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### Exam Questions CFE-Fraud-Prevention-and-Deterrence

Certified Fraud Examiner - Fraud Prevention and Deterrence Exam

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#### NEW QUESTION 1

According to The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing, which of the following should the internal audit team evaluate in its assessment of the risk management process?

- A. The materiality of the organization's financial statements
- B. The organization's fraud risk management initiatives
- C. The management team's assessment of the internal controls over financial reporting
- D. The organization's risk exposures relating to the sale of assets

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 2

Jane, a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), was hired to conduct a fraud examination at XYZ Company. Her examination did not reveal any conclusive evidence that fraud had occurred or was occurring. Consequently, XYZ's management asked Jane to state in her official examination report that the company is free of fraud as a means of assuring the board of directors that the company's anti-fraud controls were effective. The ACFE Code of Professional Ethics prohibits Jane from complying with management's request

- A. True
- B. False

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 3

The generation and use of relevant, quality information to support the functioning of internal control is a principle related to which component of the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commissions (COSO) Internal Control—Integrated Framework (the Framework)?

- A. Risk assessment
- B. Control environment
- C. Monitoring
- D. Information and communication

**Answer: A**

#### NEW QUESTION 4

Which of the following is NOT included in the five fraud risk management principles described

- A. Communicating the expectations of those governing the fraud risk management program
- B. Deploying preventive and detective fraud control activities to mitigate fraud risk
- C. Performing comprehensive fraud risk assessments to identify specific fraud schemes
- D. Developing one-time evaluations for each fraud risk management principle

**Answer: D**

#### NEW QUESTION 5

Which of the following theories suggests that, when considering the possibility of violating a law, people are likely to ask themselves, "What would my family and friends think if they find out?"

- A. Cognitive theory
- B. Social control theory
- C. Behavioral theory
- D. Routine activities theory

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 6

Which of the following is FALSE regarding G20/OECD Principles of Corporate Governance (the Principles)?

- A. The Principles state that an entity's corporate governance framework should ensure the equitable treatment of all shareholders
- B. The Principles state that an entity's corporate governance framework should encourage active cooperation between corporations and stakeholders in creating wealth.
- C. The Principles are required to be implemented by all corporations in the jurisdictions that have officially adopted them
- D. The Principles are intended to be applicable in both developed economies and emerging markets

**Answer: D**

#### NEW QUESTION 7

Criminologist Charles McCaghy has stated that profit pressure is the single most compelling factor behind deviance by organizations

- A. True
- B. False

**Answer: A**

#### NEW QUESTION 8

As part of her audit of ABC Corp . Rachel, a CPA. is identifying the risks of material misstatement due to fraud As part of this task, she should evaluate any unexpected relationships that she identified in performing analytical procedures.

- A. True
- B. False

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 9

Which of the following statements regarding white-collar defendants is TRUE?

- A. The lower the offenders' social status, the more likely they are to be imprisoned
- B. They are more likely to be fined than to face prison terms as punishment
- C. They are less likely to insist on a trial than other offenders
- D. All of the above

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 10

Maria conducted a fraud examination that led to a valid confession of guilt from Rita. In Maria's verbal report to her superiors, she stated that, in her opinion. "Rita is guilty of embezzlement." Maria has just violated the ACFE Code of Professional Ethics.

- A. True
- B. False

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 10

According to G20/OECD Principles of Corporate Governance (the Principles):

- A. Governments should have in place a corporate governance framework that promotes transparent and fair markets
- B. Companies should disclose all financial information to investors, regardless of the cost burden of the disclosure
- C. A corporate governance framework should focus on the rights of shareholders but does not need to include the rights of other organizational stakeholders
- D. All of the above

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 13

Effective risk management involves balancing which of the following?

- A. The organization s internal controls and its financial goals
- B. The organization s financial reporting model and its risk tolerance
- C. The organization s regulatory requirements and its available resources
- D. The organization s risk appetite and its ability to meet its objectives

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 15

Which of the following is FALSE regarding corporate governance'

- A. Effective corporate governance practices are most necessary in an organization in which the owners are not also the individuals responsible for setting and executing the business strategy
- B. Effective corporate governance practices are considered to be the foundation of fraud risk management.
- C. Corporate governances primary purpose is to ensure the accuracy of the organizations financial reports
- D. An entity's corporate governance structure specifies the distribution of rights and responsibilities among the different participants in the organization

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 18

The existence of many specialized departments within a company generally decreases the overall risk of fraud within the organization

- A. True
- B. False

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 22

Which of the following best describes the purpose of The National Commission on Fraudulent Financial Reporting (the Treadway Commission)?

- A. Studying the effect of the threat of vicarious liability on the behavior of corporate executives
- B. Designing a model corporate compliance program
- C. Defining the responsibility of the auditor in preventing and detecting fraud
- D. Determining the specific requirements of the Principles of Risk Management

**Answer:** C

**NEW QUESTION 25**

In response to a risk identified during a fraud risk assessment, management decides to purchase fidelity insurance to help protect the company against the associated risk of loss. This response is known as:

- A. Mitigating the risk
- B. Assuming the risk
- C. Avoiding the risk
- D. Transferring the risk

**Answer:** D

**NEW QUESTION 27**

According to the 2018 Report to the Nations, which of the following is the most common method by which frauds are detected?

- A. Confession
- B. External audit
- C. Tips
- D. Internal audit

**Answer:** C

**NEW QUESTION 32**

According to the 2018 Report to the Nations, schemes are the most common form of occupational fraud, while schemes are the costliest form of occupational fraud.

- A. Financial statement fraud, corruption
- B. Asset misappropriation; financial statement fraud
- C. Asset misappropriation; corruption
- D. Corruption; asset misappropriation

**Answer:** C

**NEW QUESTION 33**

Which of the following is TRUE regarding the communication of the fraud risk assessment process?

- A. The communication should be in the form of a personalized message from the assessment sponsor
- B. The communication should actively encourage employees to participate in the assessment process
- C. The communication should be visibly disseminated throughout the business
- D. All of the above

**Answer:** D

**NEW QUESTION 34**

Effectively documenting and communicating organizational hierarchies, including the proper flow of information, can be a helpful tool in preventing fraud.

- A. True
- B. False

**Answer:** A

**NEW QUESTION 35**

In response to an employee's failure to meet performance expectations, a manager demotes the employee to a junior-level position. This is an example of what type of behavioral response?

- A. Negative reinforcement
- B. Punishment
- C. Positive reinforcement
- D. None of the above

**Answer:** D

**NEW QUESTION 37**

The Public Interest Oversight Board (PIOB) is the global body responsible for establishing international corporate governance standards.

- A. True
- B. False

**Answer:** B

**NEW QUESTION 38**

Which of the following statements regarding document retention policies (DRPs) is TRUE?

- A. Document retention policies do not need to include protocols for preserving electronic documents as most IT systems automatically preserve copies of such data
- B. When establishing a document retention policy, management should consider any industry-specific rules for documenting and regaining records
- C. An effective document retention policy permits the organization to continue the destruction of documents when faced with potential litigation
- D. All of the above

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 41

The Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) defines as "a process, effected by an entity's board of directors, management, and other personnel designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the achievement of objectives relating to operations, reporting, and compliance."

- A. Fraud risk management
- B. Corporate compliance
- C. Internal control
- D. Risk assessment

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 42

Which of the following is NOT a responsibility of the organization's board of directors?

- A. Acting as guardians of the organization's resources and assets
- B. Managing the performance of employees charged with carrying out business activities
- C. Assessing the strategy and underlying purpose of management's decisions and actions
- D. Serving as the middlemen between shareholders and management

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 46

Which of the following is an example of organizational crime?

- A. doctor conspiring with patients to file false health care insurance claims
- B. A salesman offering bribes to secure a contract
- C. An accounting clerk forging company checks to herself
- D. Management of several construction companies engaging in bid rigging

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 48

In a company with all of the following parties, who should have primary responsibility for the oversight of the organization's compliance program?

- A. The board of directors
- B. General counsel
- C. Internal audit
- D. The chief ethics officer

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 50

Blue, a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), had an ethical dilemma regarding the contract governing one of his professional engagements. Which of the following sources of guidance would be considered the lowest level of reference to help Blue in determining the most ethical course of action?

- A. Contract law
- B. The handling of similar situations by individuals he respects
- C. Moral philosophical principles
- D. The ACFE Code of Professional Ethics

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 52

According to the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission's (COSO) Internal Control—Integrated Framework (the Framework), there are five interrelated components of a company's internal control. Which of the following is NOT among these five components?

- A. Ethical culture
- B. Risk assessment
- C. Control activities
- D. Monitoring

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 54

The objective of anti-fraud controls is to:

- A. Completely eliminate residual fraud risk

- B. Reduce the residual fraud risk to a level that is significantly smaller than the inherent fraud risk
- C. Reduce the inherent fraud risk to a level that is significantly smaller than the residual fraud risk.
- D. Completely eliminate inherent fraud risk

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 58

Which of the following statements is TRUE regarding how fraud examiners should exercise professional skepticism during a fraud examination engagement?

- A. Professional skepticism involves maintaining a mindset that no fraud has occurred
- B. Fraud examiners should not relax their skeptical attitudes even if there are no signs of fraudulent activity.
- C. Fraud examiners should form the engagement hypothesis without regard to the available preliminary information
- D. Professional skepticism means beginning all assignments with the belief that something is amiss

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 62

To be in compliance with the ACFE Code of Professional Ethics, fraud examiners must have:

- A. A Sufficient skill and knowledge to recognize when additional training or expert guidance is required
- B. An expert level of experience for every circumstance that might be encountered in a fraud examination
- C. An expert level of knowledge for every circumstance that might be encountered in a fraud examination
- D. Sufficient resources to obtain the training needed to become an expert on all facets of fraud examinations

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 63

The fact that most groups within groups a society have the same ideas of right and wrong greatly assists in the ability to determine the correct ethical decision in a given situation.

- A. True
- B. False

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 67

During a fraud risk assessment, (he assessment (earn is seeking information on the ethical tone set by upper and middle managers The team members determine that, for this task, they would like to get candid one-on-one feedback from employees away from their peers. Which of the following techniques would be most helpful for them to use in gathering this information?

- A. Surveys
- B. Anonymous feedback mechanisms
- C. Interviews
- D. Focus groups

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 69

According to International Auditing Standard (ISA) 240. the two types of intentional financial statement misstatements that are relevant to the auditor are

- A. Misstatements resulting from fraudulent financial reporting and misstatements resulting from misappropriation of assets
- B. Misstatements resulting from revenue manipulation and misstatements resulting from expense manipulation
- C. Misstatements affecting the income statement and misstatements affecting the balance sheet
- D. Immaterial misstatements and material misstatements

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 70

According to Diane Vaughan. which of the following factors increases an organization s inherent inclination toward committing crime?

- A. Management links employee performance goals with company performance goals
- B. Rewards are given to employees who challenge the status quo
- C. Management seeks out diversity in attitudes and perspectives when hiring employees
- D. All of the above

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 72

Article II of the ACFE Code of Professional Ethics prohibits illegal or unethical conduct, but it allows exceptions for unknowing violations of the law

- A. True
- B. False

**Answer:** B



#### NEW QUESTION 77

Which of the following is FALSE regarding the discussion about the financial statements susceptibility to fraud that auditors are required to have under International Standard on Auditing (ISA) 240?

- A. A The audit team should discuss how management could conceal fraud
- B. The audit team should consider factors that provide the opportunity for fraud.
- C. The audit team should focus solely on how the company's assets could be misappropriated
- D. The audit team should consider whether the organizational culture might enable the rationalization of fraud

**Answer: D**

#### NEW QUESTION 78

Which of the following is NOT a purpose served by a professional organization's code of conduct?

- A. It provides more direct solutions to professional ethical dilemmas than might exist under general ethical principles
- B. It serves as a reference and benchmark for ethical guidance
- C. It provides clear answers to all ethical dilemmas the organization's members might face
- D. It facilitates practical enforcement and profession-wide internal discipline

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 79

The Institute of Internal Auditors' (IIA) International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing states that

- A. The internal auditor must apply the skill and care of an expert whose primary responsibility is investigating fraud
- B. The internal auditor must apply the skill and care of an expert whose primary responsibility is detecting fraud.
- C. The internal auditor must apply the skill and care of an unbiased, infallible audit professional.
- D. The internal auditor must apply the skill and care of a reasonably prudent and competent internal auditor

**Answer: C**

#### NEW QUESTION 80

Which of the following is FALSE regarding the process of defining the objective of the fraud risk management program?

- A. Management must assign a quantitative measure to its risk appetite so that it can accurately measure the fraud risk management program's effectiveness
- B. Management should express risk appetite in a manner that is appropriate for and unique to the organization's culture and operations.
- C. Management should examine previous fraud occurrences to determine how the ideal fraud risk management program would have prevented them.
- D. Management must consider the total amount of fraud risk it is willing to accept when determining fraud risk management objectives

**Answer: D**

#### NEW QUESTION 81

Which of the following is FALSE regarding a fraud risk assessment?

- A. The designation of an area as being high risk does not conclusively mean that fraud is occurring there
- B. The objective of the assessment is to provide an estimate of the organization's fraud losses
- C. The assessment should be used to improve employee fraud awareness
- D. The assessment team should consider how employees behave as part of its assessment

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 82

Which of the following is among the audit committee's primary responsibilities related to fraud risk management?

- A. Understanding how internal and external audit strategies address fraud risk
- B. Designing the fraud risk management program
- C. Punishing fraud perpetrators discovered through fraud risk management activities
- D. Implementing the fraud risk management program

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 87

Which of the following statements is FALSE?

- A. Controls do little good in preventing theft and fraud if those at risk do not know of their presence
- B. Most experts agree that it is harder to detect frauds than to prevent them
- C. Conducting covert audits is among the most effective fraud prevention methods
- D. Educating employees about company hotlines and reporting programs increases their perception of detection

**Answer: A**

#### NEW QUESTION 91

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