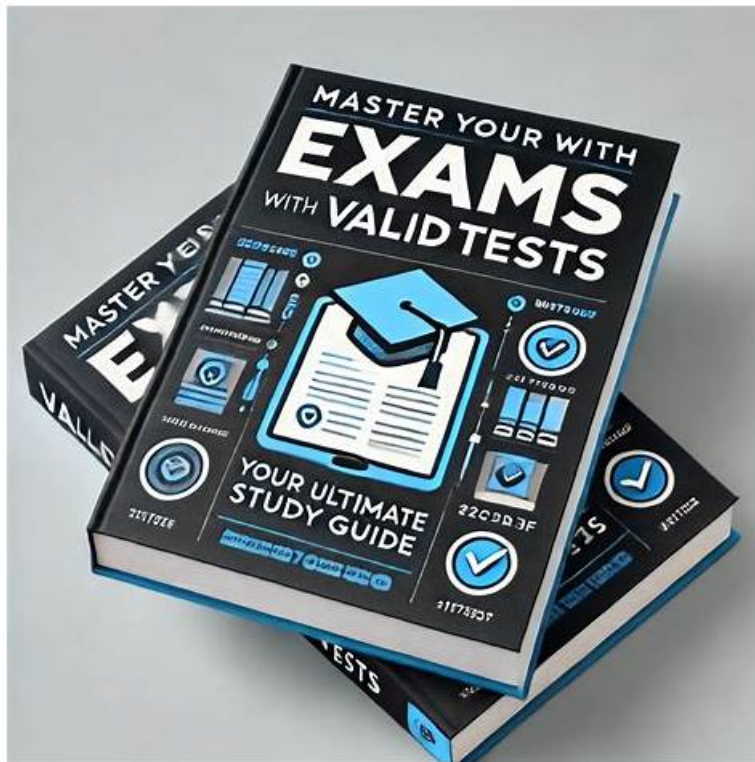


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### Proofpoint Certified Threat Protection Analyst Exam Sample Questions (Q28-Q33):

#### NEW QUESTION # 28

Under what circumstances will TAP generate an email notification alert?

- A. A malicious attachment was blocked from delivery.
- B. A click has been blocked to a malicious site.
- C. A malicious impostor message has been delivered.
- D. A message has been delivered to numerous recipients.

**Answer: C**

Explanation:

TAP notification alerting is most valuable when there is meaningful risk to users-especially when a threat has been delivered and may require immediate investigation and response. A delivered malicious impostor message (B) is a high-priority condition because it can indicate BEC/executive impersonation or supplier impersonation, which often lacks malware indicators and can lead directly to financial fraud or credential theft. Proofpoint workflows emphasize alerting on delivered threats because "blocked at the gateway" events are already contained, while delivered impostor threats demand rapid action: validate recipient exposure, check user interaction (reply/forward/click), execute post-delivery remediation (TRAP pull/quarantine), and coordinate business verification steps (finance call-back procedures). While blocked clicks can be telemetry, the alert scenario in TAP training contexts typically highlights delivered impostor threats as the condition warranting immediate attention since the attacker reached the user. TAP's design aligns with IR triage: prioritize what is active, delivered, and likely to cause harm if not rapidly contained.

#### NEW QUESTION # 29

A college student receives the email shown in the exhibit.

What type of attack is being performed?

- A. Reply-To Spoofing
- B. Domain Hijacking
- C. Lookalike Domain
- D. Display Name Spoofing

**Answer: D**

Explanation:

This is a classic phishing lure ("Validate Email Account") where the attacker aims to create trust by presenting a familiar-looking sender identity to the recipient. In many real phishing waves, attackers manipulate what the user visually trusts first: the friendly name (display name) shown by mail clients.

"Display Name Spoofing" is specifically when the attacker sets the From display name to something authoritative (e.g., "HelpDesk", "IT Support", "University Admin") while the underlying sender address may not be an approved helpdesk identity, or may be a compromised mailbox that is not actually the IT department. Proofpoint IR review commonly verifies this by comparing: (1) the displayed name, (2) the RFC5322.From address, and (3) authentication results (SPF/DKIM/DMARC) plus "Header From vs Envelope From" alignment. Lookalike domain focuses on deceptive domains (e.g., great-c0mpany.com) rather than the visible name; Reply-To spoofing requires a mismatched Reply-To field, which is not the primary indicator shown in the exhibit. For response, analysts prioritize user notification, link detonation/URL Defense verdicts, and retroactive search-and-pull (TRAP/CTR) if delivered.

#### NEW QUESTION # 30

Where can a user access "Smart Search"? (Select two.)

- A. Protection Server GUI and Nexus Cloud Risk Explorer
- B. Nexus Cloud Risk Explorer and TAP Dashboard
- C. TAP Dashboard and TRAP Admin Console
- **D. Protection Server GUI and Email Protection (Cloud) Admin**

**Answer: D**

Explanation:

Smart Search is a message-tracing and investigation capability used to locate and analyze email messages processed by Proofpoint email security components. Practically, responders use it to pivot on sender, recipient, subject, message ID, IPs, URLs, and dispositions to rapidly scope incidents (who received what, what action was taken, whether it was quarantined/rejected/delivered) and to support response actions (block, release, or escalate). In Proofpoint deployments, Smart Search is accessible in the Protection Server administrative interface (on-prem PPS) and in the Email Protection cloud administrative experience (Proofpoint Email Protection / PoD admin), aligning to where message processing and policy decisions are recorded. TAP Dashboard is primarily threat-focused telemetry (URLs, attachments, campaigns, user exposure), while TRAP/Threat Response consoles are centered on post-delivery remediation and orchestration. For IR, knowing the correct consoles matters because message trace data is authoritative for chain-of-events reconstruction: it provides time stamps, policy hits, verdicts, and routing outcomes needed for incident timelines and validation of false positives/negatives. Correct access points ensure analysts can quickly confirm whether the gateway acted as expected and whether any delivered mail requires retroactive remediation.

### NEW QUESTION # 31

Evidence of an attack is no longer present due to a scheduled data purge. What would be the appropriate recommendation?

- A. Maintain the current data retention policy because it has been adequate until now.
- **B. Re-evaluate the data retention policy to ensure evidence is adequately preserved.**
- C. Report the incident to the appropriate authorities for further investigation.
- D. Ignore the deletion of evidence as it cannot be recovered or used for any legal actions.

**Answer: B**

Explanation:

If evidence disappears due to routine purge, the correct recommendation is to re-evaluate retention to preserve artifacts needed for investigations, legal review, and lessons learned (D). In Proofpoint-focused IR, key evidence often includes message traces (Smart Search), TAP threat metadata (campaign association, URL /attachment verdicts), click telemetry, quarantine/pull actions (TRAP), and raw message artifacts (.eml with full headers). If these are purged too quickly, responders lose the ability to reconstruct timelines, confirm scope (who received/clicked), and prove containment effectiveness. NIST-aligned preparation requires retention policies that match realistic detection and reporting windows—especially for low-and-slow campaigns, supplier compromise, and credential abuse that may be discovered days or weeks later. The recommendation is not to ignore the gap or assume "it was fine before"; it is to adjust retention to support IR requirements, including longer log retention, mailbox audit log duration, and secure storage for forensic artifacts. In practice, teams define retention based on regulatory obligations, business risk, and mean-time-to- detect, then implement controls to prevent premature deletion of high-value evidence during active incidents.

### NEW QUESTION # 32

Refer to Exhibit:

X-Proofpoint-Banner-Trigger: inbound

MIM-version: 1.0

Content-Type: multipart/mixed; boundary="boundary-1698346305"

X-CLX-Shades: MLX

X-Proofpoint-Virus-Version: vendor=baseguard

engine=ICAP:2.0.272,Aquarius:18.0.987,Hydra:6.0.619,FMLib:17.11.176.26 definitions=2023-10-26\_22,

2023-10-26\_01,2023-05-22\_02

X-Proofpoint-Spam-Details: rule=spam policy=default score=89 bulkscore=0 phishscore=0 mxlogscore=-91 suspectscore=0

malwarescore=0 adultscore=0 spamscore=89 classifier=spam adjust=0 reason=mlx scancount=1 engine=8.12.0-2310240000

definitions=main-2310260209 In the process of reviewing a false positive, you see the following email header. What was the reason the message was quarantined by the Proofpoint Protection Server?



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