>Cloud deployment models <ul> <li>Private</li> <li>Public</li> <li>Hybrid</li> <li>Community</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	- Hosting models
	Multitenant     Single-tenant - Service models
	<ul> <li>Software as a service (SaaS)</li> <li>Platform as a service (PaaS)</li> <li>Infrastructure as a service (IaaS)</li> <li>Cloud provider limitations</li> </ul>



Topic	Details
	<ul><li>Internet Protocol (IP) address scheme</li><li>VPC peering</li></ul>
	- Extending appropriate on-premises controls - Storage models
	<ul><li>Object storage/file-based storage</li><li>Database storage</li></ul>
	Block storage
	Blob storage
	Key-value pairs
	<ul> <li>Privacy and confidentiality requirements</li> <li>Integrity requirements</li> <li>Non-repudiation</li> </ul>
	- Compliance and policy requirements - Common cryptography use cases
	- Common cryptograpmy use cases
	Data at rest
	Data in transit
	Data in process/data in use
Evolain how	Protection of web services
Explain how cryptography and	Embedded systems
public key	Key escrow/management
infrastructure (PKI)	Mobile security
support security objectives and	Secure authentication
requirements.	Smart card
	- Common PKI use cases
	Web services
	Email
	Code signing
	Federation
	Trust models
	• VPN
	<ul> <li>Enterprise and security automation/orchestration</li> </ul>
Explain the impact of	- Artificial intelligence
emerging technologies on enterprise security	- Machine learning - Quantum computing
	- Quantum computing - Blockchain
and privacy.	- Homomorphic encryption



Topic	Details
	<ul><li>Private information retrieval</li><li>Secure function evaluation</li><li>Private function evaluation</li></ul>
	<ul> <li>Secure multiparty computation</li> <li>Distributed consensus</li> <li>Big Data</li> <li>Virtual/augmented reality</li> <li>3-D printing</li> <li>Passwordless authentication</li> <li>Nano technology</li> <li>Deep learning</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Natural language processing</li> <li>Deep fakes</li> </ul>
	- Biometric impersonation
	Security Operations 30%
Given a scenario, perform threat management activities.	<ul> <li>Intelligence types</li> <li>Tactical     <ul> <li>Commodity malware</li> </ul> </li> <li>Strategic     <ul> <li>Targeted attacks</li> </ul> </li> <li>Operational     <ul> <li>Threat hunting</li> <li>Threat emulation</li> </ul> </li> <li>Actor types <ul> <li>Advanced persistent threat (APT)/nation-state</li> <li>Insider threat</li> <li>Competitor</li> <li>Hacktivist</li> <li>Script kiddie</li> <li>Organized crime</li> </ul> </li> <li>Threat actor properties</li> <li>Resource     <ul> <li>Time</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



Topic	Details
	Supply chain access
	Create vulnerabilities
	Capabilities/sophistication
	Identifying techniques
	- Intelligence collection methods
	Intelligence feeds
	<ul><li>Deep web</li><li>Proprietary</li></ul>
	Open-source intelligence (OSINT)     Human intelligence (HLIMINT)
	Human intelligence (HUMINT)
	- Frameworks
	<ul> <li>MITRE Adversarial Tactics, Techniques, &amp; Common knowledge (ATT&amp;CK)         <ul> <li>ATT&amp;CK for industrial control system (ICS)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Diamond Model of Intrusion Analysis</li> <li>Cyber Kill Chain</li> </ul>
	- Indicators of compromise
Given a scenario, analyze indicators of compromise and formulate an appropriate response.	<ul> <li>Packet capture (PCAP)</li> <li>Logs <ul> <li>Network logs</li> <li>Vulnerability logs</li> <li>Operating system logs</li> <li>Access logs</li> <li>NetFlow logs</li> </ul> </li> <li>Notifications <ul> <li>FIM alerts</li> <li>SIEM alerts</li> <li>DLP alerts</li> <li>IDS/IPS alerts</li> <li>Antivirus alerts</li> </ul> </li> <li>Notification severity/priorities</li> <li>Unusual process activity</li> </ul>
	- Response
	<ul><li>Firewall rules</li><li>IPS/IDS rules</li></ul>



Topic	Details
	ACL rules
	Signature rules
	Behavior rules
	DLP rules
	Scripts/regular expressions
	- Vulnerability scans
	Credentialed vs. non-credentialed
	Agent-based/server-based
	Criticality ranking
	Active vs. passive
	- Security Content Automation Protocol (SCAP)
	Extensible Configuration Checklist Description Format (XCCDF)
	Open Vulnerability and Assessment Language (OVAL)
Given a scenario,	Common Platform Enumeration (CPE)
perform vulnerability	<ul> <li>Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVE)</li> </ul>
management activities.	Common Vulnerability Scoring System (CVSS)
	Common Configuration Enumeration (CCE)
	Asset Reporting Format (ARF)
	- Self-assessment vs. third-party vendor assessment
	- Patch management - Information sources
	A divisa wis a
	<ul><li>Advisories</li><li>Bulletins</li></ul>
	Vendor websites
	<ul> <li>Information Sharing and Analysis Centers</li> </ul>
	(ISACs)
	News reports
	- Methods
Given a scenario, use the appropriate	- Static analysis
vulnerability	<ul><li>Static analysis</li><li>Dynamic analysis</li></ul>
assessment and	Side-channel analysis
penetration testing	Reverse engineering
methods and tools.	- Software



Topic	Details
	- Hardware
	Wireless vulnerability scan
	Software composition analysis
	Fuzz testing
	Pivoting
	Post-exploitation
	Persistence
	- Tools
	SCAP scanner
	Network traffic analyzer
	Vulnerability scanner
	Protocol analyzer
	Port scanner
	HTTP interceptor
	Exploit framework
	Password cracker
	- Dependency management
	- Requirements
	Scope of work
	Rules of engagement
	Invasive vs. non-invasive
	Asset inventory
	Permissions and access
	Corporate policy considerations
	Facility considerations
	Physical security considerations
	Rescan for corrections/changes
	- Vulnerabilities
	Race conditions
Given a scenario,	Overflows
analyze vulnerabilities	- Buffer
and recommend risk	- Integer
mitigations.	Broken authentication
	Unsecure references
	Poor exception handling



Details
Security misconfiguration
<ul> <li>Improper headers</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Information disclosure</li> </ul>
Certificate errors
<ul> <li>Weak cryptography implementations</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Weak ciphers</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Weak cipher suite implementations</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Software composition analysis</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Use of vulnerable frameworks and software modules</li> </ul>
Use of unsafe functions
Third-party libraries
- Dependencies
- Code injections/malicious changes
- End of support/end of life
- Regression issues
- Inherently vulnerable system/application
<ul> <li>Client-side processing vs. server-side processing</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>JSON/representational state transfer (REST)</li> </ul>
<ul><li>Browser extensions</li><li>- Flash</li></ul>
- ActiveX
Hypertext Markup Language 5 (HTML5)
<ul> <li>Asynchronous JavaScript and XML (AJAX)</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP)</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Machine code vs. bytecode or interpreted vs.</li> </ul>
emulated
- Attacks
Directory traversal
<ul> <li>Cross-site scripting (XSS)</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Cross-site request forgery (CSRF)</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Injection</li> </ul>
- XML
- LDAP
<ul><li>Structured Query Language (SQL)</li><li>Command</li></ul>



Topic	Details
	- Process
	Sandbox escape
	Virtual machine (VM) hopping
	VM escape
	Border Gateway Protocol (BGP)/route hijacking
	Interception attacks
	Denial-of-service (DoS)/DDoS
	Authentication bypass
	Social engineering
	VLAN hopping
	- Proactive and detection
	Hunts
	Developing countermeasures  Describes to shape legics.
	<ul> <li>Deceptive technologies</li> <li>Honeynet</li> </ul>
	- Honeypot
	- Decoy files
	- Simulators
	- Dynamic network configurations
	- Security data analytics
	Processing pipelines
	- Data
Given a scenario, use	- Stream
processes to reduce risk.	Indexing and search
IISK.	Log collection and curation
	Database activity monitoring
	- Preventive
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	Antivirus
	Immutable systems
	Hardening
	Sandbox detonation
	- Application control
	License technologies
	Allow list vs. block list
	Time of check vs. time of use



Topic	Details
	Atomic execution
	- Security automation
	Cron/scheduled tasks
	Bash
	PowerShell
	• Python
	- Physical security
	Review of lighting
	Review of visitor logs
	Camera reviews
	Open spaces vs. confined spaces
	<ul><li>Event classifications</li><li>False positive</li></ul>
	False negative
	True positive
	True negative
	<ul><li>Triage event</li><li>Preescalation tasks</li><li>Incident response process</li></ul>
	<ul> <li>Preparation</li> </ul>
	Detection
Given an incident,	Analysis
implement the	Containment
appropriate response.	<ul> <li>Recovery</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Lessons learned</li> </ul>
	- Specific response playbooks/processes
	<ul> <li>Scenarios <ul> <li>Ransomware</li> <li>Data exfiltration</li> <li>Social engineering</li> </ul> </li> <li>Non-automated response methods</li> <li>Automated response methods <ul> <li>Runbooks</li> <li>SOAR</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



Topic	Details
	- Communication plan - Stakeholder management
Explain the importance of forensic concepts.	<ul> <li>Legal vs. internal corporate purposes</li> <li>Forensic process</li> <li>Identification</li> <li>Evidence collection <ul> <li>Chain of custody</li> <li>Order of volatility</li> <li>Memory snapshots</li> <li>Images</li> <li>Cloning</li> </ul> </li> <li>Evidence preservation <ul> <li>Secure storage</li> <li>Backups</li> </ul> </li> <li>Analysis</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Forensics tools</li> <li>Verification</li> <li>Presentation</li> <li>Integrity preservation</li> <li>Hashing</li> <li>Cryptanalysis</li> <li>Steganalysis</li> </ul>
Given a scenario, use forensic analysis tools.	<ul> <li>File carving tools</li> <li>Foremost</li> <li>Strings</li> <li>Binary analysis tools</li> <li>Hex dump</li> <li>Binwalk</li> <li>Ghidra</li> <li>GNU Project debugger (GDB)</li> <li>OllyDbg</li> <li>readelf</li> <li>objdump</li> <li>strace</li> <li>Idd</li> </ul>



Topic	Details
-	• file
	- Analysis tools
	<ul> <li>ExifTool</li> <li>Nmap</li> <li>Aircrack-ng</li> <li>Volatility</li> <li>The Sleuth Kit</li> <li>Dynamically vs. statically linked</li> <li>Imaging tools</li> </ul>
	<ul><li>Forensic Toolkit (FTK) Imager</li><li>dd</li><li>Hashing utilities</li></ul>
	<ul><li>sha256sum</li><li>ssdeep</li><li>Live collection vs. post-mortem tools</li></ul>
	<ul> <li>netstat</li> <li>ps</li> <li>vmstat</li> <li>ldd</li> <li>lsof</li> <li>netcat</li> <li>tcpdump</li> <li>conntrack</li> <li>Wireshark</li> </ul>
Security Engineering and Cryptography 26%	
	- Managed configurations
Given a scenario, apply secure configurations to enterprise mobility	<ul> <li>Application control</li> <li>Password</li> <li>MFA requirements</li> <li>Token-based access</li> <li>Patch repository</li> <li>Firmware Over-the-Air</li> </ul>



Topic	Details
_	Remote wipe
	• WiFi
	- WiFi Protected Access (WPA2/3)
	- Device certificates
	Profiles
	Bluetooth
	Near-field communication (NFC)
	<ul> <li>Peripherals</li> </ul>
	Geofencing
	VPN settings
	Geotagging
	Certificate management
	Full device encryption
	Tethering
	Airplane mode
	Location services
	DNS over HTTPS (DoH)
	Custom DNS
	- Deployment scenarios
	Bring your own device (BYOD)
	Corporate-owned
	<ul> <li>Corporate owned, personally enabled (COPE)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Choose your own device (CYOD)</li> </ul>
	- Security considerations
	<ul> <li>Unauthorized remote activation/deactivation of devices or features</li> </ul>
	Encrypted and unencrypted communication concerns
	Physical reconnaissance
	Personal data theft
	Health privacy
	Implications of wearable devices
	Digital forensics of collected data
	Unauthorized application stores
	Jailbreaking/rooting
	Side loading
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Topic	Details
	<ul> <li>Containerization</li> <li>Original equipment manufacturer (OEM) and carrier differences</li> <li>Supply chain issues</li> <li>eFuse</li> </ul>
Given a scenario, configure and implement endpoint security controls.	<ul> <li>Removing unneeded services</li> <li>Disabling unused accounts</li> <li>Images/templates</li> <li>Remove end-of-life devices</li> <li>Remove end-of-support devices</li> <li>Local drive encryption</li> <li>Enable no execute (NX)/execute never (XN) bit</li> <li>Disabling central processing unit (CPU) virtualization support</li> <li>Secure encrypted enclaves/memory encryption</li> <li>Shell restrictions</li> <li>Address space layout randomization (ASLR)</li> <li>Processes</li> <li>Patching <ul> <li>Firmware</li> <li>Application</li> </ul> </li> <li>Logging</li> <li>Monitoring</li> </ul> <li>Mandatory access control</li> <li>Security-Enhanced Linux (SELinux)/Security-Enhanced Android (SEAndroid)</li> <li>Kernel vs. middleware</li> <li>Trustworthy computing</li> <li>Trusted Platform Module (TPM)</li> <li>Secure Boot</li> <li>Unified Extensible Firmware Interface (UEFI)/basic input/output system (BIOS) protection</li> <li>Attestation services</li>



Topic	Details
	<ul><li>Hardware security module (HSM)</li><li>Measured boot</li><li>Self-encrypting drives (SEDs)</li></ul>
	- Compensating controls
	<ul> <li>Antivirus</li> <li>Application controls</li> <li>Host-based intrusion detection system (HIDS)/Host-based intrusion prevention system (HIPS)</li> <li>Host-based firewall</li> <li>Endpoint detection and response (EDR)</li> <li>Redundant hardware</li> <li>Self-healing hardware</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>User and entity behavior analytics (UEBA)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Embedded</li> <li>Internet of Things (IoT)</li> <li>System on a chip (SoC)</li> <li>Application-specific integrated circuit (ASIC)</li> <li>Field-programmable gate array (FPGA)</li> <li>ICS/supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA)</li> </ul>
Explain security considerations impacting specific sectors and operational technologies.	<ul> <li>Programmable logic controller (PLC)</li> <li>Historian</li> <li>Ladder logic</li> <li>Safety instrumented system</li> <li>Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC)</li> <li>Protocols</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Controller Area Network (CAN) bus</li> <li>Modbus</li> <li>Distributed Network Protocol 3 (DNP3)</li> <li>Zigbee</li> <li>Common Industrial Protocol (CIP)</li> <li>Data distribution service</li> <li>Sectors</li> </ul>



Торіс	Details
	<ul> <li>Energy</li> <li>Manufacturing</li> <li>Healthcare</li> <li>Public utilities</li> <li>Public services</li> <li>Facility services</li> </ul> - Automation and orchestration
Explain how cloud technology adoption impacts organizational security.	<ul> <li>Encryption configuration</li> <li>Logs</li> <li>Availability</li> <li>Collection</li> <li>Monitoring</li> <li>Configuration</li> <li>Alerting</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Monitoring configurations</li> <li>Key ownership and location</li> <li>Key life-cycle management</li> <li>Backup and recovery methods</li> <li>Cloud as business continuity and disaster recovery (BCDR)</li> <li>Primary provider BCDR</li> <li>Alternative provider BCDR</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Infrastructure vs. serverless computing</li> <li>Application virtualization</li> <li>Software-defined networking</li> <li>Misconfigurations</li> <li>Collaboration tools</li> <li>Storage configurations</li> </ul>
	<ul><li>Bit splitting</li><li>Data dispersion</li><li>Cloud access security broker (CASB)</li></ul>
Given a business requirement, implement the appropriate PKI solution.	<ul> <li>PKI hierarchy</li> <li>Certificate authority (CA)</li> <li>Subordinate/intermediate CA</li> <li>Registration authority (RA)</li> </ul>



Topic	Details
	<ul> <li>Certificate types</li> <li>Wildcard certificate</li> <li>Extended validation</li> <li>Multidomain</li> <li>General purpose</li> <li>Certificate usages/profiles/templates</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Client authentication</li> <li>Server authentication</li> <li>Digital signatures</li> <li>Code signing</li> <li>Extensions</li> </ul>
	Common name (CN)  Subject alternate name (SAN)  Trusted providers  Trust model  Cross-certification  Configure profiles  Life-cycle management  Public and private keys  Digital signature  Certificate pinning  Certificate stapling  Certificate stapling  Certificate signing requests (CSRs)  Online Certificate Status Protocol (OCSP) vs. certificate revocation list (CRL)  HTTP Strict Transport Security (HSTS)
Given a business requirement, implement the appropriate cryptographic protocols and algorithms.	<ul> <li>Hashing</li> <li>Secure Hashing Algorithm (SHA)</li> <li>Hash-based message authentication code (HMAC)</li> <li>Message digest (MD)</li> <li>RACE integrity primitives evaluation message digest (RIPEMD)</li> <li>Poly1305</li> <li>Symmetric algorithms</li> </ul>



Topic	Details
	<ul> <li>Modes of operation <ul> <li>Galois/Counter Mode (GCM)</li> <li>Electronic codebook (ECB)</li> <li>Cipher block chaining (CBC)</li> <li>Counter (CTR)</li> <li>Output feedback (OFB)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Stream and block <ul> <li>Advanced Encryption Standard (AES)</li> <li>Triple digital encryption standard (3DES)</li> <li>ChaCha</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	- Salsa20
	- Asymmetric algorithms
	<ul> <li>Key agreement <ul> <li>Diffie-Hellman</li> <li>Elliptic-curve Diffie-Hellman (ECDH)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Signing <ul> <li>Digital signature algorithm (DSA)</li> <li>Rivest, Shamir, and Adleman (RSA)</li> <li>Elliptic-curve digital signature algorithm (ECDSA)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	- Protocols
	Secure Sockets Layer (SSL)/Transport Layer Security (TLS)
	<ul> <li>Secure/Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions (S/MIME)</li> </ul>
	<ul><li>Internet Protocol Security (IPSec)</li><li>Secure Shell (SSH)</li><li>EAP</li></ul>
	- Elliptic curve cryptography
	<ul><li>P256</li><li>P384</li></ul>
	<ul><li>Forward secrecy</li><li>Authenticated encryption with associated data</li><li>Key stretching</li></ul>
	<ul> <li>Password-based key derivation function 2 (PBKDF2)</li> </ul>



Topic	Details
	Bcrypt
	- Implementation and configuration issues
Given a scenario, troubleshoot issues with cryptographic implementations.	<ul> <li>Validity dates</li> <li>Wrong certificate type</li> <li>Revoked certificates</li> <li>Incorrect name</li> <li>Chain issues <ul> <li>Invalid root or intermediate CAs</li> <li>Self-signed</li> </ul> </li> <li>Weak signing algorithm</li> <li>Weak cipher suite</li> <li>Incorrect permissions</li> <li>Cipher mismatches</li> <li>Downgrade</li> </ul>
impiementations.	<ul> <li>Keys</li> <li>Mismatched</li> <li>Improper key handling</li> <li>Embedded keys</li> <li>Rekeying</li> <li>Exposed private keys</li> <li>Crypto shredding</li> <li>Cryptographic obfuscation</li> <li>Key rotation</li> <li>Compromised keys</li> </ul>
Gove	rnance, Risk, and Compliance 15%
Given a set of requirements, apply the appropriate risk strategies.	<ul> <li>Risk assessment</li> <li>Likelihood</li> <li>Impact</li> <li>Qualitative vs. quantitative</li> <li>Exposure factor</li> <li>Asset value</li> <li>Total cost of ownership (TCO)</li> <li>Return on investment (ROI)</li> <li>Mean time to recovery (MTTR)</li> </ul>



Details
Mean time between failure (MTBF)
<ul> <li>Annualized loss expectancy (ALE)</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Annualized rate of occurrence (ARO)</li> </ul>
Single loss expectancy (SLE)
Gap analysis
- Risk handling techniques
Transfer
Accept
Avoid
Mitigate
- Risk types
• Inherent
Residual
Exceptions
- Risk management life cycle
<ul> <li>Identify</li> </ul>
Assess
Control
- People
- Process
- Technology
- Protect - Detect
- Respond
- Restore
Review
Frameworks
- Risk tracking
Risk register
Key performance indicators
- Scalability
- Reliability
- Availability
Key risk indicators
- Risk appetite vs. risk tolerance



Торіс	Details
•	Tradeoff analysis
	<ul> <li>Usability vs. security requirements</li> </ul>
	- Policies and security practices
	<ul> <li>Separation of duties</li> <li>Job rotation</li> <li>Mandatory vacation</li> <li>Least privilege</li> <li>Employment and termination procedures</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Training and awareness for users</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Auditing requirements and frequency</li> </ul>
	- Shared responsibility model (roles/responsibilities)
Explain the importance of managing and mitigating vendor risk.	<ul> <li>Cloud service provider (CSP) <ul><li>Geographic location</li><li>Infrastructure</li><li>Compute</li><li>Storage</li><li>Networking</li><li>Services</li></ul></li> <li>Client <ul><li>Encryption</li><li>Operating systems</li><li>Applications</li><li>Data</li></ul></li> <li>Vendor lock-in and vendor lockout</li> <li>Vendor viability</li></ul>
	Financial risk
	Merger or acquisition risk
	- Meeting client requirements
	<ul> <li>Legal</li> <li>Change management</li> <li>Staff turnover</li> <li>Device and technical configurations</li> <li>Support availability</li> <li>Geographical considerations</li> <li>Supply chain visibility</li> <li>Incident reporting requirements</li> </ul>



Topic	Details
	<ul><li>Source code escrows</li><li>Ongoing vendor assessment tools</li><li>Third-party dependencies</li></ul>
	<ul> <li>Code</li> <li>Hardware</li> <li>Modules</li> <li>Technical considerations</li> <li>Technical testing</li> <li>Network segmentation</li> <li>Transmission control</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Shared credentials</li> <li>Security concerns of integrating diverse industries</li> </ul>
Explain compliance frameworks and legal considerations, and their organizational impact.	<ul> <li>Data considerations</li> <li>Data sovereignty</li> <li>Data ownership</li> <li>Data classifications</li> <li>Data retention</li> <li>Data types <ul> <li>Health</li> <li>Financial</li> <li>Intellectual property</li> <li>Personally identifiable information (PII)</li> <li>Data removal, destruction, and sanitization</li> </ul> </li> <li>Geographic considerations</li> <li>Location of data</li> <li>Location of data subject</li> <li>Location of cloud provider</li> <li>Third-party attestation of compliance</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Regulations, accreditations, and standards</li> <li>Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS)</li> <li>General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)</li> <li>International Organization for Standardization (ISO)</li> <li>Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI)</li> </ul>



Торіс	Details
-	National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)
	Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA)
	Common Criteria
	Cloud Security Alliance (CSA) Security Trust     Assurance and Risk (STAR)
	- Legal considerations
	Due diligence
	Due care
	Export controls
	Legal holds
	E-discovery
	- Contract and agreement types
	Service-level agreement (SLA)
	Master service agreement (MSA)
	<ul> <li>Non-disclosure agreement (NDA)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Memorandum of understanding (MOU)</li> </ul>
	Interconnection security agreement (ISA)
	Operational-level agreement
	Privacy-level agreement
	- Business impact analysis
	Recovery point objective
	Recovery time objective
	Recovery service level
	Mission essential functions
Explain the importance of business continuity and disaster recovery concepts.	- Privacy impact assessment - Disaster recovery plan (DRP)/business continuity plan (BCP)
'	Cold site
	Warm site
	Hot site
	Mobile site
	- Incident response plan



Topic	Details
	<ul><li>Roles/responsibilities</li><li>After-action reports</li></ul>
	- Testing plans
	<ul> <li>Checklist</li> <li>Walk-through</li> <li>Tabletop exercises</li> <li>Full interruption test</li> <li>Parallel test/simulation test</li> </ul>

## **Prepare with CAS-004 Sample Questions:**

#### **Question: 1**

A satellite communications ISP frequently experiences outages and degraded modes of operation over one of its legacy satellite links due to the use of deprecated hardware and software.

Three days per week, on average, a contracted company must follow a checklist of 16 different high-latency commands that must be run in serial to restore nominal performance. The ISP wants this process to be automated.

Which of the following techniques would be BEST suited for this requirement?

- a) Deploy SOAR utilities and runbooks.
- b) Replace the associated hardware.
- c) Provide the contractors with direct access to satellite telemetry data.
- d) Reduce link latency on the affected ground and satellite segments.

Answer: a

### Question: 2

A review of the past year's attack patterns shows that attackers stopped reconnaissance after finding a susceptible system to compromise.

The company would like to find a way to use this information to protect the environment while still gaining valuable attack information.

Which of the following would be BEST for the company to implement?

- a) A WAF
- b) An IDS
- c) A SIEM
- d) A honeypot

Answer: d



### **Question: 3**

An IT administrator is reviewing all the servers in an organization and notices that a server is missing crucial patches against a recent exploit that could gain root access.

Which of the following describes the administrator's discovery?

- a) A vulnerability
- b) A threat
- c) A breach
- d) A risk

Answer: a

### Question: 4

As part of its risk strategy, a company is considering buying insurance for cybersecurity incidents. Which of the following BEST describes this kind of risk response?

- a) Risk rejection
- b) Risk mitigation
- c) Risk transference
- d) Risk avoidance

Answer: c

#### **Question: 5**

A security engineer estimates the company's popular web application experiences 100 attempted breaches per day. In the past four years, the company's data has been breached two times.

Which of the following should the engineer report as the ARO for successful breaches?

- a) 8
- b) 0.5
- c) 50
- d) 36,500

Answer: b

#### **Question: 6**

Which of the following is the GREATEST security concern with respect to BYOD?

- a) The filtering of sensitive data out of data flows at geographic boundaries
- b) Removing potential bottlenecks in data transmission paths
- c) The transfer of corporate data onto mobile corporate devices
- d) The migration of data into and out of the network in an uncontrolled manner

Answer: d



### **Question: 7**

A company recently migrated from on-premises to cloud to meet a new requirement that the cloud provider reacts to any security vulnerabilities related to the underlying service. Which of the following risk handling techniques is described?

- a) Avoid
- b) Transfer
- c) Accept
- d) Mitigate

Answer: b

### **Question: 8**

Many of an organization's recent security incidents on the corporate network involve thirdparty software vulnerabilities. Which of the following would reduce the risk presented by these vulnerabilities?

- a) Only allow approved applications to be installed on workstations.
- b) Block all malicious and hard to manage applications from being installed.
- c) Perform software composition analysis for all software developed in-house.
- d) Properly manage third-party libraries in the development environment.

Answer: a

#### **Question: 9**

An organization recently started processing, transmitting, and storing its customers' credit card information. Within a week of doing so, the organization suffered a massive breach that resulted in the exposure of the customers' information.

Which of the following provides the BEST guidance for protecting such information while it is at rest and in transit?

- a) NIST
- b) GDPR
- c) PCI DSS
- d) ISO

Answer: c

#### **Question: 10**

Which of the following describes a contract that is used to define the various levels of maintenance to be provided by an external business vendor in a secure environment?

- a) NDA
- b) MOU
- c) BIA
- d) SLA

Answer: d



# Study Tips to Pass the CompTIA Advanced Security Practitioner Exam:

## **Understand the CAS-004 Exam Format:**

Before diving into your study routine, it's essential to familiarize yourself with the CAS-004 exam format. Take the time to review the <u>exam syllabus</u>, understand the test structure, and identify the key areas of focus. Prior knowledge of what to expect on exam day will help you tailor your study plan.

## Make A Study Schedule for the CAS-004 Exam:

To effectively prepare for the CAS-004 exam, make a study schedule that fits your lifestyle and learning style. Set specific time slots for studying each day and focus on the topics based on their importance and your proficiency level. Consistency is a must, so stick to your schedule and avoid procrastination.

## **Study from Different Resources:**

Make sure to expand beyond one source of study material. Utilize multiple resources such as textbooks, online courses, practice exams, and study guides to understand the CAS-004 exam topics comprehensively. Each resource offers unique insights and explanations that can enhance your learning experience.

## Practice Regularly for the CAS-004 Exam:

Practice makes you perfect for the CAS-004 exam preparation as well. Regular practice allows you to reinforce your knowledge of key concepts, enhance your problem-solving skills, and familiarize yourself with the exam format. Dedicate time to solving practice questions and sample tests to gauge your progress.

## **Take Breaks and Rest:**

While it's essential to study, taking breaks and allowing yourself to rest is equally important. Overloading your brain with information without adequate rest can lead to burnout and decreased productivity. Set short breaks during your study sessions to recharge and maintain focus.



## **Stay Organized During the CAS-004 Exam Preparation:**

Stay organized throughout your CAS-004 study journey by keeping track of your progress and materials. Maintain a tidy study space, use folders or digital tools to organize your notes and resources, and create a checklist of topics to cover. An organized approach helps you stay on track and minimize stress.

## **Seek Clarification from Mentors:**

Feel free to seek clarification if you encounter any confusing or challenging concepts during your study sessions. Reach out to peers, instructors, or online forums for assistance. Clarifying doubts early on will prevent misunderstandings and ensure you have a solid grasp of the material.

## Regular Revision Plays A vital Role for the CAS-004 Exam:

Consistent revision is essential for the long-term retention of information. Review previously covered topics to reinforce your understanding and identify any areas requiring additional attention. Reviewing regularly will help solidify your knowledge and boost your confidence.

## **Practice Time Management for the CAS-004 Exam:**

Effective time management is crucial on exam day to ensure you complete all sections within the allocated time frame. During your practice sessions, simulate CAS-004 exam conditions and practice pacing yourself accordingly. Develop strategies for tackling each section efficiently to maximize your score.

## **Stay Positive and Confident:**

Lastly, always have a positive mindset and believe in your abilities. Stay confident in your preparation efforts and trust that you have adequately equipped yourself to tackle the CAS-004 exam. Visualize success, stay focused, and approach the exam calmly and confidently.

# **Benefits of Earning the CAS-004 Exam:**

- Achieving the CAS-004 certification opens doors to new career opportunities and advancement within your field.
- The rigorous preparation required for the CAS-004 exam equips you with in-depth knowledge and practical skills relevant to your profession.
- Holding the CAS-004 certification demonstrates your expertise and commitment to excellence, earning recognition from peers and employers.



- Certified professionals often grab higher salaries and enjoy greater earning potential than their non-certified counterparts.
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# **Concluding Thoughts:**

Preparing for the CAS-004 exam requires dedication, strategy, and effective study techniques. These study tips can enhance your preparation, boost your confidence, and improve your chances of passing the exam with flying colors. Remember to stay focused, stay organized, and believe in yourself. Good luck!

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