

# CompTIA

## Exam Questions 220-1101

CompTIA A+ Certification Exam: Core 1



#### NEW QUESTION 1

A technician needs to recommend an internet connection for a customer who travels around the world and wants to have connectivity while visiting remote camping locations. Some of the locations the customer visits have limited or unreliable cellular service. Which of the following connection types should the technician recommend?

- A. Satellite
- B. DSL
- C. Fiber
- D. Hotspot

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 2

A department sends in a ticket to report a printer is not working. The responding technician sees paper stuck to the fuser, which is much hotter than normal. The (user was just installed a few weeks ago. as indicated by the service history. Which of the following should the technician do NEXT?

- A. Disable the printer for repairs.
- B. Install a printer roller kit.
- C. Remove the paper and let the fuser cool down.
- D. Replace the paper with thicker paper stock.

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 3

A help desk technician thinks a desktop PC has failed due to a defective power supply. Which of the following steps should the technician take NEXT?

- A. Inquire about environmental or infrastructure changes.
- B. Conduct external or internal research based on symptoms.
- C. Establish a plan of action to resolve the problem and implement the solution.
- D. Document the findings, actions, and outcomes.

**Answer:** B

#### Explanation:

<https://spryzensecurity.medium.com/what-is-troubleshooting-methodology-40cec6b6494>

#### NEW QUESTION 4

A user's computer is not receiving a network connection. The technician confirms that the connection seems to be down and looks for the user's port on the patch panel. The port and patch panel are not labeled. Which of the following network tools should the technician use to identify the port?

- A. Network tap
- B. Punchdown tool
- C. Toner probe
- D. Crimper

**Answer:** C

#### Explanation:

**Toner Probe** Many cable testers also incorporate the function of a toner probe, which is used to identify a cable from within a bundle. This may be necessary when the cables have not been labeled properly. The tone generator is connected to the cable using an RJ45 jack and applies a continuous audio signal on the cable. The probe is used to detect the signal and follow the cable over ceilings and through ducts or identify it from within the rest of the bundle.

#### NEW QUESTION 5

A technician powers on a PC and its monitor and sees the following error message: No input signal detected  
The display lights on the computer are on. Which of the following is a possible solution?

- A. Changing the BIOS settings
- B. Changing the connector setting on the monitor
- C. Checking the power plug on the monitor
- D. Checking the power plug on the PC

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 6

A network technician has been tasked with creating a patch cable. The RJ45 connectors will not stay attached to the cable. Which of the following tools is needed to fix this issue?

- A. Cable tester
- B. Crimper
- C. Punchdown tool
- D. Loopback plug

**Answer:** B

#### Explanation:

A crimper is a tool that is used to crimp (attach) an RJ45 connector onto the end of a patch cable. The crimper applies pressure to the connector to make a permanent connection between the connector and the cable, ensuring that the connector will stay attached to the cable.  
A cable tester is used to test the connectivity of a network cable. A punchdown tool is used to terminate network cables in a patch panel or keystone jack. A loopback plug is a diagnostic tool that is used to test network interfaces by simulating network traffic.

#### NEW QUESTION 7

A user who works with sensitive data has a computer configured with hard drive encryption. The TPM is active and hosting the encrypted key. After an upgrade to the motherboard, RAM and video card, the hard drive is not booting and data cannot be accessed from the hard drive. Which of the following should the technician do to enable the system to boot again and get access to the stored data?

- A. Use data recovery software to find and recover the hard drive information
- B. Access the BIOS and select to rebuild the degraded RAID array
- C. Boot into the BIOS and enable the TPM on the new motherboard.
- D. Return the replaced motherboard back to the computer

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 8

A user wants a second monitor installed on a laptop. The VGA/DVI or HDMI cables have already been connected. Which of the following should the technician do to configure the laptop to show both screens?

- A. Power cycle the laptop.
- B. Plug in the monitor to the USB port.
- C. Adjust the monitor display settings.
- D. Power cycle the monitor.

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 9

An online retailer would like to add capacity to support increased sales. Additional servers have been installed. Which of the following should be used to ensure each new server is being properly utilized?

- A. Virtualization
- B. Clustering
- C. Load balancer
- D. Round-robin DNS

**Answer:** C

#### Explanation:

<https://www.resonatenetworks.com/2020/04/29/clustering-vs-load-balancing-whats-the-difference/>

#### NEW QUESTION 10

A technician is tasked with installing additional RAM in a desktop computer. Which of the following types of RAM is MOST likely to be used?

- A. SODIMM
- B. DDR3
- C. ECC
- D. VRAM

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 10

An end user discovered that the touch-screen features on a Windows device have stopped working. Which of the following should a technician check?

- A. Performance monitor
- B. Tablet/PC settings
- C. System configuration
- D. Display settings

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 12

Which of the following types of devices MOST often uses a Thunderbolt cable?

- A. Linux PC
- B. Android mobile
- C. Apple laptop
- D. Chromebook

**Answer:** C

#### Explanation:

CompTIA study guide says Apple Devices use thunderbolt and lightning cables the most, but it is being implemented in Windows and Linux products.

#### NEW QUESTION 16

A technician needs to improve a workstation's overall response time for frequently used applications and data without removing the current hard drive. Which of the following storage devices should the technician install to BEST accomplish the objective?

- A. M.2
- B. SAS
- C. HDD
- D. SCSI

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 20

Which of the following would MOST likely be used to obtain electronic images of a large number of printed documents?

- A. NFC device
- B. ADF/flatbed scanner
- C. Camera/webcam
- D. QR scanner

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 24

A technician unboxed a new computer, plugged it in to a UPS. and connected the requested peripherals. The computer lights and fans turn on, but the technician hears three loud, consecutive beeps during boot. Which of the following actions will remediate the issue?

- A. Replacing the power supply
- B. Replacing the UPS
- C. Changing the CMOS battery
- D. Reseating the RAM

**Answer:** D

#### Explanation:

Three beeps indicate a "base memory read/write test error". Check out "beep codes" for more information. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Power-on\\_self-test#POST\\_beep\\_codes\\_on\\_ComptIA\\_A.2B\\_certification\\_exam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Power-on_self-test#POST_beep_codes_on_ComptIA_A.2B_certification_exam)

#### NEW QUESTION 25

A salesperson is using a weather application on a mobile device. The application appears to be draining the device's battery very quickly. Which of the following is the BEST action for the salesperson to take in order to view weather forecasts while travelling?

- A. Enable the GPS service to ensure accurate location detection.
- B. Manually enter office locations in the weather application.
- C. Configure less frequent location checks using cellular location services.
- D. Use the offices' Wi-Fi IP addresses as the geolocation mechanism.

**Answer:** B

#### Explanation:

<https://nerdschalk.com/how-to-fix-weather-app-battery-drain-on-ios-16/>

#### NEW QUESTION 26

A technician is implementing a SOHO wireless solution with three access points. Which of the following actions would avoid high latency?

- A. Enabling and configuring a 5GHz antenna
- B. Configuring separate IP ranges
- C. Enabling multiple SSIDs
- D. Configuring all devices with different channels

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 27

The Chief Executive Officer wants to ensure company data is stored in a manner that provides the company with complete control over how the data is managed. Which of the following is the BEST cloud deployment model for this request?

- A. Community
- B. Hybrid
- C. Public
- D. Private

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 28

A technician is replacing a computer with a connected point-of-sale system using a 9-pin serial adapter. The new computer does not have a 9-pin serial port. Which of the following ports can an adapter be installed on in order to connect to the point-of-sale system?

- A. HDMI

- B. Bluetooth
- C. USB
- D. Lightning

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 31

A technician wants to deploy a .msi package to a corporate network. The technician needs to verify the application deployment will not affect other legacy applications on the end users' computers. Which of the following would the technician consider the MOST appropriate for this situation?

- A. Virtual network
- B. Application virtualization
- C. Cross-platform virtualization
- D. Virtual sandbox
- E. Virtual desktop

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 33

While implementing a non-carrier-grade wireless backhaul, a technician notices the current channel selection is externally polluted with various RF signals. Upon performing a spectral analysis, the technician discovers a channel containing almost no RF pollution. Unfortunately, the technician is unable to select that channel. Which of the following is the MOST likely reason for this issue?

- A. The channel is reserved for licensed band use.
- B. The channel selection is defective, contact the manufacturer.
- C. The channel must be unblocked by the vendor.
- D. The device requires a firmware update to unlock the channel.

**Answer:** A

#### Explanation:

The 2.4 GHz band is subdivided into up to 14 channels, spaced at 5 MHz intervals from 2412 MHz up to 2484 MHz. Wi-Fi requires bandwidth of approximately 20 MHz, not 5 MHz. Consequently, a site designer needs to choose the channels that do not overlap. On a WLAN where only the first 11 channels are available, channels 1, 6, and 11 can be selected as non-overlapping. Note: In the Americas, regulations permit the use of channels 1-11 only, while in Europe, channels 1-13 are permitted. In Japan, all 14 channels are permitted.

#### NEW QUESTION 35

A company wants to give third-party developers access to the corporate network through desktop environments that the company can control. Which of the following can BEST achieve these requirements?

- A. Sandbox
- B. VDI
- C. Private cloud
- D. SaaS

**Answer:** B

#### Explanation:

VDI is a technology that allows a company to provide desktop environments to third-party developers while still maintaining control over the corporate network. VDI creates virtual desktops on a remote server, and each user gets their own desktop environment that is isolated from the other users. This allows the company to maintain control over the corporate network, as the virtual desktops are not directly connected to the corporate network.

#### NEW QUESTION 40

Which of the following commonly uses NFC?

- A. Contactless payments
- B. IoT devices
- C. Inventory tracking
- D. Tethering

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 41

A technician installed a new router at a small office. After the installation, the technician notices that all devices have a 169.254.x.x IP address. Printers and file shares are still working, but PCs cannot access the Internet. Which of the following should the technician configure on the router to enable devices to connect to the Internet?

- A. APIPA
- B. DNS
- C. DHCP
- D. SMB

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 45

Which of the following would an administrator use to migrate virtual machines from on-premises to the cloud?

- A. IaaS
- B. SaaS
- C. DBaaS
- D. DRaaS

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 50

A technician is setting up a new desktop computer and will be installing the hard drive directly on the motherboard without using cables to connect it. Which of the following will the technician be installing?

- A. Thunderbolt
- B. eSATA
- C. M.2
- D. SCSI

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 54

A university student was able to boot from a live Linux CD on a computer in a shared space on campus. Which of the following will BEST prevent this type of action from occurring in the future?

- A. Require TPM security features.
- B. Set a boot password.
- C. Disable all media options.
- D. Enable secure boot.

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 55

A technician needs to install a cost-effective storage device into a rackmount server that will be used as a VM host. This storage will be used for all VMs that run from the server. Which of the following should be used?

- A. Optical disk drive
- B. eMMC storage device
- C. 15,000rpm drive
- D. RAID 10 array

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 56

A technician is setting up a laptop with an encrypted hard drive. The laptop will securely store a PIN that the user will input at log-on. Which of the following must be installed to set up this configuration?

- A. TPM
- B. HSM
- C. UEFI
- D. ARM

**Answer:** A

#### Explanation:

TPM stands for Trusted Platform Module, and it is a special chip installed on a computer's motherboard that stores encryption keys, passwords, and digital certificates. It can also securely store a user's PIN, allowing them to access the laptop without having to enter the PIN every time they log on. TPM is a secure way to store and protect sensitive data, making it ideal for use in laptops that need to securely store a PIN.

#### NEW QUESTION 61

A technician recently discovered the root cause of an application error that several users have been experiencing. The technician updated the configurations on the affected machines and verified full functionality was restored for all users, which of the following actions should the technician perform NEXT?

- A. Write a knowledge base article in the ticketing software to expedite future Incidents.
- B. Submit a bug report to the developer of the application, along with the steps taken to resolve the Issue.
- C. Work with the developer to proactively collect the application logs to identify future errors of this type.
- D. Send an email communication to the company about the issue and the steps taken to resolve it.

**Answer:** A

#### Explanation:

CompTIA 6-Step Troubleshooting Process:

- \* 1. Identify the problem.
- \* 2. Establish a theory of probable cause. (Question the obvious)
- \* 3. Test the theory to determine cause.
- \* 4. Establish a plan of action to resolve the problem and implement the solution.
- \* 5. Verify full system functionality and if applicable implement preventative measures.
- \* 6. Document findings, actions, and outcomes.

#### NEW QUESTION 66

The help desk received a ticket regarding Issues with a laser printer. The printer has had repairs previously for scanning Issues. Currently, the printed text is not adhering properly to the paper. Which of the following should be replaced to resolve this Issue?

- A. Fuser
- B. Waste container
- C. Roller
- D. Toner

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 70

A technician is troubleshooting a computer that is not completing POST and gets stuck at the manufacturer logo screen. All internal, removable parts have been disconnected and only the minimum parts necessary to POST were reconnected. However, the symptoms remain the same. Which of the following should the technician try NEXT?

- A. Test the RAM in different slots, one at a time.
- B. Remove and test the power supply.
- C. Replace the motherboard.
- D. Change the CMOS battery.

**Answer:** A

#### Explanation:

CMOS is for date and time and should not stop a host from booting. If working on a host with ECC memory you would test the ram in a different slot or a different Stick all together. If that did not work, I would swap in the other CPU to check if that is the issue. The ECC part isn't important other than thats what I'm used to working on at AWS and that is the only way you would be able to swap the CPUs easily.

#### NEW QUESTION 74

A technician receives a ticket that states a mobile payment device is having Issues with Its contactless payment feature. The device is not detecting payment options. Which of the following Is the MOST likely cause of the Issue?

- A. NFC
- B. Bluetooth
- C. Wi-Fi
- D. Lightning adapter

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 79

A technician is adding one more line at the demarcation point. Which of the following tools would be MOST useful to accomplish this task?

- A. Toner
- B. Punchdown
- C. Network tap
- D. Crimper

**Answer:** B

#### Explanation:

Punchdown tools are used to make connections between wires in a 66/110 block at the demarcation point. The tool is used to insert the wire into the appropriate holes in the block, and it can be used to add additional lines to the demarcation point. The other options are not the correct tools for adding lines to the demarcation point. A toner is used to identify cable pairs, a network tap is used to monitor network traffic, and a crimper is used to terminate cables.

#### NEW QUESTION 84

A technician is diagnosing a workstation that shuts down unexpectedly during a butn-in test. Which of the following is the MOST likely cause for this symptom?

- A. Faulty CMOS battery
- B. OS update issue
- C. Overheating
- D. Faulty RAM

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 87

A user failed to gain access to a building's entrance after security measures at the entrance were upgraded last week. The company implemented the 13.56MHz frequency short band, and users can now utilize their mobile devices to authenticate. Which of the following has to be enabled for the mobile device to authenticate?

- A. Bluetooth
- B. Biometrics
- C. NFC
- D. PIN

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 92



A client wants to connect an external keyboard to an Android tablet. Which of the following connection types are appropriate for this task? (Select TWO).

- A. DVI
- B. Infrared
- C. Lightning
- D. USB-C
- E. PS/2
- F. Bluetooth

**Answer:** AD

#### NEW QUESTION 94

A technician is configuring a new CAD workstation that has four large hard drives. The workstation will be used to edit large, critical files, so the storage configuration should be both fast and redundant. Which of the following RAID levels BEST meets these requirements?

- A. 1
- B. 5
- C. 10

**Answer:** D

#### Explanation:

<https://techgenix.com/raid-10-vs-raid-5/>

#### NEW QUESTION 96

A technical lead wants to migrate all common business applications, including email and fileshares, to the cloud. Which of the following cloud concepts should be used?

- A. MaaS
- B. PaaS
- C. SaaS
- D. IaaS

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 97

A technician is preparing to set up a gaming computer with the following components:

- Discrete, high-end graphics card
- Video capture card
- High-end processor
- Multiple hard drives
- USB 3.0 hub
- Sound card

Which of the following options is the MOST important for the technician to consider before building the gaming computer?

- A. Redundant power supply
- B. Modular power supply
- C. 20-pin v
- D. 24-pin power adapter
- E. Power supply wattage rating

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 100

A salesperson is using a weather application on a mobile device. The application appears to be draining the device's battery very quickly. Which of the following is the BEST action for the salesperson to take in order to view weather forecasts while traveling?

- A. Enable the GPS service to ensure accurate location detection.
- B. Update the PRL when getting to a new location.
- C. Configure less location checks using cellular location services,
- D. use the offices' Wi-Fi IP addresses as the geolocation mechanism.

**Answer:** C

#### Explanation:

The best action for the salesperson to take in order to view weather forecasts while traveling and minimize the battery drain on their mobile device is to configure fewer location checks using cellular location services. This can be done by adjusting the settings for the weather application to limit how often it checks for updates and uses location services. This will help to conserve the battery on the device and keep the application from consuming too much power.

#### NEW QUESTION 105

An end user reports that the time and date on a desktop resets after shutdown, and subsequently, the device reboots. The next day, the desktop does not load the OS and is stuck at a black screen with the following message:

```
Date/Time Not Set
Press F1 to Run Setup
```



Which of the following would be the BEST action to take next?

- A. Change the motherboard.
- B. Reseat the motherboard power connections.
- C. Replace the CMOS battery.
- D. Restore the BIOS to factory default settings.

**Answer: C**

#### NEW QUESTION 110

A user on a SOHO network is unable to watch online videos, even at 240 pixels. The technician runs ipconfig from the user's computer and records the following:

```
Connection-specific DNS Suffix .: lan
Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . .: fe80::1585:7fb2:b05f:7102%12
IPv4 Address. . . . .: 192.168.1.131
Subnet Mask . . . . .: 255.255.255.0
Default Gateway . . . . .: 192.168.1.1
```

The technician then connects a test laptop to the router via the user's Cat 5 cable and records the following information:

```
Download: 85 mbps
Upload: 22 mbps
Ping: 28 ms
```

Which of the following is MOST likely causing the user's issue?

- A. Incorrect IP address
- B. Faulty NIC
- C. Misconfigured default gateway
- D. Bad network cable

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 113

A technician is setting up a device to use two-factor authentication. Which of the following meets this requirement?

- A. Thumbprint/retinal scan
- B. Password/password
- C. Password/thumbprint
- D. Password/PIN

**Answer: C**

#### NEW QUESTION 114

A technician installed new firmware on the company's laser printers and has since been receiving multiple calls that information is garbled and looks like code. Only printers with the new firmware are having this issue. Which of the following steps should the technician complete NEXT?

- A. Change the language settings on the printers
- B. Reboot all the machines having the issues
- C. Reboot all the printers.
- D. Install an updated printer driver on the print server

**Answer: C**

#### NEW QUESTION 117

Which of the following options provides correct information about 2.4GHz and 5GHz wireless frequencies? (Select TWO)

- A. 2.4GHz has less interferenc
- B. 5GHz transmits inlower speed.
- C. 2.4GHz penetrates solid objects more effectivel
- D. 5GHz provides faster data connections.
- E. 2.4GHz has a higher data rat
- F. 5GHz has 23 channels.
- G. 2.4GHz has ll channel
- H. 5GHz has no data interference.
- I. 2.4GHz has a higher coverage are
- J. 5GHz has higher bandwidth.
- K. 2.4GHz has a higher bandwidt
- L. 5GHz has lower transmit power.

**Answer: BE**

#### Explanation:

The correct answers are B. 2.4GHz penetrates solid objects more effectively. 5GHz provides faster data connections and E. 2.4GHz has a higher coverage area. 5GHz has higher bandwidth. The 2.4GHz frequency has a lower data rate compared to 5GHz, but it can penetrate solid objects more effectively and has a higher coverage area. The 5GHz frequency, on the other hand, provides faster data connections and has higher bandwidth, but it has fewer channels and lower transmit power.

#### NEW QUESTION 119

A user requested upgrades to a company-issued laptop to increase its performance while working with a large database stored on drive C. Which of the following tasks should a systems administrator complete to BEST meet this goal? (Select TWO).

- A. Configure RAID 1.
- B. Install a hybrid drive.
- C. Upgrade to 1GB NIC.
- D. Increase the RAM.
- E. Migrate to a SSD.
- F. Upgrade the power supply.

**Answer:** BD

#### Explanation:

CompTIA covers it in page 97 of the comptia A+ complete study guide.

#### NEW QUESTION 120

A technician has set up a new conference room with a TV and a video soundbar. The technician wants to test the system with a conference call. During the test, the TV speaker produces sound, but the soundbar does not. Which of the following is the MOST likely cause of the issue?

- A. The volume on the TV needs to be turned up.
- B. The conference call needs to be unmuted for audio.
- C. An incorrect HDMI cable is being used.
- D. The TV's HDMI-ARC port is not being use

**Answer:** D

#### Explanation:

HDMI-ARC (Audio Return Channel) is an HDMI connection that allows audio to be sent from the TV to an external sound system, such as a soundbar. If the TV's HDMI-ARC port is not being used, then the soundbar will not receive any audio from the TV and thus will not produce any sound. To resolve the issue, the technician should ensure that the TV's HDMI-ARC port is being used to connect the TV to the soundbar.

#### NEW QUESTION 121

A technician responds to a help desk ticket that indicates a user's workstation is not booting. The technician initially suspects a failed hard drive. The technician performs diagnostics and confirms the hard drive is fully operational. Which of the following steps should the technician complete NEXT?

- A. Reinstall the operating system.
- B. Configure a new RAID array.
- C. Report the status of the drive and close the ticket.
- D. Consider another possible cause of the issue.
- E. Restore the latest backup of the system.

**Answer:** D

#### Explanation:

Since the hard drive appears to be functioning normally, the technician should investigate other potential causes of the issue. This could include checking the BIOS settings, verifying the connections to the hard drive, and testing the RAM. Once these steps have been completed, the technician can then take the necessary steps to resolve the issue.

#### NEW QUESTION 124

Which of the following 802.11 standards supports both 5GHz and 2.4GHz channel frequencies?

- A. 802.11a
- B. 802.11c
- C. 802.11b
- D. 802.11g

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 126

A user attempted to install an application on a desktop, and the installation attempt failed. A technician compares these installation files to those on another user's machine and finds the files are different. Which of the following should the technician do NEXT?

- A. Attempt to reinstall the application.
- B. Verify the system functionality.
- C. Test the functionality of the antivirus.
- D. Complete the final report.
- E. Determine the source of the installation file.

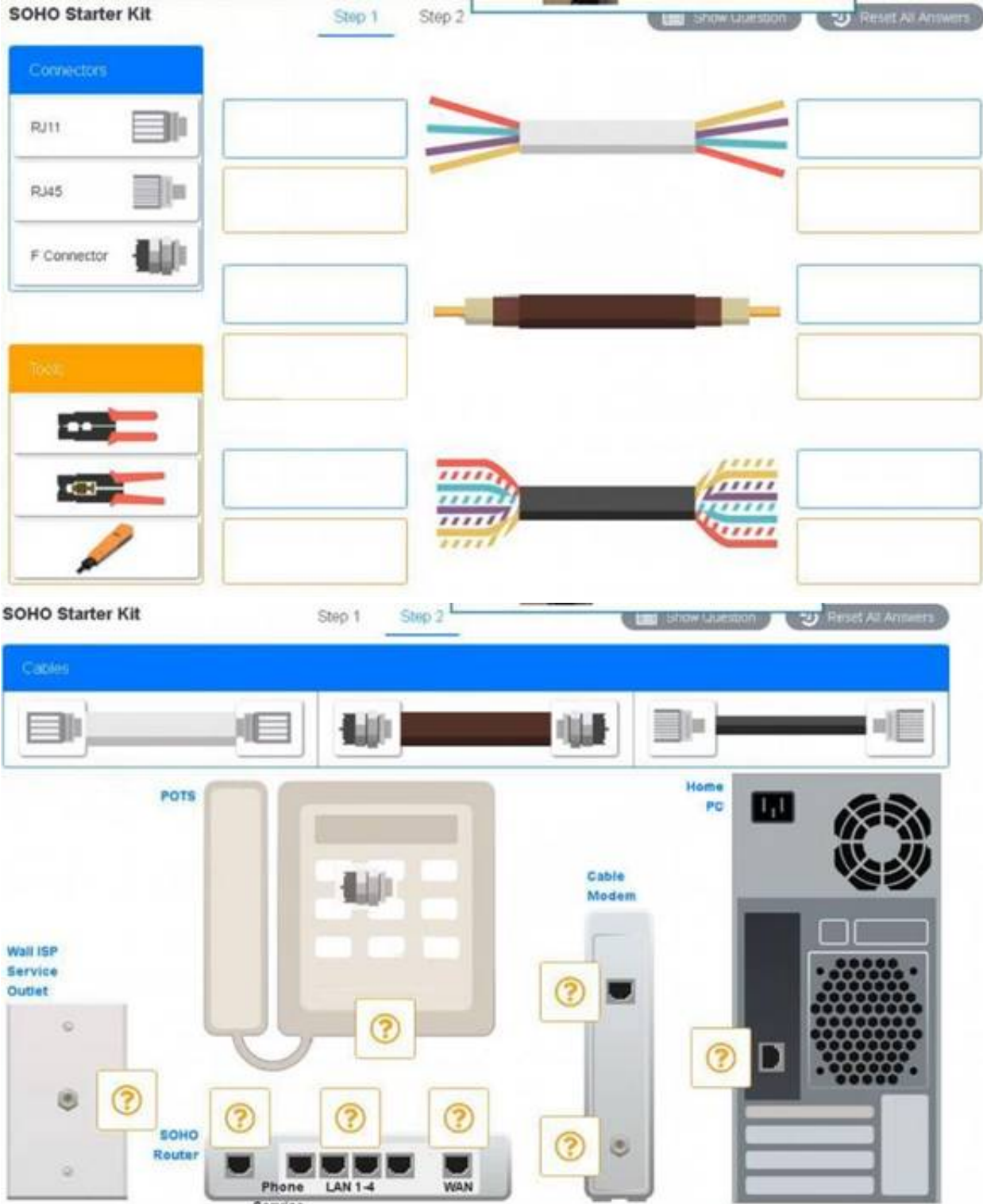
**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 130

A small ISP has hired a new technician Joe, the new technician, is being trained to configure customers' home networks. The training instructor gives the technician a starter kit with cables, cable ends, and other network equipment and asks him to build a working network. The computer should be connected to have internet connectivity and the phone should be connected to have a dial tone.

INSTRUCTIONS

Use the appropriate cables, cable ends, tools and equipment to configure the network ana connect an components accordingly  
There are 3 steps and the simulation starts on step 1.



- A. Mastered
- B. Not Mastered

Answer: A

Explanation:

Answer of both steps below.  
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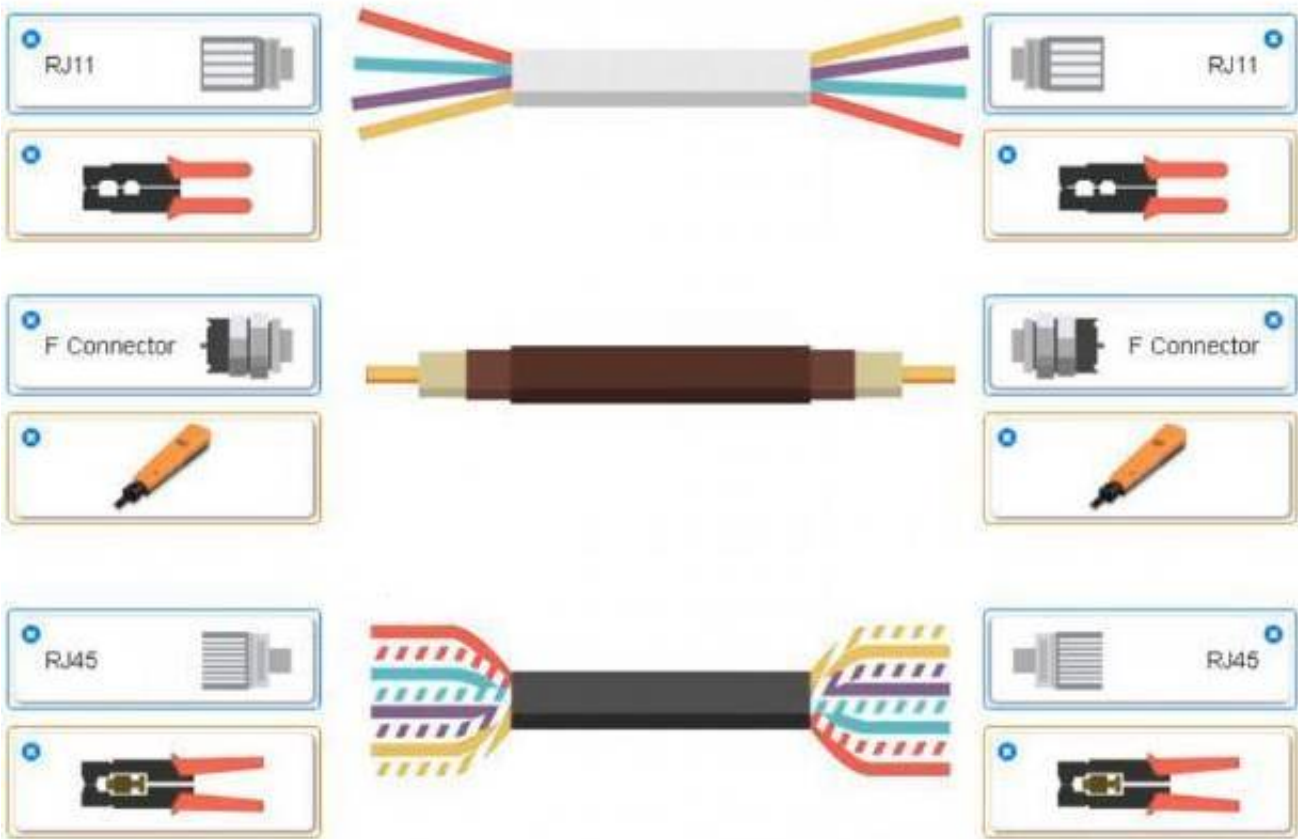
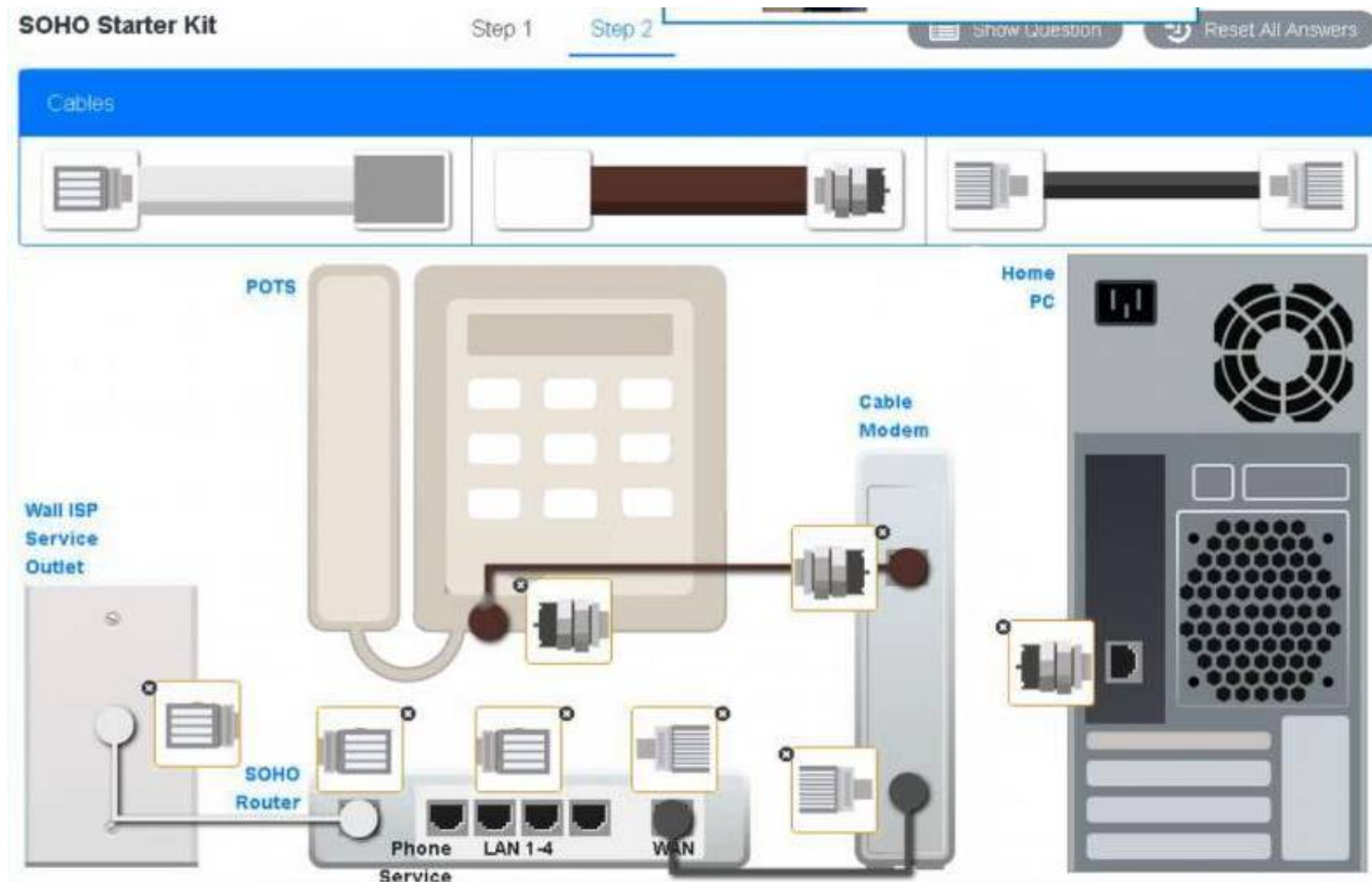


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#### NEW QUESTION 134

A technician is troubleshooting intermittent fuzzy video on a computer using a VGA to DisplayPort adapter to connect to a monitor. The monitor with a VGA connector was previously working fine for another user. The technician replaces the adapter; however, the issue persists. Which of the following should the technician do NEXT?

- A. Use another brand of VGA to DisplayPort adapter.
- B. Research the issue further and formulate a new hypothesis to test.
- C. Ask the user additional clarifying questions regarding the issue.
- D. Document the action taken and the outcome.

**Answer: C**

#### Explanation:

<https://spryzensecurity.medium.com/what-is-troubleshooting-methodology-40cec6b6494>

#### NEW QUESTION 138

A user contacts the help desk in reference to a failing thumbprint scanner. The user states the scanner was functioning correctly yesterday. Which of the following troubleshooting steps should be performed FIRST after the ticket has been filed?

- A. Inquire about possible changes.
- B. File a damage report.
- C. Requisition a new scanner.
- D. Attempt to clean the scanner.

**Answer: A**

#### Explanation:

<http://www.221021.com/Hardware/input-output-devices/32310.html>

\* 1. Identify the problem.

Gather information from the user, identify user changes, and, if applicable, perform backups before making changes.

Inquire regarding environmental or infrastructure changes.

\* 2. Establish a theory of probable cause (question the obvious).

If necessary, conduct external or internal research based on symptoms.

\* 3. Test the theory to determine the cause.

Once the theory is confirmed, determine the next steps to resolve the problem. If the theory is not confirmed, re-establish a new theory or escalate.

\* 4. Establish a plan of action to resolve the problem and implement the solution. Refer to the vendor's instructions for guidance.

\* 5. Verify full system functionality and, if applicable, implement preventive measures.

\* 6. Document the findings, actions, and outcomes.

#### NEW QUESTION 140

Which of the following technologies can allow multiple networks to traverse a switch?

- A. VLAN
- B. VRRP
- C. VPN
- D. DHCP

**Answer:** A

**NEW QUESTION 142**

A user in a medical office contacts a technician regarding a printer that is used to print A4-sized labels. After the labels are printed, they mistakenly contain white space in the middle of the page. Which of the following would MOST likely be the cause?

- A. Contaminated fuser
- B. Worn rollers
- C. A misfeed
- D. Page orientation

**Answer:** A

**Explanation:**

The most common symptoms that indicate fuser deterioration are: The print leaves parallel spots across a sheet. The printer begins to loosen toner and does not stick to the sheet. Stains on printed sheets. Annoying noise from gear wear. The fusers are the core in the printing process of a laser printer. The Fuser is the piece that fixes the toner on the paper.

**NEW QUESTION 143**

A user reports that printed receipts have black smudges over the entire image. The text is still present but is very dark and sometimes illegible. Which of the following are the MOST likely cause and solution for the printer issue?

- A. The ribbon is jammed and is rubbing on the pape
- B. Clear the bad ribbon and feed it through properly.
- C. The printhead is too ho
- D. Adjust the temperature down and retry printing.
- E. The printer is loaded with the wrong type of pape
- F. Replace the receipt paper with carbon paper.
- G. The blue ink cartridge was loaded with black in
- H. Put in the correct ink and clean the printhead.

**Answer:** B

**Explanation:**

Receipts are printed via a thermal printer. Thermal printers work by heating a paper in specified areas in order to create an image. The specific component that does this is a thermal printhead. Since the image appears to have black smudges and is too dark, we know the thermal printhead is too hot since the capability of precise heating has diminished

**NEW QUESTION 144**

A company needs to support a 10Gbps throughput. Which of the following is the MINIMUM cable category that could be used?

- A. Cat 5
- B. Cat 5e
- C. Cat 6
- D. Cat 6a

**Answer:** C

**NEW QUESTION 148**

A colleague has a laptop that has been working as expected for several years wall outlet. The MOST likely component that needs to be replaced is the:

- A. power adapter.
- B. battery.
- C. system fan.
- D. hard drive.

**Answer:** B

**NEW QUESTION 149**

A technician just finished assembling a new PC for a client. Upon POST, the device presents an unspecified beep code and turns off automatically after five seconds. The technician double-checks the bill of materials for the new build and confirms all items have been installed. Which of the following should the technician do NEXT?

- A. Ensure thermal paste is being used on the CPU.
- B. Check to make sure that any video cards have auxiliary power cabling connected.
- C. Verify the header panel connector is properly connected.
- D. Spot-check that the I/O shield for the motherboard is properly installed.

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

The technician should verify the header panel connector is properly connected. A beep code is a diagnostic tool used by motherboards to indicate issues with hardware components. This beep code may be indicating an issue with the connection between the motherboard and the case's header panel connector. This connector is responsible for providing power to the system and any connected peripherals. Therefore, the technician should verify the connection is secure and properly connected before attempting any other troubleshooting steps.

#### NEW QUESTION 151

A user entered a help desk ticket stating the latest calendar updates have not appeared on the user's corporate mobile device for several days, even though updates do appear on the user's laptop. Which of the following actions will MOST likely enable calendar alerts?

- A. Checking that the ringer volume on the device is high enough to be audible
- B. Ensuring the corporate password is saved correctly in the calendar application
- C. Installing a third-party calendar application and synchronizing it with the corporate calendar
- D. Remotely wiping the mobile device and reinstalling all applications

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 156

A technician is tasked with upgrading a laptop's RAM. Which of the following steps should the technician lake FIRST?

- A. Confirm that both the current and new memory are from the same brand.
- B. Run a diagnostic test on the current memory.
- C. Verify the memory requirements of the motherboard.
- D. Connect an electrostatic discharge strap.

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 158

A technician is replacing the RAM on an entry-level server with hot-swappable components. Which of the following should the technician do NEXT?

- A. Replace the RAM while the server is at a cool temperature
- B. Replace the RAM while the server is running
- C. Power down the server completely and then replace the RAM
- D. Verify that the OS supports hot swapping the RAM

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 160

Which of the following would be BEST reason to use a virtual machine as a sandbox?

- A. To test new software in a safe environment
- B. To increase the efficient use of computing resources
- C. To run multiple machines on the same hardware
- D. To have dedicated hardware for a single system

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 161

A technician is troubleshooting a projector that will not display any Images. The technician has verified the computer output and cable are providing a good video signal. Which of the following should the technician do NEXT?

- A. Calibrate the image.
- B. Replace the bulb.
- C. Test the output resolution.
- D. Clean the fans.

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 166

A network administrator was notified that laptop users are unable to access or ping any network resources on the corporate network. Which of the following should the network administrator check FIRST?

- A. DHCP
- B. AAA
- C. DHB
- D. ARP

**Answer:** A

#### Explanation:

Domain Name System (DNS) is an Internet service that translates domain names (e.g., its.umich.edu) into IP addresses. Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) is a protocol for automatically assigning IP addresses and other configurations to devices when they connect to a network.

#### NEW QUESTION 171

A field technician has been dispatched to a site with an internet outage. Upon arriving, the technician discovers that the POTS lines are not working as well. Which of the following technologies is the site MOST likely using?

- A. Fiber
- B. Cable
- C. DSL
- D. Satellite



**Answer:** C

**NEW QUESTION 172**

A user is trying to play a DVD on a projector. The user can hear the audio; however, the projector is showing an error message that states:  
HDMI Blocked due to Copy Protection  
Which of the following is the MOST likely cause of the error?

- A. The HDMI cannot carry the signal from the DVD to the projector.
- B. The user needs to switch from HDMI to a cable standard such as DisplayPort.
- C. The projector does not support the necessary HDCP protocol.
- D. The user needs to enable cony-protected sources in the projector's settings.

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

The Official CompTIA® A+® Core 1 and Core 2 Student Guide (Exams 220-1001 and 220-1002) | 193 Protected content. If you encounter an error that indicates unauthorized content or an HDCP error: • DVI, HDMI, DisplayPort, and Thunderbolt all provide support for the Digital Rights Management (DRM) mechanism High-bandwidth Digital Content Protection (HDCP). HDCP allows a content source (such as a Blu-ray disc) to disable itself if the display adapter and monitor and/or speaker system do not support HDCP and fail to authenticate themselves with the playback source. There have been various iterations of HDCP (at time of writing the current version is 2.2) and backward-compatibility can be problematic as authentication may fail between devices that support different versions of the standard.

**NEW QUESTION 173**

A customer reports that a computer is never able to reach more than a 100Mbps transfer data rate, even when using a Gigabit LAN card. While troubleshooting, the technician notices the network cable needs to be replaced. Which of the following cable categories is limiting the transfer speed?

- A. Cat 5
- B. Cat 5e
- C. Cat 6
- D. Cat 6a

**Answer:** A

**NEW QUESTION 176**

In which of the following places is a laptop's wireless antenna MOST likely located?

- A. Near the network interface card
- B. Underneath the battery
- C. Integrated into the motherboard
- D. In the bezel of the lid

**Answer:** A

**NEW QUESTION 178**

A Microsoft Windows user is preparing to work in another country and needs to comply with corporate policy for data protection when copying files to portable media. Which of the following solutions would MOST likely satisfy this requirement?

- A. A USB 3.1 flash drive with BitLocker to Go installed
- B. An SD memory card with NTFS
- C. An xD memory card with ext3
- D. A portable hard drive with FAT32

**Answer:** A

**NEW QUESTION 180**

A technician is replacing a ribbon on a printer that produces faded text and Images when priming. Which of the following types of primers is the technician working on?

- A. Impact
- B. Inkjet
- C. Laser
- D. Thermal

**Answer:** D

**NEW QUESTION 182**

A laptop has been returned for a screen repair. The owner insists the screen is broken, but occasionally a faded image is able to be seen in very bright settings on the desktop. Which of the following steps should the repair technician take FIRST?

- A. Replace the graphics card.
- B. Replace the screen, as the customer insists.
- C. Recommend the usage of an external display instead.
- D. Ensure the backlight is functioning as expected.

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 184

While using a popular videoconferencing program, the user selects a webcam, but the software is unable to open the webcam. The webcam was working the previous day. Which of the following should be done to address this issue?

- A. Close other video software and retry.
- B. Adjust the conference software to a compatible resolution.
- C. Switch the video from the webcam to "conference" mode.
- D. Reseat or replace the webcam.

**Answer:** A

#### Explanation:

Web cameras can input to one software at a time. Closing other video software is the first step in troubleshooting the issue as it doesn't require customer or on-site support. After restarting the computer and adjusting the drivers, it would be time to ask the customer to reseat the webcam or replace the device.

#### NEW QUESTION 187

Which of the following is the SAFEST way to replace RAM on a server that has a redundant power supply?

- A. Unplug one power cable.
- B. Verify the RAM temperature.
- C. Utilize a grounding strap.
- D. Replace the RAM while the server is running.

**Answer:** C

#### Explanation:

Utilizing a grounding strap is the safest way to replace RAM on a server that has a redundant power supply. This is because the grounding strap prevents electrostatic discharge (ESD) when handling the RAM, which can cause damage to the RAM and the server. Therefore, it is important to always use a grounding strap when handling RAM or other sensitive components.

#### NEW QUESTION 190

A user submitted a support ticket that states all of the printouts from a laser printer appear to have double images imposed on them. A review of past printer support tickets shows that maintenance kit has not been installed in more than a year. Which of the following printer consumables is MOST likely causing the issue?

- A. Separation pad
- B. Transfer roller
- C. Ink cartridge
- D. Fuser

**Answer:** D

#### Explanation:

<https://www.vingle.net/posts/4651722>

#### NEW QUESTION 193

Which of the following is the MAXIMUM power PoE+ provides?

- A. 15.4W
- B. 30W
- C. 60W
- D. 95W

**Answer:** B

#### Explanation:

The earliest PoE switches from a few years ago generated 15 Watts per port (IEEE 802.3af). Today, most use the PoE+ standard (IEEE 802.3at), which generates up to 30 Watts per port. That's plenty for most devices that people want to connect

#### NEW QUESTION 196

A small office has a wireless network with several access points for roaming laptop use. Users occasionally report that the wireless connection drops or becomes very slow. Users have confirmed that this issue only happens when connected to the office wireless network. Which of the following would MOST likely be the cause?

- A. Hidden SSID
- B. Device interference
- C. Ethernet port flapping
- D. High ISP latency

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 197

Which of the following standards supports MIMO technology?

- A. 802.11a
- B. 802.11b
- C. 802.11g

D. 802.11n

**Answer:** D

**NEW QUESTION 201**

A user has decided to build a new computer with parts purchased from a popular online vendor. The user has referenced online resources to assemble the unit. However, when the user presses the power button, the new computer does not load the operating system's installer. Instead, the onboard speaker beeps and immediately reports an issue on the screen. Which of the following is the MOST likely issue with the new build?

- A. The user did not plug in the processor's fan.
- B. The user did not apply thermal paste to the CPU.
- C. The user did not seat the GPU correctly.
- D. The user did not install the power supply.

**Answer:** A

**Explanation:**

If a computer is not booting and the onboard speaker emits beeps, it can indicate a hardware issue. One of the most common causes of beep codes is overheating, which can occur if the processor's fan is not properly installed and running. The processor's fan is responsible for cooling the processor and preventing damage to the internal components.

**NEW QUESTION 203**

Which of the following are default ports for HTTP and HTTPS traffic? (Select TWO).

- A. 23
- B. 25
- C. 80
- D. 143
- E. 389
- F. 443

**Answer:** CF

**NEW QUESTION 204**

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