

# IIA

## Exam Questions IIA-CIA-Part1

Certified Internal Auditor - Part 1, The Internal Audit Activitys Role in Governance, Risk, and Control



#### NEW QUESTION 1

According to IIA guidance, which of the following best describes internal auditors' responsibility regarding fraud?

- A. Internal auditors should take a leading role in investigating all fraud-related cases.
- B. Internal auditors must have sufficient knowledge to evaluate the risk of fraud.
- C. Internal auditors should report all fraud cases to law enforcement agents, in accordance with the Code of Ethics.
- D. Internal auditors are responsible for ensuring that fraud does not occur.

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 2

Which of the following documents is most appropriate in promoting the objectivity of the internal audit activity?

- A. Usage of IT system policy.
- B. Risk management framework.
- C. Acceptance of gifts policy.
- D. Personal responsibility policy.

**Answer: C**

#### NEW QUESTION 3

Which two of the following are preventive controls in a check disbursement process?

- \* 1. Daily reconciliation of the bank account used for check disbursements and prompt follow-up of un-reconciled items.
- \* 2. Segregation of the following duties: establishing new vendors, approving checks, and reconciling the bank account.
- \* 3. An activity report detailing who accesses the check disbursement system and the nature of any action taken in the system.
- \* 4. Evidence of strong access controls ensuring that authorized individuals have access only to the functions related to their responsibilities.

- A. 1 and 3.
- B. 1 and 4.
- C. 2 and 3.
- D. 2 and 4.

**Answer: D**

#### NEW QUESTION 4

According to IIA guidance, which of the following external groups is most likely to represent a liability risk, based on activities associated with the organization's corporate social responsibility program?

- A. Consumers.
- B. Activists.
- C. Suppliers.
- D. Investors.

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 5

With regard To IT governance, which of the following is the most effective and appropriate role for the internal audit activity?

- A. Independently evaluate the skills and experience of potential chief information officer candidates to assess the best fit based on the organization's risk appetite.
- B. Evaluate the organization's governance standards and assess IT-related activities to identify gaps and develop policies, ensuring alignment with the organization's risk appetite.
- C. Assist management in interpreting complex IT-related privacy and security risk exposures and evaluating potential mitigation strategies.
- D. Assess whether governance activities are aligned with the organization's risk appetite and take into consideration emerging risks.

**Answer: D**

#### NEW QUESTION 6

According to IIA guidance, which of the following are considerations of due professional care when an internal auditor conducts a formal consulting engagement?

- \* 1. The complexity of the work required.
- \* 2. The needs and expectations of the client.
- \* 3. The potential value of the engagement compared to the effort.
- \* 4. Information regarding assumptions and procedures to be employed.

- A. 1 and 4 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1, 2, and 3 only
- D. 1, 2, 3, and 4

**Answer: C**

#### NEW QUESTION 7

An organization invests its savings in a volatile stock with the potential for high gains rather than a mutual fund with a lower expected return and lower volatility. This best describes which of the following risk concepts?

- A. Risk identification.
- B. Risk appetite.
- C. Risk capacity.
- D. Risk tolerance.

**Answer:** D

**NEW QUESTION 8**

Which of the following techniques would provide the most compelling evidence that a safety hazard exists within a manufacturing facility?

- A. Observation of the facility during operations.
- B. Questioning of facility management, including the facility safety officer.
- C. Analysis of facility operating reports, focusing on instances when breakdowns occurred.
- D. Review of records involving safety violations, filed by facility production employees.

**Answer:** A

**NEW QUESTION 9**

According to IIA guidance, which of the following statements about working papers is false?

- A. They assist in the implementation of recommendations.
- B. They provide support for communication to third parties.
- C. They demonstrate compliance with auditing standards.
- D. They contribute to development of the internal audit staff.

**Answer:** A

**NEW QUESTION 10**

Who is responsible for setting the risk appetite?

- A. External auditors.
- B. Chief risk officer.
- C. Operations management.
- D. Board of directors.

**Answer:** D

**NEW QUESTION 10**

Which of the following activities should the chief audit executive perform to ensure compliance with an organization's code of conduct?

- A. Act as an adviser to the committee responsible for reviewing violations of the code.
- B. Review and adjudicate all violations of the code of conduct.
- C. Lead the committee responsible for the oversight of the code.
- D. Implement a system of procedures to inform all employees of the code.

**Answer:** A

**NEW QUESTION 13**

According to IIA guidance, which of the following is ultimately responsible for seeing that the internal control system of an organization's social responsibility program is effective?

- A. Senior management.
- B. Internal audit activity.
- C. All employees.
- D. Board of directors.

**Answer:** D

**NEW QUESTION 15**

The chief audit executive (CAE) of a small internal audit activity (IAA) performs all high-risk engagements on the annual audit plan to make use of his knowledge and experience and to maximize the efficient use of audit resources. Which of the following statements is most relevant regarding this practice?

- A. The CAE's work may be reviewed by any other experienced staff member within the IAA.
- B. The CAE's work should be reviewed by an individual with the appropriate background and knowledge.
- C. The CAE may self-review his work, provided he discloses this practice in the final report.
- D. The CAE should avoid performing engagements to ensure he is able to review all audit work objectively.

**Answer:** B

**NEW QUESTION 16**

Which of the following statements is true with regard to conducting an effective quality assurance and improvement program?

- A. The IIA's Quality Assessment Manual for the Internal Audit Activity must be used as the basis for periodic assessments.
- B. Members of the internal audit activity are not permitted to perform quality assessments, as they would not be independent.
- C. Periodic internal assessments provide the most current and independent recommendations for improvement.

D. The conclusions of periodic internal assessments are intended to assist in achieving conformity to the Standards.

**Answer: D**

#### NEW QUESTION 18

According to The IIA's Code of Ethics, which of the following actions violates the principle of confidentiality?

- A. Accepting a consulting request in the IT department without possessing the requisite experience.
- B. Providing personal tax preparation services for a fee for several employees during the lunch hour.
- C. Providing a friend with the marketing strategic plan, which she will use to prepare her university thesis.
- D. Agreeing to reword an observation to avoid the client complaining directly to the auditor's supervisor.

**Answer: C**

#### NEW QUESTION 21

Which of the following is an example of collusion?

- A. An employee includes a faked receipt in his expense claim, and the claim is signed by the employee's manager.
- B. A vendor inflates the price of an item and remits a portion of the excess to the purchasing manager.
- C. A vendor sends a duplicate invoice with a new invoice number, and the accounts payable system fails to detect the duplication.
- D. An employee works with the IT manager to develop a program for identifying duplicate invoice payments.

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 23

According to IIA guidance, which of the following statements describes one of the similarities between assurance and consulting services?

- A. When planning assurance and consulting engagements, internal auditors must consider the strategies and objectives of the activity being reviewed.
- B. Internal auditors determine the engagement objectives, scope, and work program for both assurance and consulting services.
- C. Internal auditors must not provide assurance or consulting services for an activity for which they had responsibility within the previous year.
- D. Both assurance and consulting services generally involve the internal auditor, the area under review, senior management, and the board.

**Answer: A**

#### NEW QUESTION 28

Which of the following is the best way to detect fraud?

- A. Conduct anti-fraud training.
- B. Perform background investigations.
- C. Implement process controls.
- D. Activate a whistleblower hotline.

**Answer: D**

#### NEW QUESTION 31

An internal audit charter, approved by the board, restricts the internal audit activity to providing assurance only on the reliability of financial information and the effectiveness of internal accounting controls. Which of the following statements is true regarding the extent to which the external auditor may rely on the internal audit activity's work?

- A. The external auditor may make full use of the work, as the audit charter is very specific as to the work the internal audit activity may undertake.
- B. The external auditor may use the work, as the board has approved the charter, thus taking responsibility for any deficiencies.
- C. The external auditor must disregard the work, as the scope of the charter may introduce bias and result in a lack of due professional care.
- D. The external auditor may use the work with caution, due to the internal audit activity's scope and responsibility restrictions.

**Answer: D**

#### NEW QUESTION 34

Which of the following is not an objective of internal control?

- A. Compliance.
- B. Accuracy.
- C. Efficiency.
- D. Validation.

**Answer: D**

#### NEW QUESTION 38

Which of the following types of fraud includes embezzlement?

- A. Fraudulent statements.
- B. Bribery.
- C. Misappropriation of assets.
- D. Corruption.

**Answer: C**

#### NEW QUESTION 39

Which of the following is the primary engagement responsibility of an entry-level internal auditor?

- A. Leadership.
- B. Documentation.
- C. Analysis.
- D. Reporting.

**Answer: C**

#### NEW QUESTION 44

A manufacturing line supervisor joins the internal audit activity for a two-year rotational job assignment and is assigned to an accounts receivable audit. With regard to this assignment, which of the following should be the primary concern of the audit manager?

- A. Due professional care.
- B. Individual independence.
- C. Individual objectivity.
- D. Organizational independence.

**Answer: A**

#### NEW QUESTION 45

A snow removal company is conducting a scenario planning exercise where participating employees consider the potential impacts of a significant reduction in annual snowfall for the coming winter. Which of the following best describes this type of risk?

- A. Residual.
- B. Net.
- C. Inherent.
- D. Accepted.

**Answer: C**

#### NEW QUESTION 50

According to IIA guidance, which of the following scenarios demonstrates an internal auditor exercising due professional care?

When auditing investments, the auditor identified instruments with which he was unfamiliar. He decided not to select that type of investment in his sample, as he did not have the knowledge needed to

- A. perform a proper assessment.
- B. An auditor was reviewing inventory counts conducted by the warehouse staff
- C. One truck containing an immaterial amount of inventory was off-site and wasn't verified by the auditor.
- D. An auditor visited a plant that produces a significant portion of the organization's inventory
- E. The day he arrived, the plant manager was out sick, so the auditor issued the report without interviewing the manager.
- F. An auditor in charge needed to have testing completed by the end of the month, but was behind schedule
- G. He identified a junior auditor to conduct the work for him on a complex area of the organization.

**Answer: A**

#### NEW QUESTION 52

According to the International Professional Practices Framework, which of the following are allowable activities for an internal auditor?

- \* 1. Advocating the establishment of a risk management function.
- \* 2. Identifying and evaluating significant risk exposures during audit engagements.
- \* 3. Developing a risk response for the organization if there is no chief risk officer.
- \* 4. Benchmarking risk management activities with other organizations.
- \* 5. Documenting risk mitigation strategies and techniques.

- A. 4 and 5 only.
- B. 1, 2, and 3 only.
- C. 1, 2, 4, and 5 only.
- D. 2, 3, 4, and 5 only.

**Answer: C**

#### NEW QUESTION 55

Upon joining the internal audit activity, each new auditor receives a copy of the audit handbook. Which of the following handbook policies has the greatest risk of compromising audit objectivity?

- A. Internal auditors should obtain 80 hours of continuing professional education every two years, 20 of which should be audit-related, and the remainder may be operations-related.
- B. Internal auditors should rotate to other areas of the organization for nonaudit assignments to gain an understanding of the organization's operations.
- C. Internal auditors should have direct and unrestricted access to personnel and information throughout the organization and the governing board.
- D. Internal auditors should undergo annual performance appraisals conducted by the chief audit executive, who reports administratively to the chief financial officer.

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 57

Which of the following items should the chief audit executive disclose to senior management regarding the results of the internal audit activity's quality assessments?

- A. The internal audit activity's plan for resource allocation.
- B. The amount of the organization's potential loss prevented by the risk-based auditing of the internal audit activity.
- C. The number of audits from the annual internal audit plan that were completed last year.
- D. The qualifications and independence of the assessment Team.

**Answer: B**

#### **NEW QUESTION 62**

According to IIA guidance, which of the following statements is true when an internal auditor performs consulting services that improve an organization's operations?

- A. The services must be aligned with those defined in the internal audit charter.
- B. The services must not be performed by the same internal auditor who performed assurance services, in order to maintain objectivity.
- C. The services may preclude assurance services from the consulting engagement.
- D. The services impose no responsibility to communicate information other than to the engagement client.

**Answer: B**

#### **NEW QUESTION 65**

Which of the following statements describes impairment to the internal auditor's objectivity?

- A. An internal auditor reviews a purchasing agent's contract drafts prior to their execution.
- B. An internal auditor reduces the scope of an audit engagement due to budget restrictions.
- C. An internal auditor receives a promotional gift that is available to the organization's employees.
- D. An internal auditor performs an assessment of the operations for which he was recently responsible.

**Answer: D**

#### **NEW QUESTION 69**

Which of the following is an example of a management control technique?

- A. A budget.
- B. A risk assessment.
- C. The board of directors.
- D. The control environment.

**Answer: A**

#### **NEW QUESTION 74**

An internal auditor completed an audit of a bank's loan department and found all significant risks to be managed adequately through effective internal controls. Which of the following would be an appropriate conclusion to report to management?

- A. The residual risk is lower than or equal to the risk appetite.
- B. The residual risk is higher than or equal to the risk appetite.
- C. The inherent risk is lower than or equal to the risk tolerance.
- D. The inherent risk is higher than or equal to the risk tolerance.

**Answer: A**

#### **NEW QUESTION 75**

In which of the following scenarios would the chief audit executive (CAE) be required to decline the assignment?

- A. The CAE would need to procure external services to deliver the internal audit assurance program.
- B. There is no expertise within the internal audit team for detecting and investigating fraud.
- C. There is no expertise within the internal audit team for auditing an IT engagement.
- D. There is no available expertise on the internal audit team to perform a consulting engagement.

**Answer: B**

#### **NEW QUESTION 76**

A new director was hired to lead the internal audit activity at a small start-up company. Which of the following assignments would impair the director's independence?

- A. Preparing the financial statements for the company's defined contribution plan.
- B. Performing a pre-implementation review of the company's payroll application.
- C. Providing the COBIT framework as a possible IT management tool.
- D. Reviewing the company's policy for foreign currency translation adjustments for compliance with accounting standards.

**Answer: A**

#### **NEW QUESTION 77**

According to IIA guidance, which of the following describes the primary reason to implement environmental and social safeguards within an organization?



- A. To enable Triple Bottom Line reporting capability.
- B. To facilitate the conduct of risk assessment.
- C. To achieve and maintain sustainable development.
- D. To fulfill regulatory and compliance requirements.

**Answer: C**

#### NEW QUESTION 80

In which of the following functions would fraud be most likely to occur?

- A. Maintaining custody of inventory records.
- B. Collecting payments on accounts.
- C. Approving changes to employee records.
- D. Preparing customer statements.

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 84

Given the highly technical and legal nature of privacy issues, which of the following statements best describes the internal audit activity's responsibility with regard to assessing an organization's privacy framework?

- A. If an organization does not have a mature privacy framework, the internal audit activity should assist in developing and implementing an appropriate privacy framework.
- B. Because the audit committee is ultimately responsible for ensuring that appropriate control processes are in place to mitigate risks associated with personal information, the internal audit activity is
- C. required to conduct privacy assessments.
- D. The internal audit activity may delegate to nonaudit IT specialists the responsibility of determining whether personal information has been secured adequately and data protection controls are sufficient.
- E. The internal audit activity should have appropriate knowledge and competence to conduct an asses.....framework.

**Answer: D**

#### NEW QUESTION 85

While performing an accounts payable engagement, a senior auditor wants to conduct several tests of controls for travel expenses. Which of the following actions are most appropriate for the senior auditor to undertake?

- \* 1. Ensure all tests use a random sampling technique.
- \* 2. Consider a judgmental approach for the sample size.
- \* 3. Assess testing errors through root cause analysis.
- \* 4. Ensure that the entire data set is tested.

- A. 1 and 2.
- B. 1 and 3.
- C. 2 and 3.
- D. 2 and 4.

**Answer: C**

#### NEW QUESTION 88

Which of the following professional development approaches would offer internal auditors the most opportunities to broaden their engagement experiences?

- A. Assign more experienced internal auditors to mentor the less experienced auditors.
- B. Send internal auditors to external trainings in advanced internal audit topics.
- C. Appraise internal auditors' performance and competencies at least annually and issue constructive feedback.
- D. Rotate internal auditors among different engagement assignments.

**Answer: D**

#### NEW QUESTION 92

According to IIA guidance, which of the following is not a responsibility of the chief audit executive pertaining to documenting information to support internal audit engagement results and conclusions?

- A. Rating each engagement record to assess its relevance and accessibility for the organization's board.
- B. Controlling access to engagement records, including access by senior management.
- C. Developing retention requirements for engagement records that are consistent with organizational guidelines.
- D. Forming policies governing the custody and retention of consulting engagement records before their release to other parties.

**Answer: A**

#### NEW QUESTION 93

An internal audit charter should do which of the following?

- A. Outline the schedule of future audits.
- B. Define the scope of internal audit activities.
- C. Establish the size of the internal audit activity.
- D. Communicate the internal audit activity's goals.

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 98

If appropriate safeguards exist, which of the following is considered a legitimate internal audit role within risk management at an organization?

- A. Imposing risk management processes.
- B. Providing consolidated reporting on risks.
- C. Taking accountability for risk management.
- D. Making decisions on risk responses.

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 103

Which of the following are components of the ISO 31000 risk management process?

- \* 1. Setting the context.
- \* 2. Risk treatment.
- \* 3. Risk avoidance.
- \* 4. Communication.

- A. 1 and 2 only.
- B. 2 and 3.
- C. 3 and 4.
- D. 1,2, and 4.

**Answer: A**

#### NEW QUESTION 107

Which of the following is an activity that an internal auditor must not perform?

- A. Establish and provide continuing assurance on an anti-money laundering program for new hires.
- B. Survey employees for their understanding of anti-money laundering practices.
- C. Provide assurance for the effectiveness of anti-money laundering training.
- D. Assess the risk of being fined for ineffective anti-money laundering practices.

**Answer: A**

#### NEW QUESTION 112

Management would like to self-assess the overall effectiveness of the controls in place for its 200-person manufacturing department. Which of the following client-facilitated approaches is likely to be the most efficient way to accomplish this objective?

- A. Workshops.
- B. Surveys.
- C. Interviews.
- D. Observation.

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 117

In the area of business acumen, which of the following competencies would be the sole responsibility of an internal audit staff member?

- A. Maintaining industry-specific knowledge appropriate to the organization.
- B. Assessing how IT contributes to organization objectives, risks, and relevance to audit.
- C. Maintaining technical aspects of accounting standards and reporting processes.
- D. Understanding regulatory and legal framework and assessing its relevance.

**Answer: D**

#### NEW QUESTION 120

An auditor identifies three errors in the sample of 25 entries selected for review (a 12 percent error rate). Based on this result, the auditor assumes that approximately 59 of the total population of 492 entries are incorrect. To reach this assumption, the auditor has used a technique known as which of the following?

- A. Variability tolerance.
- B. Ratio estimation.
- C. Stratification.
- D. Acceptance sampling.

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 121

Which of the following are generally recognized as essential elements of a corporate social responsibility program?

- A. Human rights and the environment.
- B. Organizational governance and financial reporting.
- C. Fair operating practices and government regulation.
- D. Consumer issues and return on investment.

**Answer: A**



#### NEW QUESTION 124

An assurance mapping exercise helps an organization do which of the following?

- \* 1. Provide assurance to stakeholders that risks are managed and reported, and regulatory and legal obligations are met.
- \* 2. Fulfill best practices in the industry.
- \* 3. Identify and address any gaps in the risk management process.
- \* 4. Identify fraud.

- A. 1 and 4.
- B. 1 and 3.
- C. 2 and 3.
- D. 3 and 4.

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 126

While preparing for an audit of senior management expenses, the chief audit executive (CAE) learns that management is unable to locate a number of original expense claims to support the related disbursements. She decides to defer the engagement until they can be located. Which of the following principles likely guided the CAE's decision?

- A. Objectivity.
- B. Proficiency.
- C. Independence.
- D. Due professional care.

**Answer: D**

#### NEW QUESTION 130

A credit card company detects potential errors in credit card numbers by checking whether all entered numbers contain the correct amount of digits. This is an example of which of the following IT controls?

- A. Logic test.
- B. Check digits.
- C. Data integrity tests.
- D. Balancing control activities.

**Answer: A**

#### NEW QUESTION 134

Which of the following is a weakness of observation as audit evidence?

- A. It cannot be used to test the completeness assertion.
- B. It cannot be used to test the existence assertion.
- C. It cannot be used to test the occurrence assertion.
- D. It cannot be relied upon because the evidence is not persuasive.

**Answer: A**

#### NEW QUESTION 136

Which of the following best describes the misdirection of payments on accounts receivable to an employee's bank account?

- A. Fraud open on the books.
- B. Fraud hidden on the books.
- C. Fraud off the books.
- D. Fraud on the balance sheet.

**Answer: C**

#### NEW QUESTION 139

The security department uncovered what appears to be a complex fraud in the accounting department. The CEO has requested the internal audit activity to investigate the fraud. If the internal audit staff lacks the expertise to conduct the investigation, how should the chief audit executive proceed?

- A. Disclose the deficiency, and request that the investigation be reassigned to the first line of defense.
- B. Proceed with the investigation, as internal auditors are not required to have fraud expertise.
- C. Outsource the sensitive investigation to a third-party consultant with fraud expertise.
- D. Select a member of the accounting department who is not involved in the fraud to join the investigation team in a consulting capacity.

**Answer: C**

#### NEW QUESTION 144

According to The IIA's Code of Ethics, which of the following is true?

- A. Confidentiality requires that auditors disclose all material facts known to them.
- B. Integrity requires that auditors perform internal audit services in accordance with the Standards.
- C. Objectivity requires that auditors perform their work with honesty, diligence, and responsibility.
- D. Confidentiality requires that auditors be prudent in the use and protection of client information.

**Answer:** D

**NEW QUESTION 148**

A new internal audit activity is creating its first charter. According to IIA guidance, which of the following objectives would be appropriate for inclusion in the charter?

- A. Continuously monitor the organization's overall risk activities in relation to its risk appetite.
- B. Evaluate the adequacy and effectiveness of the organization's governance activities.
- C. Oversee the establishment and administration of an effective risk management program.
- D. Assist management in implementing recommended control improvements.

**Answer:** C

**NEW QUESTION 152**

What is the primary benefit to the internal audit activity for undertaking an internal quality assessment?

- A. To help the internal audit activity complete its annual assurance plan.
- B. To identify inefficiencies within the internal audit team.
- C. To help improve the overall quality of the internal audit activity's work.
- D. To identify key risks and areas of concern within the organization.

**Answer:** C

**NEW QUESTION 155**

A chief audit executive (CAE) reports functionally to the CEO and administratively to the chief financial officer, both of whom serve on the company's board of directors. According to IIA guidance, which of the following would offer the greatest protection for the independence of the internal audit activity?

- A. Appoint the CAE as a member of the board.
- B. Move the CAE's functional reporting to an executive who is not on the board.
- C. Obtain full board approval of the internal audit activity's annual audit plan.
- D. Move the CAE's functional reporting to the audit committee.

**Answer:** D

**NEW QUESTION 157**

Which of the following statements is true about The IIA Global Internal Audit Competency Framework?

- A. The core competencies outlined in the framework are not expected of a person undertaking an entry-level position as an internal auditor.
- B. The framework is designed to be used primarily by chief audit executives that are developing indicators to measure the performance of the internal audit activity for which they are responsible.
- C. The framework lists the core competencies internal auditors should possess before attempting to attain The IIA's Certified Internal Auditor certification.
- D. The framework describes competencies needed for individual internal auditors, but not those necessary at the chief audit executive level.

**Answer:** B

**NEW QUESTION 160**

Management is developing and implementing a risk and control framework for use throughout the organization. Which of the following elements should be included in the organization's control framework?

- \* 1. Appropriate levels of authority and responsibility.
- \* 2. Supervision of staff and appropriate review of work.
- \* 3. The seniority of management in the organization.
- \* 4. The ability to trace each transaction to an accountable and responsible individual.

- A. 1,2, and 3.
- B. 1,2, and 4.
- C. 1,3, and 4.
- D. 2, 3, and 4.

**Answer:** D

**NEW QUESTION 163**

According to IIA guidance, which of the following statements is true regarding periodic internal assessments of the internal audit activity?

- A. Internal assessments are conducted to benchmark the internal audit activity's performance against industry best practices.
- B. Internal assessments must be performed at least once every five years by a qualified assessor.
- C. An internal auditor may perform a peer review of a colleague's workpapers, as long as the auditor wasn't involved in the audit under review.
- D. Follow-up to ensure appropriate improvements are implemented is a recommended, but not mandatory, element of internal assessments.

**Answer:** C

**NEW QUESTION 168**

A chief audit executive (CAE) is selecting an internal audit team to perform an audit engagement that requires a high level of knowledge in the areas of finance, investment portfolio management, and taxation. If neither the CAE nor the existing internal audit staff possess the required knowledge, which of the following actions should the CAE take?

- A. Postpone the audit until the CAE hires internal audit staff with the required knowledge.
- B. Ask the audit committee to decide the course of action.
- C. Select the most experienced auditors in the department to perform the engagement.
- D. Hire consultants who possess the required knowledge to perform the engagement.

**Answer: D**

**NEW QUESTION 172**

What should the internal auditor's role be in assessing the organization's ethical climate?

- A. Perform ongoing surveys of the employees, customers, and partners of the organization to assess the organization's ethical climate.
- B. Evaluate the effectiveness of the organization's strategies and processes for achieving the desired level of legal and ethical compliance.
- C. Maintain a whistleblower hotline to identify inappropriate or illegal activity within the organization.
- D. Perform background checks of potential new employees before they are hired by the organization.

**Answer: B**

**NEW QUESTION 173**

According to The IIA's Code of Ethics, which of the following statements is true?

- A. When an internal auditor releases required information to a regulator, resulting in a significant loss through fines and penalties for the organization, he fails to add value.
- B. When an internal auditor limits the scope of the audit engagement after learning that management is hiding relevant information, he demonstrates integrity.
- C. When an internal auditor disagrees with the treatment received by workers in the organization's foreign subsidiary and alters the audit program to highlight the issue, he fails to demonstrate objectivity.
- D. When an internal auditor continues with an audit engagement, despite the audit client's claims that the work performed is unnecessary and redundant he fails to demonstrate competency.

**Answer: C**

**NEW QUESTION 174**

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