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## Exam Questions CAMS

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#### NEW QUESTION 1

Which factor should a bank consider before sharing information about a customer with its broker-dealer affiliate in the case of an investigation?

- A. Whether the broker-dealer affiliate can rely on the due diligence done by the bank
- B. Whether there is a mutual legal assistance treaty in place between the two institutions
- C. Whether privacy and data protection rules permit the bank to share the information with the affiliate
- D. Whether both institutions have an account or are in the process of opening an account for the customer

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 2

What does the Financial Action Task Force 40 Recommendations address on transparency of beneficial ownership?

- A. Gatekeepers
- B. Correspondent banking
- C. Payable through accounts
- D. Legal persons and arrangements

**Answer: D**

#### NEW QUESTION 3

A compliance officer identifies a potentially significant risk in a popular financial product. Further investigation reveals there is no mitigating control. Which course of action should the compliance officer take?

- A. Launch a long-term project to remediate the control deficiency
- B. Note the risk and address it during the next round of policy and procedure review
- C. Immediately cease providing the product and only offer it after effective permanent mitigation is implemented
- D. Implement a temporary mitigation that enables effective management of the risk until a permanent plan can be developed

**Answer: D**

#### NEW QUESTION 4

A high-volume dealer of precious metals and stones in a high-risk jurisdiction is approached by a new customer interested in selling gold worth \$200,000. The customer was referred by a longtime family friend of the dealer and provides no indication of background or business purpose for the sale. The dealer agrees to make the purchase based solely on the reference.

What is the money laundering red flag?

- A. The customer was referred by a longtime friend of the dealer
- B. The precious metals dealer is operating in a high-risk jurisdiction
- C. A new customer is selling gold worth \$200,000 to a high volume dealer
- D. The customer provides no background information or business purpose for the transaction

**Answer: D**

#### NEW QUESTION 5

What are two risks to institutions for violating anti-money laundering laws as demonstrated by the 2012 HSBC settlement with United States authorities? (Choose two.)

- A. Forfeiture of assets
- B. Civil money penalties
- C. Loss of bank charter/license
- D. Imprisonment of bank employees

**Answer: AB**

#### NEW QUESTION 6

What is the currency threshold under the European Union Fourth Anti-Money Laundering Directive?

- A. 3,000 Euros
- B. 5,000 Euros
- C. 10,000 Euros
- D. 15,000 Euros

**Answer: C**

#### NEW QUESTION 7

What are two requirements of United States financial institutions when conducting business with an international institution as a result of the USA PATRIOT Act? (Choose two.)

- A. Performing enhanced due diligence on shell banks
- B. Performing due diligence on correspondent accounts
- C. Visiting the head office of the international financial institution
- D. Complying with Special Measures issued under the USA PATRIOT Act

**Answer:**

AD

**NEW QUESTION 8**

One key aspect of the Office of Foreign Assets Control's extraterritorial reach includes the blocking of certain non-United States initiated transactions for or through the United States (U.S.) for benefit of a restricted person or entity. Under which three circumstances are U.S. banks required to block transactions? (Choose three.)

- A. The transactions are to, or go through, a blocked entity
- B. Those that are by, or on behalf of, a blocked individual or entity
- C. Those that are by or on behalf of a blocked individual and a licensed entity
- D. Those that are in connection with a transaction in which a blocked individual or entity has an interest
- E. Those that are in connection with a transaction in which a blocked individual or entity has no interest

**Answer:** ABD

**NEW QUESTION 9**

A financial institution receives a regulatory enforcement action because of deficiencies in its anti-money laundering program. Which action should the board of directors take?

- A. Terminate the compliance officer and staff
- B. Purchase and install a new suspicious activity monitoring system
- C. Hire an attorney with instructions to protest the enforcement action
- D. Instruct the compliance officer to develop a plan to remediate the institution's anti-money laundering program

**Answer:** D

**NEW QUESTION 10**

A bank located in New York has identified suspicious transactions at a correspondent bank in China. For one of the international customers, the correspondent bank is not following agreed upon protocols. Which factor indicates that the bank should terminate the relationship?

- A. The correspondent bank has opened branches in a country on the Office of Foreign Assets Control list.
- B. The compliance officer at the correspondent bank is currently being investigated due to bribery allegations.
- C. The correspondent bank has recently exceeded acceptable limits in the primary banks' recently developed risk model.
- D. The primary institution has requested transactional details from the correspondent bank to aide in their investigation.

**Answer:** C

**NEW QUESTION 10**

A bank receives an anonymous tip from an employee about another employee through its confidential hotline. Which activity warrants further review?

- A. A mortgage officer works with home loan applicants to resolve adverse credit issues
- B. An employee in bookkeeping accepts funds transfer requests from customers via telephone
- C. An employee in accounting works with customers to help understand how to reduce service charges
- D. A teller distributes bank brochures to customers who regularly conduct cash transactions below reporting limits

**Answer:** B

**NEW QUESTION 14**

The anti-money laundering compliance officer for a small money transmitter has several agent locations in the same geographic area in the United States. The customers are immigrants from Country A and the majority of the funds are remitted to Country A.

In a meeting with one of the agents, it is recently discovered that two new customers have been coming in three times a week and sending funds to the same recipient in Country B. Each cash transaction always totals exactly \$8,000. What should alert the agent to possible money laundering activity by the two customers?

- A. They remit funds to the same person
- B. They have been coming in three times a week
- C. It is unusual for customers to remit to Country B
- D. Each of their transactions is just below the cash reporting threshold

**Answer:** A

**NEW QUESTION 16**

A corporate services provider in a European Union (EU) country has a prospect from an African country who deals in oil and gas. The prospect intends to develop an oil terminal in his home country with a \$75 million dollar loan secured by a third party, which is a trust formed in a Caribbean island with a holding company based in a European secrecy haven. A young lady is presented as an ultimate beneficial owner who has gained her wealth through a fitness studio in her home country.

What are two red flags that could indicate money laundering or financing terrorism? (Choose two.)

- A. A loan worth \$75 million with a third-party guarantor
- B. The guarantor company's ownership structure is overly complex
- C. The prospect wishes to have a corporate structure with a holding company in EU country
- D. The ultimate beneficial owner is young lady who has gained her wealth through a small business

**Answer:** BD

#### NEW QUESTION 18

A compliance officer at a small community bank has been asked to review existing customer onboarding policies and procedures to ensure they adequately address anti-money laundering risks. How should customer due diligence be implemented?

- A. With an annual compliance review and approval of customers
- B. With a one-time event conducted at initial customer onboarding
- C. As an ongoing activity that may vary commensurate with the risk profile of the customer
- D. As applicable to customers that pose higher money laundering or terrorist financing risk

**Answer: C**

#### NEW QUESTION 21

A bank's anti-money laundering section receives an anonymous tip that a customer might be engaging in possible money laundering. Which two facts should be considered during the course of an investigation into this matter? (Choose two.)

- A. The customer has had a long-standing account at the bank
- B. The customer is on the exempt list for currency transaction reporting requirements
- C. The customer is issuing a number of wires to several relatively high-risk jurisdictions
- D. The customer's account has had a large volume of activity, but the month-end balance is usually low

**Answer: CD**

#### NEW QUESTION 25

Which method is used to launder money in casinos?

- A. Purchase chips with cash and play at a table
- B. Purchase chips with cash and redeem for cash
- C. Purchase chips with cash and redeem for a check
- D. Purchase chips with cash and sell to another person for cash

**Answer: C**

#### NEW QUESTION 26

A bank operates in multiple countries and offers a variety of products and services. The compliance officer recently joined the bank and wants to better understand the inherent level of anti-money laundering risk across the entire organization. Which two factors should be considered? (Choose two.)

- A. The Transaction Monitoring program
- B. The Customer Due Diligence program
- C. Countries that the bank operates in
- D. Products and services offered by the bank

**Answer: AB**

#### NEW QUESTION 29

Law enforcement submitted a request to a bank for information regarding one of its customers. How should the bank respond according to Financial Action Task Force Guidance?

- A. Provide all information requested to support the investigation
- B. Ensure that the request will not violate any local privacy regulations or legislation
- C. Ensure the information is necessary to the investigation before responding to the request
- D. Contact the customer informing the person of the investigation to ensure the bank provides information

**Answer: C**

#### NEW QUESTION 31

The compliance officer for a bank is reviewing on-boarding documents for a new business account for a domestic corporation. The officer is unable to verify the identity of the beneficial owners of the company. Only information on the nominee owners was provided, and none of the listed addresses are local. The purpose of the business and future expected activity were disclosed to include cash letters, money orders and international remittance transfers. Which red flag identifies a heightened money laundering risk?

- A. Expected activity was advised to include cash letter and money orders
- B. The nature and purpose of the business include international remittance transfers
- C. The names provided at account opening are identified as the corporation's representative nominees
- D. Account signer's government issued identification lists addresses outside of where the branch account was opened

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 34

What is a key objective of the Egmont Group?

- A. To find ways to promote the development of Financial Intelligence Units and the sharing of expertise.
- B. To safeguard the financial system from illicit use and combat money laundering and promote national security.
- C. To issue binding standards that establish consistently operated Financial Intelligence Units in member jurisdictions.
- D. To provide best practices for financial institutions on how to report suspicious activity to best share the information with law enforcement.

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 37

An automotive parts company in South America sends multiple \$500,000 wire transfers per week to ABC Holdings Ltd. in Asia referencing payment for silk flower shipments. Research reveals Sunrise Holdings, Ltd is registered in the British Virgin Islands with no available ownership information. What are two red flags that indicate how trade-based money laundering could be occurring in this instance? (Choose two.)

- A. The transaction involves the use of front (or shell) companies
- B. The packaging is inconsistent with the commodity or shipping method
- C. Significant discrepancies appear between the description of the commodity on the bill of lading and the invoice
- D. The type of commodity being shipped appears inconsistent with the exporter or importer's regular business activities

**Answer:** AC

#### NEW QUESTION 42

The branch manager calls the compliance officer and informs her that a law enforcement officer has just left the branch and was asking a lot of questions and left a business card. What should the compliance officer do?

- A. File a suspicious transaction report
- B. Follow up to verify that the officer received all necessary information
- C. Verify that the reported officer was an actual authorized representative
- D. Require the branch manager to write a detailed memo about the request

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 47

What are two requirements with respect to supporting documentation that is used to identify potentially suspicious activity, according to Financial Action Task Force? (Choose two.)

- A. It must be retained for at least five years
- B. It must be retained for at least seven years
- C. It must be kept in a manner so that it can be provided promptly
- D. It must only be released to the government through a subpoena process

**Answer:** AC

#### NEW QUESTION 50

What are the regulatory risks to a bank employee who willfully violates anti-money laundering laws?

- A. Investigation and reputational damage
- B. Fines and suspension from the industry
- C. Criminal investigation and imprisonment
- D. Enforcement actions including fines against the financial institution

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 52

What do Financial Action Task Force (FATF)-style regional bodies do for their members to help combat money laundering and terrorist financing?

- A. They provide technical assistance to members in implementing FATF recommendations
- B. They assist member countries in penalizing entities that violate FATF standards and recommendations
- C. They work with members on areas of concern outside of anti-money laundering and terrorist financing
- D. They supervise member country financial institutions relating to anti-money laundering and terrorist financing

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 57

In which two ways does a government Financial Intelligence Unit interact with public and private sectors? (Choose two.)

- A. It governs the methods of investigation used by competent authorities
- B. It mediates disputes between financial institutions and investigative authorities
- C. It receives and analyzes disclosures filed by financial and non-bank institutions
- D. It disseminates information and the results of its analysis to competent authorities

**Answer:** CD

#### NEW QUESTION 60

A law enforcement agency is reviewing a suspicious transaction report (STR) filed by a financial institution for suspicious activity on a client's account. Subsequently, the agency requests further information. Which supporting documentation might the law enforcement agency request from the institution to facilitate its investigation?

- A. Previously filed STRs on the same customer
- B. Account opening documents and account statements
- C. Copies of promotional materials sent to the customer
- D. A copy of the institution's STR policy and procedures

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 61

What is a key risk associated with Correspondent Accounts according to the Basel Customer Due Diligence paper?

- A. It is not used on a daily basis
- B. The service fees are insufficient to cover the cost of managing the account
- C. The respondent bank's customer acceptance and know your customer policies are ineffective
- D. The volume and value of transactions passing through the account may not be in line with the original correspondent agreement

**Answer: C**

#### NEW QUESTION 63

Which three methods are commonly used by an accountant to launder money? (Choose three.)

- A. Representing a client court
- B. Understanding income to take a tax loss
- C. Overstating income to hide excess cash
- D. Acting as a conduit for transferring cash between accounts
- E. Acting as a designee for someone who wishes to hide their identity

**Answer: CDE**

#### NEW QUESTION 64

A bank located in Arizona is considering a loan application for a new client. The collateral for the loan is a property in Florida. The loan will be in the name of a limited company (LLC) whose ownership is not disclosed to the bank. The LLC was established by a New York-based attorney. The loan will be repaid by the LLC in monthly wire transfers of \$9,000 which is more than the required monthly payment. Which aspect indicates potential for money laundering?

- A. The LLC's ownership is not disclosed to the bank
- B. The collateral, a property in Florida, is not located in Arizona
- C. The repayment in the amount of \$9,000 indicates potential structuring
- D. The attorney associated with the account is outside the bank's lending area

**Answer: AC**

#### NEW QUESTION 65

A retail bank has just acquired a credit card business. The bank's anti-money laundering policy requires that new employees are trained within 30 days of their hire date and refresher training is delivered to all employees on an annual basis. Is the bank's existing anti-money laundering training adequate to be delivered to employee of the newly acquired credit card business?

- A. Yes, the existing training covers the bank's policies, procedures, and processes.
- B. No, anti-money laundering training needs to be delivered face-to-face for credit card businesses.
- C. No, anti-money laundering training needs to be tailored and focused on the risks specific to the business.
- D. Yes, the existing training covers the anti-money laundering regulations that the bank is required to follow.

**Answer: D**

#### NEW QUESTION 66

A customer living in a high-risk jurisdiction makes frequent, large cash deposits at a bank. The same customer sends small wire transfers to unrelated parties in other high-risk jurisdictions. What are two red flags that may indicate money laundering? (Choose two.)

- A. The bank allows cash deposits
- B. The client resides in a high-risk jurisdiction
- C. Wire transfers are to high-risk jurisdiction
- D. Large cash deposits are from a high-risk jurisdiction

**Answer: CD**

#### NEW QUESTION 69

A foreign bank operating under an offshore license wants to open a correspondent account with a United States (U.S.) bank. The foreign bank plans to provide payable through account services to some of its customers. What must the foreign bank provide to the U.S. bank under the USA PATRIOT Act?

- A. A list of politically exposed persons who are owners of the correspondent bank
- B. A list of account holders at the financial institution who will use the payable through account
- C. The person in the United States who can receive service of legal process for the correspondent bank
- D. A list of anti-money laundering training records for the financial institution employees monitoring payable through account transactions

**Answer: A**

#### NEW QUESTION 74

An institution has made the decision to exit a client relationship due to anti-money laundering concerns. Prior to starting the close out process, the institution receives a written request from a law enforcement agency to keep the account open. The client is the subject of an ongoing investigation and law enforcement wants the institution to continue to monitor the account and report any suspicious activity.

What is primary consideration the institution should keep in mind when deciding whether to agree to this request?

- A. The anticipated cost of complying with the law enforcement request
- B. The number of suspicious transaction reports previously filed on the client

- C. The fact that the institution has a solid record in complying with law enforcement requests
- D. Whether the institution can continue to meet its regulatory obligations with the accounts open

**Answer: D**

#### **NEW QUESTION 78**

The compliance officer for a private bank has been tasked with writing a policy on how the bank will deal with intermediaries.

Which two aspects should be included in the policy in respect of intermediaries to align it with the Wolfsberg Anti-Money Laundering Principles for Private Banking? (Choose two.)

- A. When an intermediary introduces clients to the bank, it is not necessary for the bank to perform due diligence on the intermediary's clients.
- B. Where an intermediary introduces clients to the bank, the bank must obtain the same type of information with respect to an introduced client that would otherwise be obtained by the bank, absent the involvement of the intermediary.
- C. Where an intermediary manages assets on behalf of a number of clients and is the account holder with the bank, but that intermediary does not conduct the same level of due diligence as the bank, it is necessary for the bank to undertake due diligence on the intermediary's clients.
- D. Where an intermediary manages assets on behalf of a number of clients and arranges for the opening of accounts for its clients with the bank, and that intermediary is a financial institution subject to similar regulations, it is necessary for the bank to perform due diligence on the intermediary's clients.

**Answer: BD**

#### **NEW QUESTION 80**

A compliance officer at an insurance company has been reviewing the transaction activity of several clients. Which transaction is considered a red flag for potential money laundering?

- A. A client paid the quarterly life insurance premium using money orders from two different banks.
- B. A client from a high-risk jurisdiction recently purchased property insurance for a real-estate development.
- C. A corporation owns several affiliates and recently opened separate group life insurance policies for each of the affiliates.
- D. A client established a \$100,000 charitable annuity with a non-profit organization that provides health and safety assistance internationally.

**Answer: D**

#### **NEW QUESTION 82**

An organization's automated surveillance system identifies large fluctuations in customer activity. As a result of an audit, the compliance officer is informed that the system is not generating alerts when activity is consistently abnormal over a long period of time. Currently the organization is evaluating new alert scenarios in an attempt to address this problem.

Which type of scenario is helpful in mitigating this weakness?

- A. Peer
- B. Income
- C. Mapping
- D. Below-the-line

**Answer: C**

#### **NEW QUESTION 83**

A popular restaurant in town has begun depositing less cash than it has in prior years. In a review of the customer's accounts, you notice that credit card receipts have increased with no explanation. The account officer discovers that the restaurant has installed a privately-owned automated teller machine (ATM) onsite and has begun construction on a patio dining area.

Which red flag should trigger additional investigation?

- A. Privately-owned ATM
- B. Lower cash deposits
- C. Increased credit card receipts
- D. Construction of the new patio dining area

**Answer: C**

#### **NEW QUESTION 84**

Which two factors assist a money laundering investigation that involves multiple countries? (Choose two.)

- A. Law enforcement and other authorities should have access to financial information that is pertinent to the investigation.
- B. Every country should share all their information with foreign law enforcement and government authorities to facilitate rapid investigations.
- C. Law enforcement and other authorities should be allowed to establish and utilize joint investigative teams with law enforcement in other countries.
- D. Law enforcement and other authorities should not expedite information sharing between countries to ensure that all information is provided at the same time to avoid premature conclusions.

**Answer: BC**

#### **NEW QUESTION 89**

A politically exposed person (PEP) maintains an account at a bank. Last month a money laundering analyst filed a suspicious transaction report about unusual wire deposits originated by unknown individuals in the home country of the official. To whom should this situation be escalated?

- A. The board of directors
- B. The line of business executive
- C. The bank's anti-money laundering officer
- D. The Financial Action Task Force's PEP Hotline

**Answer:** C

**NEW QUESTION 92**

Which two individuals are ordinarily beneficial owners of a private banking account according to the Wolfsberg Anti-Money Laundering Principles for Private Banking? (Choose two.)

- A. Those two are authorized signers on the account
- B. Those who have legal title to a controlling share interest in the customer
- C. Those who generally have ultimate control through ownership or other means over the funds in the account
- D. Those who are the ultimate source of funds for the account and whose source of wealth should be subject to due diligence

**Answer:** CD

**NEW QUESTION 97**

What are two sources for maintaining up-to-date sanctions information? (Choose two.)

- A. U.
- B. Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Security Letters
- C. U.
- D. Department of the Treasury Office of Foreign Assets Control
- E. U.
- F. Department of the Treasury – Section 311 – Special Measures
- G. Financial Action Task Force's list of High Risk and Non-Cooperative Jurisdictions

**Answer:** BD

**NEW QUESTION 102**

A bank has maintained an account for a European charity for several years. The charity provides clothing to persons in need in various countries with active terrorists' cells. Which action by the charity indicates possible terrorist financing?

- A. The charity frequently withdraws cash from the bank
- B. The charity has branch locations located in various countries
- C. The charity receives cash donations primarily from European countries
- D. The charity maintains a bank account for non-business-related expenses

**Answer:** B

**NEW QUESTION 106**

The compliance officer at a crowd funding website is in charge of monitoring new crowd funding projects. Recently, the number of crowd funding projects has significantly increased. Which red flag indicates the highest anti-money laundering risk?

- A. Those with the largest number of donors
- B. Projects that get funding within days of their start
- C. Projects with the highest monetary success threshold
- D. Projects that start and close and are fully funded within a very short period

**Answer:** D

**NEW QUESTION 110**

What are two legal risks of having inadequate privacy policies and procedures? (Choose two.)

- A. Diminished reputation
- B. Industry of regulatory sanctions
- C. Charges of deceptive business practices
- D. Higher marketing and public relations costs

**Answer:** AB

**NEW QUESTION 111**

Which method to launder money through deposit-taking institutions is closely associated with international trade?

- A. Forming a shell company
- B. Using Black Market Peso Exchange
- C. Structuring cash deposits withdrawals
- D. Investing in legitimate business with illicit funds

**Answer:** B

**NEW QUESTION 113**

An anti-money laundering audit identifies a significant weakness in how transaction monitoring alerts are cleared. Audit sampling identified potentially suspicious activity that was cleared as not suspicious. Management accepts the audit finding and develops a remediation plan. What is the role of the auditor during the correction phase?

- A. Directing the remediation of the deficiency in a timely manner
- B. Developing procedures to provide sufficient risk-based documentation for clearing alerts

- C. Providing training to the alert clearing department on the importance of effective alert clearing
- D. Validating the successful remediation of the issue once management indicates the issue is resolved

**Answer: B**

**NEW QUESTION 116**

A branch manager for a small community bank has a new customer who deposits for EUR 50,000 checks into one account. Shortly thereafter, the customer goes to another branch and asks to transfer all but EUR 1,500 to three accounts in different foreign jurisdictions. Which suspicious activity should be the focus of the suspicious transaction report?

- A. The customer opened the account with four large checks
- B. The customer goes to a different branch to make this transaction
- C. The customer transfers almost all of the funds out of the account
- D. The customer asks to transfer funds to accounts in three different foreign jurisdictions

**Answer: D**

**NEW QUESTION 117**

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