

CIA USA Certification – Sample Exam Questions

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Q1. Which of the following best describes the purpose of the internal audit activity?

- A. To prevent fraud within the organization.
- B. To ensure compliance with external regulations.
- C. To evaluate and improve the effectiveness of governance, risk management, and control processes.
- D. To implement policies and procedures in the organization.

Q2. Which standard is most closely related to maintaining independence and objectivity?

- A. Standard 1100
- B. Standard 1200
- C. Standard 1300
- D. Standard 2000

Q3. During an engagement, which step is typically performed first?

- A. Communicating the engagement results
- B. Performing fieldwork
- C. Preparing the engagement work program
- D. Conducting a follow-up

Q4. What is the primary goal of a risk-based audit plan?

- A. To reduce audit costs
- B. To allocate audit resources to areas of highest risk
- C. To comply with audit standards
- D. To ensure all departments are audited annually

Q5. Which of the following is considered a preventive control?

- A. Reconciliations
- B. Segregation of duties
- C. Exception reports
- D. Internal audits

Q6. Which of the following is NOT a component of the COSO Internal Control Framework?

- A. Control Environment
- B. Control Activities
- C. External Environment
- D. Monitoring Activities

Q7. Which document outlines the planned scope and objectives of an engagement?

- A. Audit Charter
- B. Engagement Work Program
- C. Engagement Letter
- D. Risk Control Matrix

Q8. Which of the following would be most useful in identifying fraud risk indicators?

- A. Flowcharts
- B. Internal Control Questionnaires
- C. Brainstorming sessions
- D. Audit Checklists

Q9. Which financial ratio measures a company's ability to cover its short-term obligations with its short-term assets?

- A. Debt-to-Equity Ratio
- B. Return on Assets
- C. Current Ratio
- D. Gross Profit Margin

Q10. Which IT control is designed to detect errors after processing is complete?

- A. Preventive Control
- B. Corrective Control
- C. Detective Control
- D. Directive Control

 **Answer Key**

- **Q1: C**
- **Q2: A**
- **Q3: C**
- **Q4: B**
- **Q5: B**
- **Q6: C**
- **Q7: C**
- **Q8: C**
- **Q9: C**
- **Q10: C**