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NEW QUESTION 1

Company A has an AWS account that is named Account A. Company A recently acquired Company B, which has an AWS account that is named Account B. Company B stores its files in an Amazon S3 bucket.

The administrators need to give a user from Account A full access to the S3 bucket in Account B.

After the administrators adjust the IAM permissions for the user in Account A to access the S3 bucket in Account B, the user still cannot access any files in the S3 bucket.

Which solution will resolve this issue?

- A. In Account B, create a bucket ACL to allow the user from Account A to access the S3 bucket in Account B.
- B. In Account B, create an object ACL to allow the user from Account A to access all the objects in the S3 bucket in Account B.
- C. In Account B, create a bucket policy to allow the user from Account A to access the S3 bucket in Account B.
- D. In Account B, create a user policy to allow the user from Account A to access the S3 bucket in Account B.

Answer: C

Explanation:

A bucket policy is a resource-based policy that defines permissions for a specific S3 bucket. It can be used to grant cross-account access to another AWS account or an IAM user or role in another account. A bucket policy can also specify which actions, resources, and conditions are allowed or denied.

A bucket ACL is an access control list that grants basic read or write permissions to predefined groups of users. It cannot be used to grant cross-account access to a specific IAM user or role in another account.

An object ACL is an access control list that grants basic read or write permissions to predefined groups of users for a specific object in an S3 bucket. It cannot be used to grant cross-account access to a specific IAM user or role in another account.

A user policy is an IAM policy that defines permissions for an IAM user or role in the same account. It cannot be used to grant cross-account access to another AWS account or an IAM user or role in another account.

For more information, see [Provide cross-account access to objects in Amazon S3 buckets](#) and [Example 2: Bucket owner granting cross-account bucket permissions](#).

NEW QUESTION 2

A company has retail stores The company is designing a solution to store scanned copies of customer receipts on Amazon S3 Files will be between 100 KB and 5 MB in PDF format Each retail store must have a unique encryption key Each object must be encrypted with a unique key

Which solution will meet these requirements?

- A. Create a dedicated AWS Key Management Service (AWS KMS) customer managed key for each retail store Use the S3 Put operation to upload the objects to Amazon S3 Specify server-side encryption with AWS KMS keys (SSE-KMS) and the key ID of the store's key
- B. Create a new AWS Key Management Service (AWS KMS) customer managed key every day for each retail store Use the KMS Encrypt operation to encrypt objects Then upload the objects to Amazon S3
- C. Run the AWS Key Management Service (AWS KMS) GenerateDataKey operation every day for each retail store Use the data key and client-side encryption to encrypt the objects Then upload the objects to Amazon S3
- D. Use the AWS Key Management Service (AWS KMS) ImportKeyMaterial operation to import new key material to AWS KMS every day for each retail store Use a customer managed key and the KMS Encrypt operation to encrypt the objects Then upload the objects to Amazon S3

Answer: A

Explanation:

To meet the requirements of storing scanned copies of customer receipts on Amazon S3, where files will be between 100 KB and 5 MB in PDF format, each retail store must have a unique encryption key, and each object must be encrypted with a unique key, the most appropriate solution would be to create a dedicated AWS Key Management Service (AWS KMS) customer managed key for each retail store. Then, use the S3 Put operation to upload the objects to Amazon S3, specifying server-side encryption with AWS KMS keys (SSE-KMS) and the key ID of the store's key.

References: : [Amazon S3 - Amazon Web Services](#) : [AWS Key Management Service - Amazon Web Services](#) : [Amazon S3 - Amazon Web Services](#) : [AWS Key Management Service - Amazon Web Service](#)

NEW QUESTION 3

A large corporation is creating a multi-account strategy and needs to determine how its employees should access the IAM infrastructure.

Which of the following solutions would provide the MOST scalable solution?

- A. Create dedicated IAM users within each IAM account that employees can assume through federation based upon group membership in their existing identity provider
- B. Use a centralized account with IAM roles that employees can assume through federation with their existing identity provider Use cross-account roles to allow the federated users to assume their target role in the resource accounts.
- C. Configure the IAM Security Token Service to use Kerberos tokens so that users can use their existing corporate user names and passwords to access IAM resources directly
- D. Configure the IAM trust policies within each account's role to set up a trust back to the corporation's existing identity provider allowing users to assume the role based off their SAML token

Answer: B

Explanation:

the most scalable solution for accessing the IAM infrastructure in a multi-account strategy. A multi-account strategy is a way of organizing your AWS resources into multiple IAM accounts for security, billing, and management purposes. Federation is a process that allows users to access AWS resources using credentials from an external identity provider such as Active Directory or SAML. IAM roles are sets of permissions that grant access to AWS resources. Cross-account roles are IAM roles that allow users in one account to access resources in another account. By using a centralized account with IAM roles that employees can assume through federation with their existing identity provider, you can simplify and streamline the access management process. By using cross-account roles to allow the federated users to assume their target role in the resource accounts, you can enable granular and flexible access control across multiple accounts. The other options are either less scalable or less secure for accessing the IAM infrastructure in a multi-account strategy.

NEW QUESTION 4

A company has a set of EC2 Instances hosted in IAM. The EC2 Instances have EBS volumes which is used to store critical information. There is a business continuity requirement to ensure high availability for the EBS volumes. How can you achieve this?

- A. Use lifecycle policies for the EBS volumes
- B. Use EBS Snapshots
- C. Use EBS volume replication
- D. Use EBS volume encryption

Answer: B

Explanation:

Data stored in Amazon EBS volumes is redundantly stored in multiple physical locations as part of normal operation of those services and at no additional charge. However, Amazon EBS replication is stored within the same availability zone, not across multiple zones; therefore, it is highly recommended that you conduct regular snapshots to Amazon S3 for long-term data durability Option A is invalid because there is no lifecycle policy for EBS volumes Option C is invalid because there is no EBS volume replication Option D is invalid because EBS volume encryption will not ensure business continuity For information on security for Compute Resources, please visit the below URL: https://d1.awsstatic.com/whitepapers/Security/Security_Compute_Services_Whitepaper.pdf

NEW QUESTION 5

A company has a large fleet of Linux Amazon EC2 instances and Windows EC2 instances that run in private subnets. The company wants all remote administration to be performed as securely as possible in the AWS Cloud. Which solution will meet these requirements?

- A. Do not use SSH-RSA private keys during the launch of new instance
- B. Implement AWS Systems Manager Session Manager.
- C. Generate new SSH-RSA private keys for existing instance
- D. Implement AWS Systems Manager Session Manager.
- E. Do not use SSH-RSA private keys during the launch of new instance
- F. Configure EC2 Instance Connect.
- G. Generate new SSH-RSA private keys for existing instance
- H. Configure EC2 Instance Connect.

Answer: A

Explanation:

AWS Systems Manager Session Manager is a fully managed service that allows you to securely and remotely administer your EC2 instances without the need to open inbound ports, maintain bastion hosts, or manage SSH keys. Session Manager provides an interactive browser-based shell or CLI access to your instances, as well as port forwarding and auditing capabilities. Session Manager works with both Linux and Windows instances, and supports hybrid environments and edge devices.

EC2 Instance Connect is a feature that allows you to use SSH to connect to your Linux instances using short-lived keys that are generated on demand and delivered securely through the AWS metadata service. EC2 Instance Connect does not require any additional software installation or configuration on the instance, but it does require you to use SSH-RSA keys during the launch of new instances.

The correct answer is to use Session Manager, as it provides more security and flexibility than EC2 Instance Connect, and does not require SSH-RSA keys or inbound ports. Session Manager also works with Windows instances, while EC2 Instance Connect does not.

Verified References:

- > <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/systems-manager/latest/userguide/session-manager.html>
- > <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/Connect-using-EC2-Instance-Connect.html>
- > <https://repost.aws/questions/QUnV4R9EoeSdW0GT3cKBUR7w/what-is-the-difference-between-ec-2-ins>

NEW QUESTION 6

An application team wants to use IAM Certificate Manager (ACM) to request public certificates to ensure that data is secured in transit. The domains that are being used are not currently hosted on Amazon Route 53

The application team wants to use an IAM managed distribution and caching solution to optimize requests to its systems and provide better points of presence to customers The distribution solution will use a primary domain name that is customized The distribution solution also will use several alternative domain names The certificates must renew automatically over an indefinite period of time

Which combination of steps should the application team take to deploy this architecture? (Select THREE.)

- A. Request a certificate (torn ACM in the us-west-2 Region Add the domain names that the certificate will secure
- B. Send an email message to the domain administrators to request vacation of the domains for ACM
- C. Request validation of the domains for ACM through DNS Insert CNAME records into each domain's DNS zone
- D. Create an Application Load Balancer for me caching solution Select the newly requested certificate from ACM to be used for secure connections
- E. Create an Amazon CloudFront distribution for the caching solution Enter the main CNAME record as the Origin Name Enter the subdomain names or alternate names in the Alternate Domain Names Distribution Settings Select the newly requested certificate from ACM to be used for secure connections
- F. Request a certificate from ACM in the us-east-1 Region Add the domain names that the certificate wil secure

Answer: CDF

NEW QUESTION 7

A company's engineering team is developing a new application that creates IAM Key Management Service (IAM KMS) CMK grants for users immediately after a grant IS created users must be able to use the CMK tu encrypt a 512-byte payload. During load testing, a bug appears |intermittently where AccessDeniedExceptions are occasionally triggered when a user rst attempts to encrypt using the CMK

Which solution should the cOmpany's security specialist recommend'?

- A. Instruct users to implement a retry mechanism every 2 minutes until the call succeeds.
- B. Instruct the engineering team to consume a random grant token from users, and to call the CreateGrant operation, passing it the grant toke
- C. Instruct use to use that grant token in their call to encrypt.
- D. Instruct the engineering team to create a random name for the grant when calling the CreateGrant operatio
- E. Return the name to the users and instruct them to provide the name as the grant token in the call to encrypt.
- F. Instruct the engineering team to pass the grant token returned in the CreateGrant response to users.Instruct users to use that grant token in their call to encrypt.

Answer: D

Explanation:

To avoid AccessDeniedExceptions when users first attempt to encrypt using the CMK, the security specialist should recommend the following solution:

- Instruct the engineering team to pass the grant token returned in the CreateGrant response to users. This allows the engineering team to use the grant token as a form of temporary authorization for the grant.
- Instruct users to use that grant token in their call to encrypt. This allows the users to use the grant token as a proof that they have permission to use the CMK, and to avoid any eventual consistency issues with the grant creation.

NEW QUESTION 8

An organization has a multi-petabyte workload that it is moving to Amazon S3, but the CISO is concerned about cryptographic wear-out and the blast radius if a key is compromised. How can the CISO be assured that IAM KMS and Amazon S3 are addressing the concerns? (Select TWO)

- A. There is no API operation to retrieve an S3 object in its encrypted form.
- B. Encryption of S3 objects is performed within the secure boundary of the KMS service.
- C. S3 uses KMS to generate a unique data key for each individual object.
- D. Using a single master key to encrypt all data includes having a single place to perform audits and usage validation.
- E. The KMS encryption envelope digitally signs the master key during encryption to prevent cryptographic wear-out

Answer: CE

Explanation:

because these are the features that can address the CISO's concerns about cryptographic wear-out and blast radius. Cryptographic wear-out is a phenomenon that occurs when a key is used too frequently or for too long, which increases the risk of compromise or degradation. Blast radius is a measure of how much damage a compromised key can cause to the encrypted data. S3 uses KMS to generate a unique data key for each individual object, which reduces both cryptographic wear-out and blast radius. The KMS encryption envelope digitally signs the master key during encryption, which prevents cryptographic wear-out by ensuring that only authorized parties can use the master key. The other options are either incorrect or irrelevant for addressing the CISO's concerns.

NEW QUESTION 9

A company's cloud operations team is responsible for building effective security for IAM cross-account access. The team asks a security engineer to help troubleshoot why some developers in the developer account (123456789012) in the developers group are not able to assume a cross-account role (ReadS3) into a production account (999999999999) to read the contents of an Amazon S3 bucket (productionapp). The two account policies are as follows:

Developer account 123456789012:

Developer group permissions:

```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": "sts:AssumeRole",
      "Resource": "arn:aws:iam::999999999999:role/ReadS3"
    }
  ]
}
```

Production account 999999999999:

Production account ReadS3 role policy:

```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": "s3:ListAllMyBuckets",
      "Resource": "*"
    },
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": [
        "s3:ListBucket",
        "s3:GetBucketLocation"
      ]
    }
  ]
}
```

Production account ReadS3 role policy - trust relationship:

```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Principal": {
        "AWS": "arn:aws:iam::888888888888:root"
      },
      "Action": "sts:AssumeRole",
      "Condition": {
        "BoolIfExists": {
          "aws:MultiFactorAuthPresent": "true"
        }
      }
    }
  ]
}
```

Which recommendations should the security engineer make to resolve this issue? (Select TWO.)

- A. Ask the developers to change their password and use a different web browser.
- B. Ensure that developers are using multi-factor authentication (MFA) when they log in to their developer account as the developer role.
- C. Modify the production account ReadS3 role policy to allow the PutBucketPolicy action on the productionapp S3 bucket.
- D. Update the trust relationship policy on the production account S3 role to allow the account number of the developer account.
- E. Update the developer group permissions in the developer account to allow access to the productionapp S3 bucket.

Answer: AD

NEW QUESTION 10

There are currently multiple applications hosted in a VPC. During monitoring it has been noticed that multiple port scans are coming in from a specific IP Address block. The internal security team has requested that all offending IP Addresses be denied for the next 24 hours. Which of the following is the best method to quickly and temporarily deny access from the specified IP Address's.

Please select:

- A. Create an AD policy to modify the Windows Firewall settings on all hosts in the VPC to deny access from the IP Address block.
- B. Modify the Network ACLs associated with all public subnets in the VPC to deny access from the IP Address block.
- C. Add a rule to all of the VPC Security Groups to deny access from the IP Address block.
- D. Modify the Windows Firewall settings on all AMI'S that your organization uses in that VPC to deny access from the IP address block.

Answer: B

Explanation:

NACL acts as a firewall at the subnet level of the VPC and we can deny the offending IP address block at the subnet level using NACL rules to block the incoming traffic to the VPC instances. Since NACL rules are applied as per the Rule numbers make sure that this rule number should take precedence over other rule numbers if there are any such rules that will allow traffic from these IP ranges. The lowest rule number has more precedence over a rule that has a higher number. The IAM Documentation mentions the following as a best practices for IAM users

For extra security, enable multi-factor authentication (MFA) for privileged IAM users (users who are allowed access to sensitive resources or APIs). With MFA, users have a device that generates a unique authentication code (a one-time password, or OTP). Users must provide both their normal credentials (like their user name and password) and the OTP. The MFA device can either be a special piece of hardware, or it can be a virtual device (for example, it can run in an app on a smartphone).

Options C is invalid because these options are not available Option D is invalid because there is not root access for users

For more information on IAM best practices, please visit the below URL: <https://docs.IAM.amazon.com/IAM/latest/UserGuide/best-practices.html>

The correct answer is: Modify the Network ACLs associated with all public subnets in the VPC to deny access from the IP Address block.

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NEW QUESTION 10

A company has an application that uses an Amazon RDS PostgreSQL database. The company is developing an application feature that will store sensitive information for an individual in the database.

During a security review of the environment, the company discovers that the RDS DB instance is not encrypting data at rest. The company needs a solution that will provide encryption at rest for all the existing data and for any new data that is entered for an individual.

Which combination of options can the company use to meet these requirements? (Select TWO.)

- A. Create a snapshot of the DB instance
- B. Copy the snapshot to a new snapshot, and enable encryption for the copy process
- C. Use the new snapshot to restore the DB instance.
- D. Modify the configuration of the DB instance by enabling encryption
- E. Create a snapshot of the DB instance
- F. Use the snapshot to restore the DB instance.
- G. Use IAM Key Management Service (IAM KMS) to create a new default IAM managed AWS KMS key. Select this key as the encryption key for operations with Amazon RDS.
- H. Use IAM Key Management Service (IAM KMS) to create a new CMK
- I. Select this key as the encryption key for operations with Amazon RDS.
- J. Create a snapshot of the DB instance
- K. Enable encryption on the snapshot. Use the snapshot to restore the DB instance.

Answer: CE

NEW QUESTION 13

A company uses infrastructure as code (IaC) to create AWS infrastructure. The company writes the code as AWS CloudFormation templates to deploy the infrastructure. The company has an existing CI/CD pipeline that the company can use to deploy these templates.

After a recent security audit, the company decides to adopt a policy-as-code approach to improve the company's security posture on AWS. The company must prevent the deployment of any infrastructure that would violate a security policy, such as an unencrypted Amazon Elastic Block Store (Amazon EBS) volume.

Which solution will meet these requirements?

- A. Turn on AWS Trusted Advisor
- B. Configure security notifications as webhooks in the preferences section of the CI/CD pipeline.
- C. Turn on AWS Config
- D. Use the prebuilt rules or customized rule
- E. Subscribe the CI/CD pipeline to an Amazon Simple Notification Service (Amazon SNS) topic that receives notifications from AWS Config.
- F. Create rule sets in AWS CloudFormation Guard
- G. Run validation checks for CloudFormation templates as a phase of the CI/CD process.
- H. Create rule sets as SCP
- I. Integrate the SCPs as a part of validation control in a phase of the CI/CD process.

Answer: C

Explanation:

The correct answer is C. Create rule sets in AWS CloudFormation Guard. Run validation checks for CloudFormation templates as a phase of the CI/CD process. This answer is correct because AWS CloudFormation Guard is a tool that helps you implement policy-as-code for your CloudFormation templates. You can use Guard to write rules that define your security policies, such as requiring encryption for EBS volumes, and then validate your templates against those rules before deploying them. You can integrate Guard into your CI/CD pipeline as a step that runs the validation checks and prevents the deployment of any non-compliant templates.

The other options are incorrect because:

➤ A. Turning on AWS Trusted Advisor and configuring security notifications as webhooks in the preferences section of the CI/CD pipeline is not a solution, because AWS Trusted Advisor is not a policy-as-code tool, but a service that provides recommendations to help you follow AWS best practices. Trusted Advisor does not allow you to define your own security policies or validate your CloudFormation templates against them.

➤ B. Turning on AWS Config and using the prebuilt or customized rules is not a solution, because AWS Config is not a policy-as-code tool, but a service that monitors and records the configuration changes of your AWS resources. AWS Config does not allow you to validate your CloudFormation templates before deploying them, but only evaluates the compliance of your resources after they are created.

➤ D. Creating rule sets as SCPs and integrating them as a part of validation control in a phase of the CI/CD process is not a solution, because SCPs are not policy-as-code tools, but policies that you can use to manage permissions in your AWS Organizations. SCPs do not allow you to validate your CloudFormation templates, but only restrict the actions that users and roles can perform in your accounts.

References:

1: What is AWS CloudFormation Guard? 2: Introducing AWS CloudFormation Guard 2.0 3: AWS Trusted Advisor 4: What Is AWS Config? 5: Service control policies - AWS Organizations

NEW QUESTION 16

A company stores sensitive documents in Amazon S3 by using server-side encryption with an IAM Key Management Service (IAM KMS) CMK. A new requirement mandates that the CMK that is used for these documents can be used only for S3 actions.

Which statement should the company add to the key policy to meet this requirement?

A)

```
{
  "Effect": "Deny",
  "Principal": "*",
  "Action": "kms:*",
  "Resource": "*",
  "Condition": {
    "StringNotEquals": {
      "kms:CallerAccount": "s3.amazonaws.com"
    }
  }
}
```

B)

```
{
  "Effect": "Deny",
  "Principal": "*",
  "Action": "s3:*",
  "Resource": "*",
  "Condition": {
    "StringNotEquals": {
      "kms:ViaService": "kms.amazonaws.com"
    }
  }
}
```

A. Option A

B. Option B

Answer: A**NEW QUESTION 17**

An AWS account administrator created an IAM group and applied the following managed policy to require that each individual user authenticate using multi-factor authentication:

```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": "ec2:*",
      "Resource": "*"
    },
    {
      "Sid": "BlockAnyAccessUnlessSignedInWithMFA",
      "Effect": "Deny",
      "Action": "ec2:*",
      "Resource": "*",
      "Condition": {
        "BoolIfExists": {
          "aws:MultiFactorAuthPresent": false
        }
      }
    }
  ]
}
```

After implementing the policy, the administrator receives reports that users are unable to perform Amazon EC2 commands using the AWS CLI. What should the administrator do to resolve this problem while still enforcing multi-factor authentication?

- A. Change the value of aws:MultiFactorAuthPresent to true.
- B. Instruct users to run the `aws sts get-session-token` CLI command and pass the multi-factor authentication `--serial-number` and `--token-code` parameter
- C. Use these resulting values to make API/CLI calls.
- D. Implement federated API/CLI access using SAML 2.0, then configure the identity provider to enforce multi-factor authentication.
- E. Create a role and enforce multi-factor authentication in the role trust policy
- F. Instruct users to run the `sts assume-role` CLI command and pass `--serial-number` and `--token-code` parameter
- G. Store the resulting values in environment variable
- H. Add `sts:AssumeRole` to NotAction in the policy.

Answer: B**Explanation:**

The correct answer is B. Instruct users to run the `aws sts get-session-token` CLI command and pass the multi-factor authentication `--serial-number` and `--token-code` parameters. Use these resulting values to make API/CLI calls.

According to the AWS documentation¹, the `aws sts get-session-token` CLI command returns a set of temporary credentials for an AWS account or IAM user. The credentials consist of an access key ID, a secret access key, and a security token. These credentials are valid for the specified duration only. The session duration for IAM users can be between 15 minutes and 36 hours, with a default of 12 hours.

You can use the `--serial-number` and `--token-code` parameters to provide the MFA device serial number and the MFA code from the device. The MFA device must be associated with the user who is making the `get-session-token` call. If you do not provide these parameters when your IAM user or role has a policy that requires MFA, you will receive an Access Denied error. The temporary security credentials that are returned by the `get-session-token` command can then be used to make subsequent API or CLI calls that require MFA authentication. You can use environment variables or a profile in your AWS CLI configuration file to specify the temporary credentials. Therefore, this solution will resolve the problem of users being unable to perform EC2 commands using the AWS CLI, while still enforcing MFA. The other options are incorrect because:

- A. Changing the value of `aws:MultiFactorAuthPresent` to true will not work, because this is a condition key that is evaluated by AWS when a request is made. You cannot set this value manually in your policy or request. You must provide valid MFA information to AWS for this condition key to be true.
- C. Implementing federated API/CLI access using SAML 2.0 may work, but it requires more operational effort than using the `get-session-token` command. You would need to configure a SAML identity provider and trust relationship with AWS, and use a custom SAML client to request temporary credentials from AWS STS. This solution may also introduce additional security risks if the identity provider is compromised.
- D. Creating a role and enforcing MFA in the role trust policy may work, but it also requires more operational effort than using the `get-session-token` command. You would need to create a role for each user or group that needs to perform EC2 commands, and specify a trust policy that requires MFA. You would also need to grant the users permission to assume the role, and instruct them to use the `sts assume-role` command instead of the `get-session-token` command.

References:

1: `get-session-token` — AWS CLI Command Reference

NEW QUESTION 19

A company is hosting a web application on Amazon EC2 instances behind an Application Load Balancer (ALB). The application has become the target of a DoS attack. Application logging shows that requests are coming from small number of client IP addresses, but the addresses change regularly. The company needs to block the malicious traffic with a solution that requires the least amount of ongoing effort. Which solution meets these requirements?

- A. Create an AWS WAF rate-based rule, and attach it to the ALB.
- B. Update the security group that is attached to the ALB to block the attacking IP addresses.
- C. Update the ALB subnet's network ACL to block the attacking client IP addresses.
- D. Create a AWS WAF rate-based rule, and attach it to the security group of the EC2 instances.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 21

A company plans to use AWS Key Management Service (AWS KMS) to implement an encryption strategy to protect data at rest. The company requires client-side encryption for company projects. The company is currently conducting multiple projects to test the company's use of AWS KMS. These tests have led to a sudden increase in the company's AWS resource consumption. The test projects include applications that issue multiple requests each second to KMS endpoints for encryption activities.

The company needs to develop a solution that does not throttle the company's ability to use AWS KMS. The solution must improve key usage for client-side encryption and must be cost optimized. Which solution will meet these requirements?

- A. Use keyrings with the AWS Encryption SD
- B. Use each keyring individually or combine keyrings into a multi-keyring
- C. Decrypt the data by using a keyring that has the primary key in the multi-keyring.
- D. Use data key caching
- E. Use the local cache that the AWS Encryption SDK provides with a caching cryptographic materials manager.
- F. Use KMS key rotation
- G. Use a local cache in the AWS Encryption SDK with a caching cryptographic materials manager.
- H. Use keyrings with the AWS Encryption SD
- I. Use each keyring individually or combine keyrings into a multi-keyring
- J. Use any of the wrapping keys in the multi-keyring to decrypt the data.

Answer: B

Explanation:

The correct answer is B. Use data key caching. Use the local cache that the AWS Encryption SDK provides with a caching cryptographic materials manager. This answer is correct because data key caching can improve performance, reduce cost, and help the company stay within the service limits of AWS KMS. Data key caching stores data keys and related cryptographic material in a cache, and reuses them for encryption and decryption operations. This reduces the number of requests to AWS KMS endpoints and avoids throttling. The AWS Encryption SDK provides a local cache and a caching cryptographic materials manager (caching CMM) that interacts with the cache and enforces security thresholds that the company can set¹.

The other options are incorrect because:

- A. Using keyrings with the AWS Encryption SDK does not address the problem of throttling or cost optimization. Keyrings are used to generate, encrypt, and decrypt data keys, but they do not cache or reuse them. Using each keyring individually or combining them into a multi-keyring does not reduce the number of requests to AWS KMS endpoints².
- C. Using KMS key rotation does not address the problem of throttling or cost optimization. Key rotation is a security practice that creates new cryptographic material for a KMS key every year, but it does not affect the data that the KMS key protects. Key rotation does not reduce the number of requests to AWS KMS endpoints, and it might incur additional costs for storing multiple versions of key material³.
- D. Using keyrings with the AWS Encryption SDK does not address the problem of throttling or cost optimization, as explained in option A. Moreover, using any of the wrapping keys in the multi-keyring to decrypt the data is not a valid option, because only one of the wrapping keys can decrypt a given data key. The wrapping key that encrypts a data key is stored in the encrypted data key structure, and only that wrapping key can decrypt it⁴.

References:

1: Data key caching - AWS Encryption SDK 2: Using keyrings - AWS Encryption SDK 3: Rotating AWS KMS keys - AWS Key Management Service 4: How keyrings work - AWS Encryption SDK

NEW QUESTION 22

A Security Engineer creates an Amazon S3 bucket policy that denies access to all users. A few days later, the Security Engineer adds an additional statement to the bucket policy to allow read-only access to one other employee. Even after updating the policy, the employee still receives an access denied message. What is the likely cause of this access denial?

- A. The ACL in the bucket needs to be updated

- B. The IAM policy does not allow the user to access the bucket
- C. It takes a few minutes for a bucket policy to take effect
- D. The allow permission is being overridden by the deny

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 27

A corporation is preparing to acquire several companies. A Security Engineer must design a solution to ensure that newly acquired IAM accounts follow the corporation's security best practices. The solution should monitor each Amazon S3 bucket for unrestricted public write access and use IAM managed services. What should the Security Engineer do to meet these requirements?

- A. Configure Amazon Macie to continuously check the configuration of all S3 buckets.
- B. Enable IAM Config to check the configuration of each S3 bucket.
- C. Set up IAM Systems Manager to monitor S3 bucket policies for public write access.
- D. Configure an Amazon EC2 instance to have an IAM role and a cron job that checks the status of all S3 buckets.

Answer: C

Explanation:

because this is a solution that can monitor each S3 bucket for unrestricted public write access and use IAM managed services. S3 is a service that provides object storage in the cloud. Systems Manager is a service that helps you automate and manage your AWS resources. You can use Systems Manager to monitor S3 bucket policies for public write access by using a State Manager association that runs a predefined document called AWS-FindS3BucketWithPublicWriteAccess. This document checks each S3 bucket in an account and reports any bucket that has public write access enabled. The other options are either not suitable or not feasible for meeting the requirements.

NEW QUESTION 29

A security team is developing an application on an Amazon EC2 instance to get objects from an Amazon S3 bucket. All objects in the S3 bucket are encrypted with an AWS Key Management Service (AWS KMS) customer managed key. All network traffic for requests that are made within the VPC is restricted to the AWS infrastructure. This traffic does not traverse the public internet.

The security team is unable to get objects from the S3 bucket Which factors could cause this issue? (Select THREE.)

- A. The IAM instance profile that is attached to the EC2 instance does not allow the s3 ListBucket action to the S3: bucket in the AWS accounts.
- B. The IAM instance profile that is attached to the EC2 instance does not allow the s3 ListParts action to the S3; bucket in the AWS accounts.
- C. The KMS key policy that encrypts the object in the S3 bucket does not allow the kms; ListKeys action to the EC2 instance profile ARN.
- D. The KMS key policy that encrypts the object in the S3 bucket does not allow the kms Decrypt action to the EC2 instance profile ARN.
- E. The security group that is attached to the EC2 instance is missing an outbound rule to the S3 managed prefix list over port 443.
- F. The security group that is attached to the EC2 instance is missing an inbound rule from the S3 managed prefix list over port 443.

Answer: ADE

Explanation:

<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/vpc/latest/userguide/security-group-rules.html>

To get objects from an S3 bucket that are encrypted with a KMS customer managed key, the security team needs to have the following factors in place:

- The IAM instance profile that is attached to the EC2 instance must allow the s3:GetObject action to the S3 bucket or object in the AWS account. This permission is required to read the object from S3. Option A is incorrect because it specifies the s3:ListBucket action, which is only required to list the objects in the bucket, not to get them.
- The KMS key policy that encrypts the object in the S3 bucket must allow the kms:Decrypt action to the EC2 instance profile ARN. This permission is required to decrypt the object using the KMS key. Option D is correct.
- The security group that is attached to the EC2 instance must have an outbound rule to the S3 managed prefix list over port 443. This rule is required to allow HTTPS traffic from the EC2 instance to S3 within the AWS infrastructure. Option E is correct. Option B is incorrect because it specifies the s3:ListParts action, which is only required for multipart uploads, not for getting objects. Option C is incorrect because it specifies the kms:ListKeys action, which is not required for getting objects. Option F is incorrect because it specifies an inbound rule from the S3 managed prefix list, which is not required for getting objects. Verified References:
- <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/kms/latest/developerguide/control-access.html>
- <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/vpc/latest/userguide/vpc-endpoints-s3.html>

NEW QUESTION 32

An Incident Response team is investigating an IAM access key leak that resulted in Amazon EC2 instances being launched. The company did not discover the incident until many months later The Director of Information Security wants to implement new controls that will alert when similar incidents happen in the future Which controls should the company implement to achieve this? {Select TWO.)

- A. Enable VPC Flow Logs in all VPCs Create a scheduled IAM Lambda function that downloads and parses the logs, and sends an Amazon SNS notification for violations.
- B. Use IAM CloudTrail to make a trail, and apply it to all Regions Specify an Amazon S3 bucket to receive all the CloudTrail log files
- C. Add the following bucket policy to the company's IAM CloudTrail bucket to prevent log tampering{"Version": "2012-10-17","Statement": { "Effect": "Deny","Action": "s3:PutObject", "Principal": "-", "Resource": "arn:IAM:s3:::cloudtrail/IAMLogs/111122223333/*"}}Create an Amazon S3 data event for an PutObject attempts, which sends notifications to an Amazon SNS topic.
- D. Create a Security Auditor role with permissions to access Amazon CloudWatch Logs m all Regions Ship the logs to an Amazon S3 bucket and make a lifecycle policy to ship the logs to Amazon S3 Glacier.
- E. Verify that Amazon GuardDuty is enabled in all Regions, and create an Amazon CloudWatch Events rule for Amazon GuardDuty findings Add an Amazon SNS topic as the rule's target

Answer: AE

NEW QUESTION 36

A company is designing a multi-account structure for its development teams. The company is using AWS Organizations and AWS Single Sign-On (AWS SSO). The company must implement a solution so that the development teams can use only specific AWS Regions and so that each AWS account allows access to only

specific AWS services.

Which solution will meet these requirements with the LEAST operational overhead?

- A. Use AWS SSO to set up service-linked roles with IAM policy statements that include the Condition, Resource, and NotAction elements to allow access to only the Regions and services that are needed.
- B. Deactivate AWS Security Token Service (AWS STS) in Regions that the developers are not allowed to use.
- C. Create SCPs that include the Condition, Resource, and NotAction elements to allow access to only the Regions and services that are needed.
- D. For each AWS account, create tailored identity-based policies for AWS SS
- E. Use statements that include the Condition, Resource, and NotAction elements to allow access to only the Regions and services that are needed.

Answer: C

Explanation:

https://docs.aws.amazon.com/organizations/latest/userguide/orgs_manage_policies_scps_syntax.html#scp-eleme

NEW QUESTION 40

A security engineer is using AWS Organizations and wants to optimize SCPs. The security engineer needs to ensure that the SCPs conform to best practices. Which approach should the security engineer take to meet this requirement?

- A. Use AWS IAM Access Analyzer to analyze the policie
- B. View the findings from policy validation checks.
- C. Review AWS Trusted Advisor checks for all accounts in the organization.
- D. Set up AWS Audit Manage
- E. Run an assessment for all AWS Regions for all accounts.
- F. Ensure that Amazon Inspector agents are installed on all Amazon EC2 in-stances in all accounts.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 43

A company that uses AWS Organizations wants to see AWS Security Hub findings for many AWS accounts and AWS Regions. Some of the accounts are in the company's organization, and some accounts are in organizations that the company manages for customers. Although the company can see findings in the Security Hub administrator account for accounts in the company's organization, there are no findings from accounts in other organizations.

Which combination of steps should the company take to see findings from accounts that are outside the organization that includes the Security Hub administrator account? (Select TWO.)

- A. Use a designated administration account to automatically set up member accounts.
- B. Create the AWS Service Role ForSecurrty Hub service-linked rote for Security Hub.
- C. Send an administration request from the member accounts.
- D. Enable Security Hub for all member accounts.
- E. Send invitations to accounts that are outside the company's organization from the Security Hub administrator account.

Answer: CE

Explanation:

To see Security Hub findings for accounts that are outside the organization that includes the Security Hub administrator account, the following steps are required:

➤ Send invitations to accounts that are outside the company's organization from the Security Hub administrator account. This will allow the administrator account to view and manage findings from those accounts. The administrator account can send invitations by using the Security Hub console, API, or CLI. For more information, see [Sending invitations to member accounts](#).

➤ Send an administration request from the member accounts. This will allow the member accounts to accept the invitation from the administrator account and establish a relationship with it. The member accounts can send administration requests by using the Security Hub console, API, or CLI. For more information, see [Sending administration requests](#).

This solution will enable the company to see Security Hub findings for many AWS accounts and AWS Regions, including accounts that are outside its own organization.

The other options are incorrect because they either do not establish a relationship between the administrator and member accounts (A, B), do not enable Security Hub for all member accounts (D), or do not use a valid service for Security Hub (F).

Verified References:

➤ <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/securityhub/latest/userguide/securityhub-member-accounts.html>

NEW QUESTION 47

A security engineer needs to implement a write-once-read-many (WORM) model for data that a company will store in Amazon S3 buckets. The company uses the S3 Standard storage class for all of its S3 buckets. The security engineer must en-sure that objects cannot be overwritten or deleted by any user, including the AWS account root user.

Which solution will meet these requirements?

- A. Create new S3 buckets with S3 Object Lock enabled in compliance mod
- B. Place objects in the S3 buckets.
- C. Use S3 Glacier Vault Lock to attach a Vault Lock policy to new S3 bucket
- D. Wait 24 hours to complete the Vault Lock proces
- E. Place objects in the S3 buckets.
- F. Create new S3 buckets with S3 Object Lock enabled in governance mod
- G. Place objects in the S3 buckets.
- H. Create new S3 buckets with S3 Object Lock enabled in governance mod
- I. Add a legal hold to the S3 bucket
- J. Place objects in the S3 buckets.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 49

A Network Load Balancer (NLB) target instance is not entering the InService state. A security engineer determines that health checks are failing. Which factors could cause the health check failures? (Select THREE.)

- A. The target instance's security group does not allow traffic from the NLB.
- B. The target instance's security group is not attached to the NLB.
- C. The NLB's security group is not attached to the target instance.
- D. The target instance's subnet network ACL does not allow traffic from the NLB.
- E. The target instance's security group is not using IP addresses to allow traffic from the NLB.
- F. The target network ACL is not attached to the NLB.

Answer: ACD

NEW QUESTION 53

A security team is working on a solution that will use Amazon EventBridge (Amazon CloudWatch Events) to monitor new Amazon S3 objects. The solution will monitor for public access and for changes to any S3 bucket policy or setting that result in public access. The security team configures EventBridge to watch for specific API calls that are logged from AWS CloudTrail. EventBridge has an action to send an email notification through Amazon Simple Notification Service (Amazon SNS) to the security team immediately with details of the API call. Specifically, the security team wants EventBridge to watch for the s3:PutObjectAcl, s3:DeleteBucketPolicy, and s3:PutBucketPolicy API invocation logs from CloudTrail. While developing the solution in a single account, the security team discovers that the s3:PutObjectAcl API call does not invoke an EventBridge event. However, the s3:DeleteBucketPolicy API call and the s3:PutBucketPolicy API call do invoke an event. The security team has enabled CloudTrail for AWS management events with a basic configuration in the AWS Region in which EventBridge is being tested. Verification of the EventBridge event pattern indicates that the pattern is set up correctly. The security team must implement a solution so that the s3:PutObjectAcl API call will invoke an EventBridge event. The solution must not generate false notifications. Which solution will meet these requirements?

- A. Modify the EventBridge event pattern by selecting Amazon S3. Select All Events as the event type.
- B. Modify the EventBridge event pattern by selecting Amazon S3. Select Bucket Level Operations as the event type.
- C. Enable CloudTrail Insights to identify unusual API activity.
- D. Enable CloudTrail to monitor data events for read and write operations to S3 buckets.

Answer: D

Explanation:

The correct answer is D. Enable CloudTrail to monitor data events for read and write operations to S3 buckets. According to the AWS documentation¹, CloudTrail data events are the resource operations performed on or within a resource. These are also known as data plane operations. Data events are often high-volume activities. For example, Amazon S3 object-level API activity (such as GetObject, DeleteObject, and PutObject) is a data event. By default, trails do not log data events. To record CloudTrail data events, you must explicitly add the supported resources or resource types for which you want to collect activity. For more information, see Logging data events in the Amazon S3 User Guide². In this case, the security team wants EventBridge to watch for the s3:PutObjectAcl API invocation logs from CloudTrail. This API uses the acl subresource to set the access control list (ACL) permissions for a new or existing object in an S3 bucket³. This is a data event that affects the S3 object resource type. Therefore, the security team must enable CloudTrail to monitor data events for read and write operations to S3 buckets in order to invoke an EventBridge event for this API call. The other options are incorrect because:

- A. Modifying the EventBridge event pattern by selecting Amazon S3 and All Events as the event type will not capture the s3:PutObjectAcl API call, because this is a data event and not a management event. Management events provide information about management operations that are performed on resources in your AWS account. These are also known as control plane operations⁴.
- B. Modifying the EventBridge event pattern by selecting Amazon S3 and Bucket Level Operations as the event type will not capture the s3:PutObjectAcl API call, because this is a data event that affects the S3 object resource type and not the S3 bucket resource type. Bucket level operations are management events that affect the configuration or metadata of an S3 bucket⁵.
- C. Enabling CloudTrail Insights to identify unusual API activity will not help the security team monitor new S3 objects or changes to any S3 bucket policy or setting that result in public access. CloudTrail Insights helps AWS users identify and respond to unusual activity associated with API calls and API error rates by continuously analyzing CloudTrail management events⁶. It does not analyze data events or generate EventBridge events.

References:

1: CloudTrail log event reference - AWS CloudTrail 2: Logging data events - AWS CloudTrail 3: PutObjectAcl - Amazon Simple Storage Service 4: [Logging management events - AWS CloudTrail] 5: [Amazon S3 Event Types - Amazon Simple Storage Service] 6: Logging Insights events for trails - AWS CloudTrail

NEW QUESTION 58

A company recently had a security audit in which the auditors identified multiple potential threats. These potential threats can cause usage pattern changes such as DNS access peak, abnormal instance traffic, abnormal network interface traffic, and unusual Amazon S3 API calls. The threats can come from different sources and can occur at any time. The company needs to implement a solution to continuously monitor its system and identify all these incoming threats in near-real time. Which solution will meet these requirements?

- A. Enable AWS CloudTrail logs, VPC flow logs, and DNS log
- B. Use Amazon CloudWatch Logs to manage these logs from a centralized account.
- C. Enable AWS CloudTrail logs, VPC flow logs, and DNS log
- D. Use Amazon Macie to monitor these logs from a centralized account.
- E. Enable Amazon GuardDuty from a centralized account
- F. Use GuardDuty to manage AWS CloudTrail logs, VPC flow logs, and DNS logs.
- G. Enable Amazon Inspector from a centralized account
- H. Use Amazon Inspector to manage AWS CloudTrail logs, VPC flow logs, and DNS logs.

Answer: C

Explanation:

Q: Which data sources does GuardDuty analyze? GuardDuty analyzes CloudTrail management event logs, CloudTrail S3 data event logs, VPC Flow Logs, DNS query logs, and Amazon EKS audit logs. GuardDuty can also scan EBS volume data for possible malware when GuardDuty Malware Protection is enabled and identifies suspicious behavior indicative of malicious software in EC2 instance or container workloads. The service is optimized to consume large data volumes for near real-time processing of security detections. GuardDuty gives you access to built-in detection techniques developed and optimized for the cloud, which are maintained and continuously improved upon by GuardDuty engineering.

NEW QUESTION 61

A company uses Amazon GuardDuty. The company's security team wants all High severity findings to automatically generate a ticket in a third-party ticketing system through email integration.

Which solution will meet this requirement?

- A. Create a verified identity for the third-party ticketing email system in Amazon Simple Email Service (Amazon SES). Create an Amazon EventBridge rule that includes an event pattern that matches High severity GuardDuty finding
- B. Specify the SES identity as the target for the EventBridge rule.
- C. Create an Amazon Simple Notification Service (Amazon SNS) topic
- D. Subscribe the third-party ticketing email system to the SNS topic
- E. Create an Amazon EventBridge rule that includes an event pattern that matches High severity GuardDuty finding
- F. Specify the SNS topic as the target for the EventBridge rule.
- G. Use the GuardDuty CreateFilter API operation to build a filter in GuardDuty to monitor for High severity finding
- H. Export the results of the filter to an Amazon Simple Notification Service (Amazon SNS) topic
- I. Subscribe the third-party ticketing email system to the SNS topic.
- J. Use the GuardDuty CreateFilter API operation to build a filter in GuardDuty to monitor for High severity finding
- K. Create an Amazon Simple Notification Service (Amazon SNS) topic
- L. Subscribe the third-party ticketing email system to the SNS topic
- M. Create an Amazon EventBridge rule that includes an event pattern that matches GuardDuty findings that are selected by the filter
- N. Specify the SNS topic as the target for the EventBridge rule.

Answer: B

Explanation:

The correct answer is B. Create an Amazon Simple Notification Service (Amazon SNS) topic. Subscribe the third-party ticketing email system to the SNS topic. Create an Amazon EventBridge rule that includes an event pattern that matches High severity GuardDuty findings. Specify the SNS topic as the target for the EventBridge rule.

According to the AWS documentation¹, you can use Amazon EventBridge to create rules that match events from GuardDuty and route them to targets such as Amazon SNS topics. You can use event patterns to filter events based on criteria such as severity, type, or resource. For example, you can create a rule that matches only High severity findings and sends them to an SNS topic that is subscribed by a third-party ticketing email system. This way, you can automate the creation of tickets for High severity findings and notify the security team.

NEW QUESTION 63

Within a VPC, a corporation runs an Amazon RDS Multi-AZ DB instance. The database instance is connected to the internet through a NAT gateway via two subnets.

Additionally, the organization has application servers that are hosted on Amazon EC2 instances and use the RDS database. These EC2 instances have been deployed onto two more private subnets inside the same VPC. These EC2 instances connect to the internet through a default route via the same NAT gateway. Each VPC subnet has its own route table.

The organization implemented a new security requirement after a recent security examination. Never allow the database instance to connect to the internet. A security engineer must perform this update promptly without interfering with the network traffic of the application servers.

How will the security engineer be able to comply with these requirements?

- A. Remove the existing NAT gateway
- B. Create a new NAT gateway that only the application server subnets can use.
- C. Configure the DB instance's inbound network ACL to deny traffic from the security group ID of the NAT gateway.
- D. Modify the route tables of the DB instance subnets to remove the default route to the NAT gateway.
- E. Configure the route table of the NAT gateway to deny connections to the DB instance subnets.

Answer: C

Explanation:

Each subnet has a route table, so modify the routing associated with DB instance subnets to prevent internet access.

NEW QUESTION 66

A security engineer is checking an AWS CloudFormation template for vulnerabilities. The security engineer finds a parameter that has a default value that exposes an application's API key in plaintext. The parameter is referenced several times throughout the template. The security engineer must replace the parameter while maintaining the ability to reference the value in the template. Which solution will meet these requirements in the MOST secure way?

```
{resolve:s3:MyBucketName:MyObjectName}}.
```

- A. Store the API key value as a SecureString parameter in AWS Systems Manager Parameter Store
- B. In the template, replace all references to the value with `{{resolve:ssm:MySSMParameterName:1}}`.
- C. Store the API key value in AWS Secrets Manager
- D. In the template, replace all references to the value with `{{resolve:secretsmanager:MySecretId:SecretString}}`.
- E. Store the API key value in Amazon DynamoDB
- F. In the template, replace all references to the value with `{{resolve:dynamodb:MyTableName:MyPrimaryKey}}`.
- G. Store the API key value in a new Amazon S3 bucket
- H. In the template, replace all references to the value with `{{resolve:s3:MyBucketName:MyObjectName}}`.

Answer: B

Explanation:

The correct answer is B. Store the API key value in AWS Secrets Manager. In the template, replace all references to the value with `{{resolve:secretsmanager:MySecretId:SecretString}}`.

This answer is correct because AWS Secrets Manager is a service that helps you protect secrets that are needed to access your applications, services, and IT resources. You can store and manage secrets such as database credentials, API keys, and other sensitive data in Secrets Manager. You can also use Secrets Manager to rotate, manage, and retrieve your secrets throughout their lifecycle¹. Secrets Manager integrates with AWS CloudFormation, which allows you to reference secrets from your templates using the

`{{resolve:secretsmanager:...}}` syntax². This way, you can avoid exposing your secrets in plaintext and still use them in your resources.

The other options are incorrect because:

- A. Storing the API key value as a SecureString parameter in AWS Systems Manager Parameter Store is not a solution, because AWS CloudFormation does not support references to SecureString parameters. This means that you cannot use the `{{resolve:ssm:...}}` syntax to retrieve encrypted parameter values from Parameter Store³. You would have to use a custom resource or a Lambda function to decrypt the parameter value, which adds complexity and overhead to your template.
- C. Storing the API key value in Amazon DynamoDB is not a solution, because AWS CloudFormation does not support references to DynamoDB items. This means that you cannot use the `{{resolve:dynamodb:...}}` syntax to retrieve item values from DynamoDB tables⁴. You would have to use a custom resource or a Lambda function to query the DynamoDB table, which adds complexity and overhead to your template.
- D. Storing the API key value in a new Amazon S3 bucket is not a solution, because AWS CloudFormation does not support references to S3 objects. This means that you cannot use the `{{resolve:s3:...}}` syntax to retrieve object values from S3 buckets⁵. You would have to use a custom resource or a Lambda function to download the object from S3, which adds complexity and overhead to your template.

References:

1: What is AWS Secrets Manager? 2: Referencing AWS Secrets Manager secrets from Parameter Store parameters 3: Using dynamic references to specify template values 4: Amazon DynamoDB 5: Amazon Simple Storage Service (S3)

NEW QUESTION 69

A Security Engineer is building a Java application that is running on Amazon EC2. The application communicates with an Amazon RDS instance and authenticates with a user name and password.

Which combination of steps can the Engineer take to protect the credentials and minimize downtime when the credentials are rotated? (Choose two.)

- A. Have a Database Administrator encrypt the credentials and store the ciphertext in Amazon S3. Grant permission to the instance role associated with the EC2 instance to read the object and decrypt the ciphertext.
- B. Configure a scheduled job that updates the credential in AWS Systems Manager Parameter Store and notifies the Engineer that the application needs to be restarted.
- C. Configure automatic rotation of credentials in AWS Secrets Manager.
- D. Store the credential in an encrypted string parameter in AWS Systems Manager Parameter Store.
- E. Grant permission to the instance role associated with the EC2 instance to access the parameter and the AWS KMS key that is used to encrypt it.
- F. Configure the Java application to catch a connection failure and make a call to AWS Secrets Manager to retrieve updated credentials when the password is rotated.
- G. Grant permission to the instance role associated with the EC2 instance to access Secrets Manager.

Answer: CE

Explanation:

AWS Secrets Manager is a service that helps you manage, retrieve, and rotate secrets such as database credentials, API keys, and other sensitive information. By configuring automatic rotation of credentials in AWS Secrets Manager, you can ensure that your secrets are changed regularly and securely, without requiring manual intervention or application downtime. You can also specify the rotation frequency and the rotation function that performs the logic of changing the credentials on the database and updating the secret in Secrets Manager¹.

* E. Configure the Java application to catch a connection failure and make a call to AWS Secrets Manager to retrieve updated credentials when the password is rotated. Grant permission to the instance role associated with the EC2 instance to access Secrets Manager.

By configuring the Java application to catch a connection failure and make a call to AWS Secrets Manager to retrieve updated credentials, you can avoid hard-coding the credentials in your application code or configuration files. This way, your application can dynamically obtain the latest credentials from Secrets Manager whenever the password is rotated, without needing to restart or redeploy the application. To enable this, you need to grant permission to the instance role associated with the EC2 instance to access Secrets Manager using IAM policies². You can also use the AWS SDK for Java to integrate your application with Secrets Manager³.

NEW QUESTION 74

A company needs a security engineer to implement a scalable solution for multi-account authentication and authorization. The solution should not introduce additional user-managed architectural components. Native IAM features should be used as much as possible. The security engineer has set up IAM Organizations with all features activated and IAM SSO enabled.

Which additional steps should the security engineer take to complete the task?

- A. Use AD Connector to create users and groups for all employees that require access to IAM accounts. Assign AD Connector groups to IAM accounts and link to the IAM roles in accordance with the employees' job functions and access requirements. Instruct employees to access IAM accounts by using the IAM Directory Service user portal.
- B. Use an IAM SSO default directory to create users and groups for all employees that require access to IAM account.
- C. Assign groups to IAM accounts and link to permission sets in accordance with the employees' job functions and access requirement.
- D. Instruct employees to access IAM accounts by using the IAM SSO user portal.
- E. Use an IAM SSO default directory to create users and groups for all employees that require access to IAM account.
- F. Link IAM SSO groups to the IAM users present in all accounts to inherit existing permission.
- G. Instruct employees to access IAM accounts by using the IAM SSO user portal.
- H. Use IAM Directory Service for Microsoft Active Directory to create users and groups for all employees that require access to IAM accounts. Enable IAM Management Console access in the created directory and specify IAM SSO as a source of information for integrated accounts and permission set.
- I. Instruct employees to access IAM accounts by using the IAM Directory Service user portal.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 79

A security engineer receives a notice from the AWS Abuse team about suspicious activity from a Linux-based Amazon EC2 instance that uses Amazon Elastic Block Store (Amazon EBS)-based storage. The instance is making connections to known malicious addresses.

The instance is in a development account within a VPC that is in the us-east-1 Region. The VPC contains an internet gateway and has a subnet in us-east-1a and us-east-1b. Each subnet is associated with a route table that uses the internet gateway as a default route. Each subnet also uses the default network ACL. The suspicious EC2 instance runs within the us-east-1b subnet. During an initial investigation, a security engineer discovers that the suspicious instance is the only instance that runs in the subnet.

Which response will immediately mitigate the attack and help investigate the root cause?

- A. Log in to the suspicious instance and use the `netstat` command to identify remote connections. Use the IP addresses from these remote connections to create deny rules in the security group of the instance. Install diagnostic tools on the instance for investigation. Update the outbound network ACL for the subnet in us-east-1b.

lb to explicitly deny all connections as the first rule during the investigation of the instance

B. Update the outbound network ACL for the subnet in us-east-1b to explicitly deny all connections as the first rule Replace the security group with a new security group that allows connections only from a diagnostics security group Update the outbound network ACL for the us-east-1b subnet to remove the deny all rule Launch a new EC2 instance that has diagnostic tools Assign the new security group to the new EC2 instance Use the new EC2 instance to investigate the suspicious instance

C. Ensure that the Amazon Elastic Block Store (Amazon EBS) volumes that are attached to the suspicious EC2 instance will not delete upon termination

Terminate the instance Launch a new EC2 instance in us-east-1a that has diagnostic tools Mount the EBS volumes from the terminated instance for investigation

D. Create an AWS WAF web ACL that denies traffic to and from the suspicious instance Attach the AWS WAF web ACL to the instance to mitigate the attack Log in to the instance and install diagnostic tools to investigate the instance

Answer: B

Explanation:

This option suggests updating the outbound network ACL for the subnet in us-east-1b to explicitly deny all connections as the first rule, replacing the security group with a new one that only allows connections from a diagnostics security group, and launching a new EC2 instance with diagnostic tools to investigate the suspicious instance. This option will immediately mitigate the attack and provide the necessary tools for investigation.

NEW QUESTION 84

A company is undergoing a layer 3 and layer 4 DDoS attack on its web servers running on IAM.

Which combination of IAM services and features will provide protection in this scenario? (Select THREE).

- A. Amazon Route 53
- B. IAM Certificate Manager (ACM)
- C. Amazon S3
- D. IAM Shield
- E. Elastic Load Balancer
- F. Amazon GuardDuty

Answer: DEF

NEW QUESTION 89

A company's security engineer is developing an incident response plan to detect suspicious activity in an AWS account for VPC hosted resources. The security engineer needs to provide visibility for as many AWS Regions as possible.

Which combination of steps will meet these requirements MOST cost-effectively? (Select TWO.)

- A. Turn on VPC Flow Logs for all VPCs in the account.
- B. Activate Amazon GuardDuty across all AWS Regions.
- C. Activate Amazon Detective across all AWS Regions.
- D. Create an Amazon Simple Notification Service (Amazon SNS) topic
- E. Create an Amazon EventBridge rule that responds to findings and publishes the findings to the SNS topic.
- F. Create an AWS Lambda function
- G. Create an Amazon EventBridge rule that invokes the Lambda function to publish findings to Amazon Simple Email Service (Amazon SES).

Answer: BD

Explanation:

To detect suspicious activity in an AWS account for VPC hosted resources, the security engineer needs to use a service that can monitor network traffic and API calls across all AWS Regions. Amazon GuardDuty is a threat detection service that can do this by analyzing VPC Flow Logs, AWS CloudTrail event logs, and DNS logs. By activating GuardDuty across all AWS Regions, the security engineer can provide visibility for as many regions as possible. GuardDuty generates findings that contain details about the potential threats detected in the account. To respond to these findings, the security engineer needs to create a mechanism that can notify the relevant stakeholders or take remedial actions. One way to do this is to use Amazon EventBridge, which is a serverless event bus service that can connect AWS services and third-party applications. By creating an EventBridge rule that responds to GuardDuty findings and publishes them to an Amazon Simple Notification Service (Amazon SNS) topic, the security engineer can enable subscribers of the topic to receive notifications via email, SMS, or other methods. This is a cost-effective solution that does not require any additional infrastructure or code.

NEW QUESTION 90

A business requires a forensic logging solution for hundreds of Docker-based apps running on Amazon EC2. The solution must analyze logs in real time, provide message replay, and persist logs.

Which Amazon Web Offerings (IAM) services should be employed to satisfy these requirements? (Select two.)

- A. Amazon Athena
- B. Amazon Kinesis
- C. Amazon SQS
- D. Amazon Elasticsearch
- E. Amazon EMR

Answer: BD

NEW QUESTION 94

A team is using AWS Secrets Manager to store an application database password. Only a limited number of IAM principals within the account can have access to the secret. The principals who require access to the secret change frequently. A security engineer must create a solution that maximizes flexibility and scalability. Which solution will meet these requirements?

- A. Use a role-based approach by creating an IAM role with an inline permissions policy that allows access to the secret
- B. Update the IAM principals in the role trust policy as required.
- C. Deploy a VPC endpoint for Secrets Manager
- D. Create and attach an endpoint policy that specifies the IAM principals that are allowed to access the secret
- E. Update the list of IAM principals as required.
- F. Use a tag-based approach by attaching a resource policy to the secret

- G. Apply tags to the secret and the IAM principal
- H. Use the aws:PrincipalTag and aws:ResourceTag IAM condition keys to control access.
- I. Use a deny-by-default approach by using IAM policies to deny access to the secret explicitly
- J. Attach the policies to an IAM group
- K. Add all IAM principals to the IAM group
- L. Remove principals from the group when they need access
- M. Add the principals to the group again when access is no longer allowed.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 96

A company is using IAM Secrets Manager to store secrets for its production Amazon RDS database. The Security Officer has asked that secrets be rotated every 3 months. Which solution would allow the company to securely rotate the secrets? (Select TWO.)

- A. Place the RDS instance in a public subnet and an IAM Lambda function outside the VPC
- B. Schedule the Lambda function to run every 3 months to rotate the secrets.
- C. Place the RDS instance in a private subnet and an IAM Lambda function inside the VPC in the private subnet
- D. Configure the private subnet to use a NAT gateway
- E. Schedule the Lambda function to run every 3 months to rotate the secrets.
- F. Place the RDS instance in a private subnet and an IAM Lambda function outside the VPC
- G. Configure the private subnet to use an internet gateway
- H. Schedule the Lambda function to run every 3 months to rotate the secrets.
- I. Place the RDS instance in a private subnet and an IAM Lambda function inside the VPC in the private subnet
- J. Schedule the Lambda function to run quarterly to rotate the secrets.
- K. Place the RDS instance in a private subnet and an IAM Lambda function inside the VPC in the private subnet
- L. Configure a Secrets Manager interface endpoint
- M. Schedule the Lambda function to run every 3 months to rotate the secrets.

Answer: BE

Explanation:

these are the solutions that can securely rotate the secrets for the production RDS database using Secrets Manager. Secrets Manager is a service that helps you manage secrets such as database credentials, API keys, and passwords. You can use Secrets Manager to rotate secrets automatically by using a Lambda function that runs on a schedule. The Lambda function needs to have access to both the RDS instance and the Secrets Manager service. Option B places the RDS instance in a private subnet and the Lambda function in the same VPC in another private subnet. The private subnet with the Lambda function needs to use a NAT gateway to access Secrets Manager over the internet. Option E places the RDS instance and the Lambda function in the same private subnet and configures a Secrets Manager interface endpoint, which is a private connection between the VPC and Secrets Manager. The other options are either insecure or incorrect for rotating secrets using Secrets Manager.

NEW QUESTION 101

A company's Security Team received an email notification from the Amazon EC2 Abuse team that one or more of the company's Amazon EC2 instances may have been compromised

Which combination of actions should the Security team take to respond to the notification? (Select TWO.)

- A. Open a support case with the IAM Security team and ask them to remove the malicious code from the affected instance
- B. Respond to the notification and list the actions that have been taken to address the incident
- C. Delete all IAM users and resources in the account
- D. Detach the internet gateway from the VPC remove all rules that contain 0.0.0.0/0 from the security groups, and create a NACL rule to deny all traffic inbound from the internet
- E. Delete the identified compromised instances and delete any associated resources that the Security team did not create.

Answer: DE

Explanation:

these are the recommended actions to take when you receive an abuse notice from AWS. You should review the abuse notice to see what content or activity was reported and detach the internet gateway from the VPC to isolate the affected instances from the internet. You should also remove any rules that allow inbound traffic from 0.0.0.0/0 from the security groups and create a network access control list (NACL) rule to deny all traffic inbound from the internet. You should then delete the compromised instances and any associated resources that you did not create. The other options are either inappropriate or unnecessary for responding to the abuse notice.

NEW QUESTION 105

During a manual review of system logs from an Amazon Linux EC2 instance, a Security Engineer noticed that there are sudo commands that were never properly alerted or reported on the Amazon CloudWatch Logs agent

Why were there no alerts on the sudo commands?

- A. There is a security group blocking outbound port 80 traffic that is preventing the agent from sending the logs
- B. The IAM instance profile on the EC2 instance was not properly configured to allow the CloudWatchLogs agent to push the logs to CloudWatch
- C. CloudWatch Logs status is set to ON versus SECURE, which prevents it from pulling in OS security event logs
- D. The VPC requires that all traffic go through a proxy, and the CloudWatch Logs agent does not support a proxy configuration.

Answer: B

Explanation:

the reason why there were no alerts on the sudo commands. Sudo commands are commands that allow a user to execute commands as another user, usually the superuser or root. CloudWatch Logs agent is a software agent that can send log data from an EC2 instance to CloudWatch Logs, a service that monitors and stores log data. The CloudWatch Logs agent needs an IAM instance profile, which is a container for an IAM role that allows applications running on an EC2 instance to make API requests to AWS services. If the IAM instance profile on the EC2 instance was not properly configured to allow the CloudWatch Logs agent to push the logs to CloudWatch, then there would be no alerts on the sudo commands. The other options are either irrelevant or invalid for explaining why there were no alerts on the sudo commands.

NEW QUESTION 109

A security engineer is designing an IAM policy for a script that will use the AWS CLI. The script currently assumes an IAM role that is attached to three AWS managed IAM policies: AmazonEC2FullAccess, AmazonDynamoDBFullAccess, and AmazonVPCFullAccess. The security engineer needs to construct a least privilege IAM policy that will replace the AWS managed IAM policies that are attached to this role. Which solution will meet these requirements in the MOST operationally efficient way?

- A. In AWS CloudTrail, create a trail for management event
- B. Run the script with the existing AWS managed IAM policies
- C. Use IAM Access Analyzer to generate a new IAM policy that is based on access activity in the trail
- D. Replace the existing AWS managed IAM policies with the generated IAM policy for the role.
- E. Remove the existing AWS managed IAM policies from the role
- F. Attach the IAM Access Analyzer Role Policy Generator to the role
- G. Run the script
- H. Return to IAM Access Analyzer and generate a least privilege IAM policy
- I. Attach the new IAM policy to the role.
- J. Create an account analyzer in IAM Access Analyzer
- K. Create an archive rule that has a filter that checks whether the PrincipalArn value matches the ARN of the role
- L. Run the script
- M. Remove the existing AWS managed IAM policies from the role.
- N. In AWS CloudTrail, create a trail for management event
- O. Remove the existing AWS managed IAM policies from the role
- P. Run the script
- Q. Find the authorization failure in the trail event that is associated with the script
- R. Create a new IAM policy that includes the action and resource that caused the authorization failure
- S. Repeat the process until the script succeeds
- T. Attach the new IAM policy to the role.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 111

A company has multiple Amazon S3 buckets encrypted with customer-managed CMKs. Due to regulatory requirements, the keys must be rotated every year. The company's Security Engineer has enabled automatic key rotation for the CMKs; however, the company wants to verify that the rotation has occurred. What should the Security Engineer do to accomplish this?

- A. Filter IAM CloudTrail logs for KeyRotation events
- B. Monitor Amazon CloudWatch Events for any IAM KMS CMK rotation events
- C. Using the IAM CLI
- D. Run the IAM kms get-key-rotation-status operation with the --key-id parameter to check the CMK rotation date
- E. Use Amazon Athena to query IAM CloudTrail logs saved in an S3 bucket to filter Generate New Key events

Answer: C

Explanation:

The aws kms get-key-rotation-status command returns a boolean value that indicates whether automatic rotation of the customer master key (CMK) is enabled¹. This command also shows the date and time when the CMK was last rotated². The other options are not valid ways to check the CMK rotation status.

NEW QUESTION 116

A company uses Amazon API Gateway to present REST APIs to users. An API developer wants to analyze API access patterns without the need to parse the log files.

Which combination of steps will meet these requirements with the LEAST effort? (Select TWO.)

- A. Configure access logging for the required API stage.
- B. Configure an AWS CloudTrail trail destination for API Gateway event
- C. Configure filters on the userIdentity, userAgent, and sourceIPAddress fields.
- D. Configure an Amazon S3 destination for API Gateway log
- E. Run Amazon Athena queries to analyze API access information.
- F. Use Amazon CloudWatch Logs Insights to analyze API access information.
- G. Select the Enable Detailed CloudWatch Metrics option on the required API stage.

Answer: CD

NEW QUESTION 121

A company needs to store multiple years of financial records. The company wants to use Amazon S3 to store copies of these documents. The company must implement a solution to prevent the documents from being edited, replaced, or deleted for 7 years after the documents are stored in Amazon S3. The solution must also encrypt the documents at rest.

A security engineer creates a new S3 bucket to store the documents. What should the security engineer do next to meet these requirements?

- A. Configure S3 server-side encryption
- B. Create an S3 bucket policy that has an explicit deny rule for all users for s3:DeleteObject and s3:PutObject API call
- C. Configure S3 Object Lock to use governance mode with a retention period of 7 years.
- D. Configure S3 server-side encryption
- E. Configure S3 Versioning on the S3 bucket
- F. Configure S3 ObjectLock to use compliance mode with a retention period of 7 years.
- G. Configure S3 Versioning
- H. Configure S3 Intelligent-Tiering on the S3 bucket to move the documents to S3 Glacier Deep Archive storage
- I. Use S3 server-side encryption immediately
- J. Expire the objects after 7 years.
- K. Set up S3 Event Notifications and use S3 server-side encryption
- L. Configure S3 Event Notifications to target an AWS Lambda function that will review any S3 API call to the S3 bucket and deny the s3:DeleteObject and s3:PutObject API call

M. Remove the S3 event notification after 7 years.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 125

A company has an AWS account that includes an Amazon S3 bucket. The S3 bucket uses server-side encryption with AWS KMS keys (SSE-KMS) to encrypt all the objects at rest by using a customer managed key. The S3 bucket does not have a bucket policy.

An IAM role in the same account has an IAM policy that allows s3 List* and s3 Get* permissions for the S3 bucket. When the IAM role attempts to access an object in the S3 bucket the role receives an access denied message.

Why does the IAM role not have access to the objects that are in the S3 bucket?

- A. The IAM role does not have permission to use the KMS CreateKey operation.
- B. The S3 bucket lacks a policy that allows access to the customer managed key that encrypts the objects.
- C. The IAM role does not have permission to use the customer managed key that encrypts the objects that are in the S3 bucket.
- D. The ACL of the S3 objects does not allow read access for the objects when the objects are encrypted at rest.

Answer: C

Explanation:

When using server-side encryption with AWS KMS keys (SSE-KMS), the requester must have both Amazon S3 permissions and AWS KMS permissions to access the objects. The Amazon S3 permissions are for the bucket and object operations, such as s3:ListBucket and s3:GetObject. The AWS KMS permissions are for the key operations, such as kms:GenerateDataKey and kms:Decrypt. In this case, the IAM role has the necessary Amazon S3 permissions, but not the AWS KMS permissions to use the customer managed key that encrypts the objects. Therefore, the IAM role receives an access denied message when trying to access the objects. Verified References:

- > <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonS3/latest/userguide/troubleshoot-403-errors.html>
- > <https://repost.aws/knowledge-center/s3-access-denied-error-kms>
- > <https://repost.aws/knowledge-center/cross-account-access-denied-error-s3>

NEW QUESTION 128

A company's security team needs to receive a notification whenever an AWS access key has not been rotated in 90 or more days. A security engineer must develop a solution that provides these notifications automatically.

Which solution will meet these requirements with the LEAST amount of effort?

- A. Deploy an AWS Config managed rule to run on a periodic basis of 24 hours
- B. Select the access-keys-rotated managed rule, and set the maxAccessKeyAge parameter to 90 days
- C. Create an Amazon EventBridge (Amazon CloudWatch Events) rule with an event pattern that matches the compliance type of NON_COMPLIANT from AWS Config for the managed rule
- D. Configure EventBridge (CloudWatch Events) to send an Amazon Simple Notification Service (Amazon SNS) notification to the security team.
- E. Create a script to export a .csv file from the AWS Trusted Advisor check for IAM access key rotation. Load the script into an AWS Lambda function that will upload the .csv file to an Amazon S3 bucket
- F. Create an Amazon Athena table query that runs when the .csv file is uploaded to the S3 bucket
- G. Publish the results for any keys older than 90 days by using an invocation of an Amazon Simple Notification Service (Amazon SNS) notification to the security team.
- H. Create a script to download the IAM credentials report on a periodic basis
- I. Load the script into an AWS Lambda function that will run on a schedule through Amazon EventBridge (Amazon CloudWatch Events). Configure the Lambda script to load the report into memory and to filter the report for records in which the key was last rotated at least 90 days ago
- J. If any records are detected, send an Amazon Simple Notification Service (Amazon SNS) notification to the security team.
- K. Create an AWS Lambda function that queries the IAM API to list all the users
- L. Iterate through the users by using the ListAccessKeys operation
- M. Verify that the value in the CreateDate field is not at least 90 days old
- N. Send an Amazon Simple Notification Service (Amazon SNS) notification to the security team if the value is at least 90 days old
- O. Create an Amazon EventBridge (Amazon CloudWatch Events) rule to schedule the Lambda function to run each day.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 132

A security engineer needs to create an IAM Key Management Service (IAM KMS) key that will be used to encrypt all data stored in a company's Amazon S3 Buckets in the us-west-1 Region. The key will use

server-side encryption. Usage of the key must be limited to requests coming from Amazon S3 within the company's account.

Which statement in the KMS key policy will meet these requirements?

A)

```
{
  "Effect": "Allow",
  "Principal": {
    "AWS": "*"
  },
  "Action": [
    "kms:Encrypt",
    "kms:Decrypt",
    "kms:ReEncrypt*",
    "kms:GenerateDataKey*",
    "kms:DescribeKey"
  ],
  "Resource": "*",
  "Condition": {
    "StringEquals": {
      "kms:ViaService": "s3.us-west-1.amazonaws.com",
      "kms:CallerAccount": "<CustomerAccountID>"
    }
  }
}
```

B)

```
{
  "Effect": "Allow",
  "Principal": {
    "AWS": "s3.us-west-1.amazonaws.com"
  },
  "Action": [
    "kms:Encrypt",
    "kms:Decrypt",
    "kms:ReEncrypt*",
    "kms:GenerateDataKey*",
    "kms:DescribeKey"
  ],
  "Resource": "*",
  "Condition": {
    "StringEquals": {
      "kms:CallerAccount": "<CustomerAccountID>"
    }
  }
}
```

C)

```
{
  "Effect": "Allow",
  "Principal": {
    "AWS": "*"
  },
  "Action": [
    "kms:Encrypt",
    "kms:Decrypt",
    "kms:ReEncrypt*",
    "kms:GenerateDataKey*",
    "kms:DescribeKey"
  ],
  "Resource": "*",
  "Condition": {
    "StringEquals": {
      "kms:EncryptionContext:aws:s3:arn": [
        "arn:aws:s3:::"
      ]
    }
  }
}
```

- A. Option A
- B. Option B
- C. Option C

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 134

A security engineer needs to run an AWS CloudFormation script. The CloudFormation script builds AWS infrastructure to support a stack that includes web servers and a MySQL database. The stack has been deployed in pre-production environments and is ready for production.

The production script must comply with the principle of least privilege. Additionally, separation of duties must exist between the security engineer's IAM account and CloudFormation.

Which solution will meet these requirements?

- A. Use IAM Access Analyzer policy generation to generate a policy that allows the CloudFormation script to run and manage the stack
- B. Attach the policy to a new IAM role
- C. Modify the security engineer's IAM permissions to be able to pass the new role to CloudFormation.
- D. Create an IAM policy that allows ec2:* and rds:* permission
- E. Attach the policy to a new IAM role. Modify the security engineer's IAM permissions to be able to assume the new role.
- F. Use IAM Access Analyzer policy generation to generate a policy that allows the CloudFormation script to run and manage the stack
- G. Modify the security engineer's IAM permissions to be able to run the CloudFormation script.
- H. Create an IAM policy that allows ec2:* and rds:* permission
- I. Attach the policy to a new IAM role
- J. Use the IAM policy simulator to confirm that the policy allows the AWS API calls that are necessary to build the stack
- K. Modify the security engineer's IAM permissions to be able to pass the new role to CloudFormation.

Answer: A

Explanation:

The correct answer is A. Use IAM Access Analyzer policy generation to generate a policy that allows the CloudFormation script to run and manage the stack. Attach the policy to a new IAM role. Modify the security engineer's IAM permissions to be able to pass the new role to CloudFormation.

According to the AWS documentation, IAM Access Analyzer is a service that helps you identify the resources in your organization and accounts, such as Amazon S3 buckets or IAM roles, that are shared with an external entity. You can also use IAM Access Analyzer to generate fine-grained policies that grant least privilege access based on access activity and access attempts.

To use IAM Access Analyzer policy generation, you need to enable IAM Access Analyzer in your account or organization. You can then use the IAM console or the AWS CLI to generate a policy for a resource based on its access activity or access attempts. You can review and edit the generated policy before applying it to the resource.

To use IAM Access Analyzer policy generation with CloudFormation, you can follow these steps:

- Run the CloudFormation script in a pre-production environment and monitor its access activity or access attempts using IAM Access Analyzer.
- Use IAM Access Analyzer policy generation to generate a policy that allows the CloudFormation script to run and manage the stack. The policy will include only the permissions that are necessary for the script to function.
- Attach the policy to a new IAM role that has a trust relationship with CloudFormation. This will allow CloudFormation to assume the role and execute the script.
- Modify the security engineer's IAM permissions to be able to pass the new role to CloudFormation.

This will allow the security engineer to launch the stack using the role.

- Run the CloudFormation script in the production environment using the new role.

This solution will meet the requirements of least privilege and separation of duties, as it will limit the permissions of both CloudFormation and the security engineer to only what is needed for running and managing the stack.

Option B is incorrect because creating an IAM policy that allows ec2:* and rds:* permissions is not following the principle of least privilege, as it will grant more permissions than necessary for running and managing the stack. Moreover, modifying the security engineer's IAM permissions to be able to assume the new role is not ensuring separation of duties, as it will allow the security engineer to bypass CloudFormation and directly access the resources.

Option C is incorrect because modifying the security engineer's IAM permissions to be able to run the CloudFormation script is not ensuring separation of duties, as it will allow the security engineer to execute the script without using CloudFormation.

Option D is incorrect because creating an IAM policy that allows ec2:* and rds:* permissions is not following the principle of least privilege, as it will grant more permissions than necessary for running and managing the stack. Using the IAM policy simulator to confirm that the policy allows the AWS API calls that are necessary to build the stack is not sufficient, as it will not generate a fine-grained policy based on access activity or access attempts.

NEW QUESTION 136

A company is running its workloads in a single AWS Region and uses AWS Organizations. A security engineer must implement a solution to prevent users from launching resources in other Regions.

Which solution will meet these requirements with the LEAST operational overhead?

- A. Create an IAM policy that has an aws RequestedRegion condition that allows actions only in the designated Region Attach the policy to all users.
- B. Create an IAM policy that has an aws RequestedRegion condition that denies actions that are not in the designated Region Attach the policy to the AWS account in AWS Organizations.
- C. Create an IAM policy that has an aws RequestedRegion condition that allows the desired actions Attach the policy only to the users who are in the designated Region.
- D. Create an SCP that has an aws RequestedRegion condition that denies actions that are not in the designated Region
- E. Attach the SCP to the AWS account in AWS Organizations.

Answer: D

Explanation:

Although you can use a IAM policy to prevent users launching resources in other regions. The best practice is to use SCP when using AWS organizations.

https://docs.aws.amazon.com/organizations/latest/userguide/orgs_manage_policies_scps_examples_general.htm

NEW QUESTION 141

A company uses Amazon EC2 Linux instances in the AWS Cloud. A member of the company's security team recently received a report about common vulnerability identifiers on the instances.

A security engineer needs to verify patching and perform remediation if the instances do not have the correct patches installed. The security engineer must determine which EC2 instances are at risk and must implement a solution to automatically update those instances with the applicable patches.

What should the security engineer do to meet these requirements?

- A. Use AWS Systems Manager Patch Manager to view vulnerability identifiers for missing patches on the instance
- B. Use Patch Manager also to automate the patching process.
- C. Use AWS Shield Advanced to view vulnerability identifiers for missing patches on the instance
- D. Use AWS Systems Manager Patch Manager to automate the patching process.
- E. Use Amazon GuardDuty to view vulnerability identifiers for missing patches on the instance
- F. Use Amazon Inspector to automate the patching process.
- G. Use Amazon Inspector to view vulnerability identifiers for missing patches on the instance
- H. Use Amazon Inspector also to automate the patching process.

Answer: A

Explanation:

<https://aws.amazon.com/about-aws/whats-new/2020/10/now-use-aws-systems-manager-to-view-vulnerability-id>

NEW QUESTION 146

A business stores website images in an Amazon S3 bucket. The firm serves the photos to end users through Amazon CloudFront. The firm learned lately that the photographs are being accessible from nations in which it does not have a distribution license.

Which steps should the business take to safeguard the photographs and restrict their distribution? (Select two.)

- A. Update the S3 bucket policy to restrict access to a CloudFront origin access identity (OAI).
- B. Update the website DNS record to use an Amazon Route 53 geolocation record deny list of countries where the company lacks a license.
- C. Add a CloudFront geo restriction deny list of countries where the company lacks a license.
- D. Update the S3 bucket policy with a deny list of countries where the company lacks a license.
- E. Enable the Restrict Viewer Access option in CloudFront to create a deny list of countries where the company lacks a license.

Answer: AC

Explanation:

For Enable Geo-Restriction, choose Yes. For Restriction Type, choose Whitelist to allow access to certain countries, or choose Blacklist to block access from certain countries. <https://IAM.amazon.com/premiumsupport/knowledge-center/cloudfront-geo-restriction/>

NEW QUESTION 150

A company uses several AWS CloudFormation stacks to handle the deployment of a suite of applications. The leader of the company's application development team notices that the stack deployments fail with permission errors when some team members try to deploy the stacks. However, other team members can deploy the stacks successfully.

The team members access the account by assuming a role that has a specific set of permissions that are necessary for the job responsibilities of the team members. All team members have permissions to perform operations on the stacks.

Which combination of steps will ensure consistent deployment of the stacks MOST securely? (Select THREE.)

- A. Create a service role that has a composite principal that contains each service that needs the necessary permission
- B. Configure the role to allow the sts:AssumeRole action.
- C. Create a service role that has cloudformation.amazonaws.com as the service principal
- D. Configure the role to allow the sts:AssumeRole action.
- E. For each required set of permissions, add a separate policy to the role to allow those permissions
- F. Add the ARN of each CloudFormation stack in the resource field of each policy.
- G. For each required set of permissions, add a separate policy to the role to allow those permissions
- H. Add the ARN of each service that needs the permissions in the resource field of the corresponding policy.
- I. Update each stack to use the service role.
- J. Add a policy to each member role to allow the iam:PassRole action
- K. Set the policy's resource field to the ARN of the service role.

Answer: BDF

NEW QUESTION 154

An organization wants to log all IAM API calls made within all of its IAM accounts, and must have a central place to analyze these logs. What steps should be taken to meet these requirements in the MOST secure manner? (Select TWO)

- A. Turn on IAM CloudTrail in each IAM account
- B. Turn on CloudTrail in only the account that will be storing the logs
- C. Update the bucket ACL of the bucket in the account that will be storing the logs so that other accounts can log to it
- D. Create a service-based role for CloudTrail and associate it with CloudTrail in each account
- E. Update the bucket policy of the bucket in the account that will be storing the logs so that other accounts can log to it

Answer: AE

Explanation:

these are the steps that can meet the requirements in the most secure manner. CloudTrail is a service that records AWS API calls and delivers log files to an S3 bucket. Turning on CloudTrail in each IAM account can help capture all IAM API calls made within those accounts. Updating the bucket policy of the bucket in the account that will be storing the logs can help grant other accounts permission to write log files to that bucket. The other options are either unnecessary or insecure for logging and analyzing IAM API calls.

NEW QUESTION 159

A company's policy requires that all API keys be encrypted and stored separately from source code in a centralized security account. This security account is managed by the company's security team. However, an audit revealed that an API key is stored with the source code of an IAM Lambda function in an IAM CodeCommit repository in the DevOps account.

How should the security team securely store the API key?

- A. Create a CodeCommit repository in the security account using IAM Key Management Service (IAMKMS) for encryption. Require the development team to migrate the Lambda source code to this repository.
- B. Store the API key in an Amazon S3 bucket in the security account using server-side encryption with Amazon S3 managed encryption keys (SSE-S3) to encrypt the key. Create a signed URL for the S3 key.
- C. and specify the URL in a Lambda environmental variable in the IAM CloudFormation template. Update the Lambda function code to retrieve the key using the URL and call the API.
- D. Create a secret in IAM Secrets Manager in the security account to store the API key using IAM Key Management Service (IAM KMS) for encryption. Grant access to the IAM role used by the Lambda function so that the function can retrieve the key from Secrets Manager and call the API.
- E. Create an encrypted environment variable for the Lambda function to store the API key using IAM Key Management Service (IAM KMS) for encryption. Grant access to the IAM role used by the Lambda function so that the function can decrypt the key at runtime.

Answer: C

Explanation:

To securely store the API key, the security team should do the following:

- Create a secret in AWS Secrets Manager in the security account to store the API key using AWS Key Management Service (AWS KMS) for encryption. This allows the security team to encrypt and manage the API key centrally, and to configure automatic rotation schedules for it.
- Grant access to the IAM role used by the Lambda function so that the function can retrieve the key from Secrets Manager and call the API. This allows the security team to avoid storing the API key with the source code, and to use IAM policies to control access to the secret.

NEW QUESTION 164

A company has several petabytes of data. The company must preserve this data for 7 years to comply with regulatory requirements. The company's compliance team asks a security officer to develop a strategy that will prevent anyone from changing or deleting the data.

Which solution will meet this requirement MOST cost-effectively?

- A. Create an Amazon S3 bucket
- B. Configure the bucket to use S3 Object Lock in compliance mod
- C. Upload the data to the bucket
- D. Create a resource-based bucket policy that meets all the regulatory requirements.
- E. Create an Amazon S3 bucket
- F. Configure the bucket to use S3 Object Lock in governance mod
- G. Upload the data to the bucket
- H. Create a user-based IAM policy that meets all the regulatory requirements.
- I. Create a vault in Amazon S3 Glacier
- J. Create a Vault Lock policy in S3 Glacier that meets all the regulatory requirement
- K. Upload the data to the vault.
- L. Create an Amazon S3 bucket
- M. Upload the data to the bucket
- N. Use a lifecycle rule to transition the data to a vault in S3 Glacier
- O. Create a Vault Lock policy that meets all the regulatory requirements.

Answer: C

Explanation:

To preserve the data for 7 years and prevent anyone from changing or deleting it, the security officer needs to use a service that can store the data securely and enforce compliance controls. The most cost-effective way to do this is to use Amazon S3 Glacier, which is a low-cost storage service for data archiving and long-term backup. S3 Glacier allows you to create a vault, which is a container for storing archives. Archives are any data such as photos, videos, or documents that you want to store durably and reliably.

S3 Glacier also offers a feature called Vault Lock, which helps you to easily deploy and enforce compliance controls for individual vaults with a Vault Lock policy. You can specify controls such as “write once read many” (WORM) in a Vault Lock policy and lock the policy from future edits. Once a Vault Lock policy is locked, the policy can no longer be changed or deleted. S3 Glacier enforces the controls set in the Vault Lock policy to help achieve your compliance objectives. For example, you can use Vault Lock policies to enforce data retention by denying deletes for a specified period of time.

To use S3 Glacier and Vault Lock, the security officer needs to follow these steps:

- Create a vault in S3 Glacier using the AWS Management Console, AWS Command Line Interface (AWS CLI), or AWS SDKs.
- Create a Vault Lock policy in S3 Glacier that meets all the regulatory requirements using the IAM policy language. The policy can include conditions such as `aws:CurrentTime` or `aws:SecureTransport` to further restrict access to the vault.
- Initiate the lock by attaching the Vault Lock policy to the vault, which sets the lock to an in-progress state and returns a lock ID. While the policy is in the in-progress state, you have 24 hours to validate your Vault Lock policy before the lock ID expires. To prevent your vault from exiting the in-progress state, you must complete the Vault Lock process within these 24 hours. Otherwise, your Vault Lock policy will be deleted.
- Use the lock ID to complete the lock process. If the Vault Lock policy doesn't work as expected, you can stop the Vault Lock process and restart from the beginning.
- Upload the data to the vault using either direct upload or multipart upload methods. For more information about S3 Glacier and Vault Lock, see S3 Glacier Vault Lock.

The other options are incorrect because:

- Option A is incorrect because creating an Amazon S3 bucket and configuring it to use S3 Object Lock in compliance mode will not prevent anyone from changing or deleting the data. S3 Object Lock is a feature that allows you to store objects using a WORM model in S3. You can apply two types of object locks: retention periods and legal holds. A retention period specifies a fixed period of time during which an object remains locked. A legal hold is an indefinite lock on an object until it is removed. However, S3 Object Lock only prevents objects from being overwritten or deleted by any user, including the root user in your AWS account. It does not prevent objects from being modified by other means, such as changing their metadata or encryption settings. Moreover, S3 Object Lock requires that you enable versioning on your bucket, which will incur additional storage costs for storing multiple versions of an object.
- Option B is incorrect because creating an Amazon S3 bucket and configuring it to use S3 Object Lock in governance mode will not prevent anyone from changing or deleting the data. S3 Object Lock in governance mode works similarly to compliance mode, except that users with specific IAM permissions can change or delete objects that are locked. This means that users who have `s3:BypassGovernanceRetention` permission can remove retention periods or legal holds from objects and overwrite or delete them before they expire. This option does not provide strong enforcement for compliance controls as required by the regulatory requirements.
- Option D is incorrect because creating an Amazon S3 bucket and using a lifecycle rule to transition the data to a vault in S3 Glacier will not prevent anyone from changing or deleting the data. Lifecycle rules are actions that Amazon S3 automatically performs on objects during their lifetime. You can use lifecycle rules to transition objects between storage classes or expire them after a certain period of time. However, lifecycle rules do not apply any compliance controls on objects or prevent them from being modified or deleted by users. Moreover, transitioning objects from S3 to S3 Glacier using lifecycle rules will incur additional charges for retrieval requests and data transfers.

NEW QUESTION 166

A security engineer wants to evaluate configuration changes to a specific AWS resource to ensure that the resource meets compliance standards. However, the security engineer is concerned about a situation in which several configuration changes are made to the resource in quick succession. The security engineer wants to record only the latest configuration of that resource to indicate the cumulative impact of the set of changes.

Which solution will meet this requirement in the MOST operationally efficient way?

- A. Use AWS CloudTrail to detect the configuration changes by filtering API calls to monitor the changes. Use the most recent API call to indicate the cumulative impact of multiple calls

- B. Use AWS Config to detect the configuration changes and to record the latest configuration in case of multiple configuration changes.
- C. Use Amazon CloudWatch to detect the configuration changes by filtering API calls to monitor the change
- D. Use the most recent API call to indicate the cumulative impact of multiple calls.
- E. Use AWS Cloud Map to detect the configuration change
- F. Generate a report of configuration changes from AWS Cloud Map to track the latest state by using a sliding time window.

Answer: B

Explanation:

AWS Config is a service that enables you to assess, audit, and evaluate the configurations of your AWS resources. AWS Config continuously monitors and records your AWS resource configurations and allows you to automate the evaluation of recorded configurations against desired configurations.

To evaluate configuration changes to a specific AWS resource and ensure that it meets compliance standards, the security engineer should use AWS Config to detect the configuration changes and to record the latest configuration in case of multiple configuration changes. This will allow the security engineer to view the current state of the resource and its compliance status, as well as its configuration history and timeline.

AWS Config records configuration changes as ConfigurationItems, which are point-in-time snapshots of the resource's attributes, relationships, and metadata. If multiple configuration changes occur within a short period of time, AWS Config records only the latest ConfigurationItem for that resource. This indicates the cumulative impact of the set of changes on the resource's configuration.

This solution will meet the requirement in the most operationally efficient way, as it leverages AWS Config's features to monitor, record, and evaluate resource configurations without requiring additional tools or services.

The other options are incorrect because they either do not record the latest configuration in case of multiple configuration changes (A, C), or do not use a valid service for evaluating resource configurations (D).

Verified References:

- > <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/config/latest/developerguide/WhatIsConfig.html>
- > <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/config/latest/developerguide/config-item-table.html>

NEW QUESTION 169

A security administrator is setting up a new AWS account. The security administrator wants to secure the data that a company stores in an Amazon S3 bucket. The security administrator also wants to reduce the chance of unintended data exposure and the potential for misconfiguration of objects that are in the S3 bucket. Which solution will meet these requirements with the LEAST operational overhead?

- A. Configure the S3 Block Public Access feature for the AWS account.
- B. Configure the S3 Block Public Access feature for all objects that are in the bucket.
- C. Deactivate ACLs for objects that are in the bucket.
- D. Use AWS PrivateLink for Amazon S3 to access the bucket.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 173

A company that uses AWS Organizations is migrating workloads to AWS. The company's application team determines that the workloads will use Amazon EC2 instances, Amazon S3 buckets, Amazon DynamoDB tables, and Application Load Balancers. For each resource type, the company mandates that deployments must comply with the following requirements:

- All EC2 instances must be launched from approved AWS accounts.
- All DynamoDB tables must be provisioned with a standardized naming convention.
- All infrastructure that is provisioned in any accounts in the organization must be deployed by AWS CloudFormation templates.

Which combination of steps should the application team take to meet these requirements? (Select TWO.)

- A. Create CloudFormation templates in an administrator AWS account
- B. Share the stack sets with an application AWS account
- C. Restrict the template to be used specifically by the application AWS account.
- D. Create CloudFormation templates in an application AWS account
- E. Share the output with an administrator AWS account to review compliant resource
- F. Restrict output to only the administrator AWS account.
- G. Use permissions boundaries to prevent the application AWS account from provisioning specific resources unless conditions for the internal compliance requirements are met.
- H. Use SCPs to prevent the application AWS account from provisioning specific resources unless conditions for the internal compliance requirements are met.
- I. Activate AWS Config managed rules for each service in the application AWS account.

Answer: AD

NEW QUESTION 177

For compliance reasons a Security Engineer must produce a weekly report that lists any instance that does not have the latest approved patches applied. The Engineer must also ensure that no system goes more than 30 days without the latest approved updates being applied. What would the MOST efficient way to achieve these goals?

- A. Use Amazon Inspector to determine which systems do not have the latest patches applied, and after 30 days, redeploy those instances with the latest AMI version
- B. Configure Amazon EC2 Systems Manager to report on instance patch compliance and enforce updates during the defined maintenance windows
- C. Examine IAM CloudTrail logs to determine whether any instances have not restarted in the last 30 days, and redeploy those instances
- D. Update the AMIs with the latest approved patches and redeploy each instance during the defined maintenance window

Answer: B

Explanation:

Amazon EC2 Systems Manager is a service that helps you automatically collect software inventory, apply OS patches, create system images, and configure Windows and Linux operating systems³. You can use Systems Manager to report on instance patch compliance and enforce updates during the defined maintenance windows⁴. The other options are either inefficient or not feasible for achieving the goals.

NEW QUESTION 181

A company's security engineer wants to receive an email alert whenever Amazon GuardDuty, AWS Identity and Access Management Access Analyzer, or Amazon Made generate a high-severity security finding. The company uses AWS Control Tower to govern all of its accounts. The company also uses AWS Security Hub with all of the AWS service integrations turned on.

Which solution will meet these requirements with the LEAST operational overhead?

- A. Set up separate AWS Lambda functions for GuardDuty, IAM Access Analyzer, and Macie to call each service's public API to retrieve high-severity finding
- B. Use Amazon Simple Notification Service (Amazon SNS) to send the email alert
- C. Create an Amazon EventBridge rule to invoke the functions on a schedule.
- D. Create an Amazon EventBridge rule with a pattern that matches Security Hub findings events with high severity
- E. Configure the rule to send the findings to a target Amazon Simple Notification Service (Amazon SNS) topic
- F. Subscribe the desired email addresses to the SNS topic.
- G. Create an Amazon EventBridge rule with a pattern that matches AWS Control Tower events with high severity
- H. Configure the rule to send the findings to a target Amazon Simple Notification Service (Amazon SNS) topic
- I. Subscribe the desired email addresses to the SNS topic.
- J. Host an application on Amazon EC2 to call the GuardDuty, IAM Access Analyzer, and Macie APIs. Within the application, use the Amazon Simple Notification Service (Amazon SNS) API to retrieve high-severity findings and to send the findings to an SNS topic
- K. Subscribe the desired email addresses to the SNS topic.

Answer: B

Explanation:

The AWS documentation states that you can create an Amazon EventBridge rule with a pattern that matches Security Hub findings events with high severity. You can then configure the rule to send the findings to a target Amazon Simple Notification Service (Amazon SNS) topic. You can subscribe the desired email addresses to the SNS topic. This method is the least operational overhead way to meet the requirements.

References: : AWS Security Hub User Guide

NEW QUESTION 184

A company is developing a highly resilient application to be hosted on multiple Amazon EC2 instances . The application will store highly sensitive user data in Amazon RDS tables

The application must

- Include migration to a different IAM Region in the application disaster recovery plan.
- Provide a full audit trail of encryption key administration events
- Allow only company administrators to administer keys.
- Protect data at rest using application layer encryption

A Security Engineer is evaluating options for encryption key management

Why should the Security Engineer choose IAM CloudHSM over IAM KMS for encryption key management in this situation?

- A. The key administration event logging generated by CloudHSM is significantly more extensive than IAM KMS.
- B. CloudHSM ensures that only company support staff can administer encryption keys, whereas IAM KMS allows IAM staff to administer keys
- C. The ciphertext produced by CloudHSM provides more robust protection against brute force decryption attacks than the ciphertext produced by IAM KMS
- D. CloudHSM provides the ability to copy keys to a different Region, whereas IAM KMS does not

Answer: B

Explanation:

CloudHSM allows full control of your keys such including Symmetric (AES), Asymmetric (RSA), Sha-256, SHA 512, Hash Based, Digital Signatures (RSA). On the other hand, AWS Key Management Service is a multi-tenant key storage that is owned and managed by AWS.

References: 1: What are the differences between AWS Cloud HSM and KMS?

NEW QUESTION 189

A company needs to use HTTPS when connecting to its web applications to meet compliance requirements. These web applications run in Amazon VPC on Amazon EC2 instances behind an Application Load Balancer (ALB). A security engineer wants to ensure that the load balancer will only accept connections over port 443. even if the ALB is mistakenly configured with an HTTP listener

Which configuration steps should the security engineer take to accomplish this task?

- A. Create a security group with a rule that denies Inbound connections from 0.0.0.0/0 on port 80. Attach this security group to the ALB to overwrite more permissive rules from the ALB's default securitygroup.
- B. Create a network ACL that denies inbound connections from 0.0.0.0/0 on port 80 Associate the network ACL with the VPC's internet gateway
- C. Create a network ACL that allows outbound connections to the VPC IP range on port 443 only. Associate the network ACL with the VPC's internet gateway.
- D. Create a security group with a single inbound rule that allows connections from 0.0.0.0/0 on port 443. Ensure this security group is the only one associated with the ALB

Answer: D

Explanation:

To ensure that the load balancer only accepts connections over port 443, the security engineer should do the following:

➤ Create a security group with a single inbound rule that allows connections from 0.0.0.0/0 on port 443.

This means that the security group allows HTTPS traffic from any source IP address.

➤ Ensure this security group is the only one associated with the ALB. This means that the security group overrides any other rules that might allow HTTP traffic on port 80.

NEW QUESTION 191

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