

CIA Part 3 - Q&A, Tips & Practice Questions

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Business Knowledge for Internal Auditing



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Today's Session



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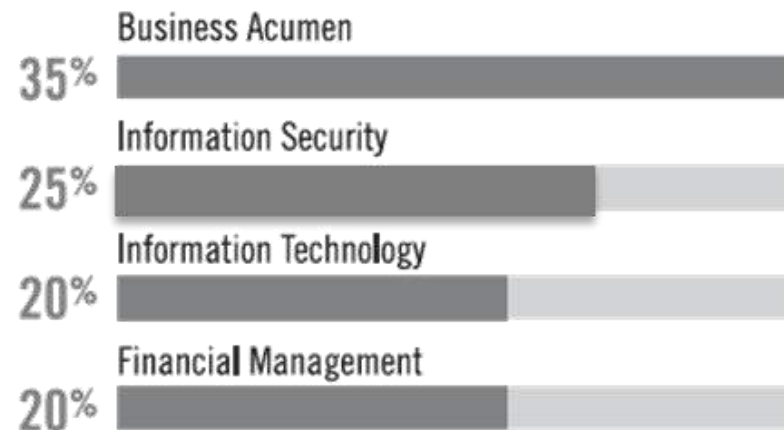
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Part 3 CIA Exam Syllabus

Part 3

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100 QUESTIONS / 120 MINUTES



Part 3 Syllabus

- The number of topics covered on the Part 3 exam has been greatly refocused to the core areas that are most critical for internal auditors.
- The exam syllabus features a new subdomain on data analytics.
- The information security portion of the exam has been expanded to include additional topics such as cybersecurity risks and emerging technology practices.
- The largest domain is “Business Acumen,” which makes up 35% of the exam.
- A portion of the exam requires candidates to demonstrate a basic comprehension of concepts; another portion requires candidates to demonstrate proficiency in their knowledge, skills, and abilities.

Study & Test Taking Tips

Study Tips



- Choose your study method
- Be realistic
- Avoid procrastination
- Set a study plan
- Use flashcards
- Focus on “proficiency” areas
- Understand application
- Go beyond memorization
- Prepare for computer-based test format
- Consider real-life examples

Test Taking Tips

- Read the last sentence / question before the details
- Look for clues such as “all,” “except,” or “not”
- Think of your answer before reading the choices
- Answer broadly and globally – beyond your experience and industry
- Eliminate obvious distracters (aka: wrong answers)
- Trust your first impressions and avoid over-analyzing
- If uncertain, answer it anyway; flag it for review later
- Budget your time and don't rush
- Be well-rested and comfortable for the exam



Practice Exam Questions

I. Business Acumen (35%)

Q. Which is an appropriate consideration in evaluating a credit department's KPIs?

- A. Are KPIs exhaustive enough to cover even minor credit area objectives?
- B. Are the measures in line with short-term financial goals for the credit area?
- C. Are the credit department measures operating efficiently and effectively?
- D. Are credit employees professional in the achievement of objectives?

II. Information Security (25%)

Q. An IT auditor discovers a weakness in IT general controls. What should the auditor do?

- A. Communicate the issue to the board first.
- B. Resolve the risk exposure created by the deficiency.
- C. Make recommendations to address the issue.
- D. Set a deadline for implementation of controls.

III. Information Technology (20%)

Q. A new organization decides to use the COBIT® IT control framework. Which is true of this decision?

- A. The framework is a best practice and should be used as is.
- B. The framework helps keep lines of responsibility less formal.
- C. The framework should be modified to reflect risk appetite and risk tolerance.
- D. The framework includes overall organizational controls in its guidance.

IV. Financial Management (20%)

Q. Which applies more to the income statement than to the statement of financial position?

- A. Evaluating if inventory levels are sufficient.
- B. Evaluating capital structure.
- C. Evaluating liquidity.
- D. Evaluating creditworthiness.

Ask the Expert

Q&A



Wrap Up



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