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Linux Foundation PCA Exam Syllabus Topics:

Topic	Details
Topic 1	• Alerting and Dashboarding: This section of the exam assesses the competencies of Cloud Operations Engineers and focuses on monitoring visualization and alert management. It covers dashboarding basics, alerting rules configuration, and the use of Alertmanager to handle notifications. Candidates also learn the core principles of when, what, and why to trigger alerts, ensuring they can create reliable monitoring dashboards and proactive alerting systems to maintain system stability.
Topic 2	• Observability Concepts: This section of the exam measures the skills of Site Reliability Engineers and covers the essential principles of observability used in modern systems. It focuses on understanding metrics, logs, and tracing mechanisms such as spans, as well as the difference between push and pull data collection methods. Candidates also learn about service discovery processes and the fundamentals of defining and maintaining SLOs, SLAs, and SLIs to monitor performance and reliability.

Topic 3	• PromQL: This section of the exam measures the skills of Monitoring Specialists and focuses on Prometheus Query Language (PromQL) concepts. It covers data selection, calculating rates and derivatives, and performing aggregations across time and dimensions. Candidates also study the use of binary operators, histograms, and timestamp metrics to analyze monitoring data effectively, ensuring accurate interpretation of system performance and trends.
Topic 4	• Instrumentation and Exporters: This domain evaluates the abilities of Software Engineers and addresses the methods for integrating Prometheus into applications. It includes the use of client libraries, the process of instrumenting code, and the proper structuring and naming of metrics. The section also introduces exporters that allow Prometheus to collect metrics from various systems, ensuring efficient and standardized monitoring implementation.
Topic 5	• Prometheus Fundamentals: This domain evaluates the knowledge of DevOps Engineers and emphasizes the core architecture and components of Prometheus. It includes topics such as configuration and scraping techniques, limitations of the Prometheus system, data models and labels, and the exposition format used for data collection. The section ensures a solid grasp of how Prometheus functions as a monitoring and alerting toolkit within distributed environments.

Linux Foundation Prometheus Certified Associate Exam Sample Questions (Q50-Q55):

NEW QUESTION # 50
How would you name a metric that tracks HTTP request duration?

- A. http_request_duration
- B. request_duration_seconds
- C. http.request_latency
- D. http_request_duration_seconds

Answer: D

Explanation:
According to Prometheus metric naming conventions, a metric name must clearly describe what is being measured and include a unit suffix that specifies the base unit of measurement, following SI standards. For durations, the suffix _seconds is mandatory.
Therefore, the correct and standards-compliant name for a metric tracking HTTP request duration is:
http_request_duration_seconds
This name communicates:
http_request → the subject being measured (HTTP requests),
duration → the aspect being measured (the latency or time taken),
_seconds → the unit of measurement (seconds).
This metric name typically corresponds to a histogram or summary, exposing submetrics such as _count, _sum, and _bucket. These represent the number of observations, total duration, and distribution across time buckets respectively.
Options A, B, and C fail to fully comply with Prometheus naming standards - they either omit the http_ prefix, use invalid separators (dots), or lack the required unit suffix.
Reference:
Verified from Prometheus documentation - Metric and Label Naming Conventions, Instrumentation Best Practices, and Histogram and Summary Metric Naming Patterns.

NEW QUESTION # 51
Which of the following metrics is unsuitable for a Prometheus setup?

- A. http_response_total{handler="static/*filepath"}
- B. promhttp_metric_handler_requests_total{code="500"}
- C. user_last_login_timestamp_seconds{email="john.doe@example.com"}
- D. prometheus_engine_query_log_enabled

Answer: C

Explanation:
The metric user_last_login_timestamp_seconds{email="john.doe@example.com"} is unsuitable for Prometheus because it includes a high-cardinality label (email). Each unique email address would generate a separate time series, potentially numbering in the millions, which severely impacts Prometheus performance and memory usage.
Prometheus is optimized for low- to medium-cardinality metrics that represent system-wide behavior rather than per-user data. High-cardinality metrics cause data explosion, complicating queries and overwhelming the storage engine.
By contrast, the other metrics-prometheus_engine_query_log_enabled, promhttp_metric_handler_requests_total{code="500"}, and http_response_total{handler="static/*filepath"}-adhere to Prometheus best practices. They represent operational or service-level metrics with limited, manageable label value sets.
Reference:
Extracted and verified from Prometheus documentation - Metric and Label Naming Best Practices, Cardinality Management, and Anti-Patterns for Metric Design sections.

NEW QUESTION # 52
What Prometheus component would you use if targets are running behind a Firewall/NAT?

- A. PushProx
- B. HA Proxy
- C. Pull Proxy
- D. Pull Gateway

Answer: A

Explanation:
When Prometheus targets are behind firewalls or NAT and cannot be reached directly by the Prometheus server's pull mechanism, the recommended component to use is PushProx.
PushProx works by reversing the usual pull model. It consists of a PushProx Proxy (accessible by Prometheus) and PushProx Clients (running alongside the targets). The clients establish outbound connections to the proxy, which allows Prometheus to "pull" metrics indirectly. This approach bypasses network restrictions without compromising the Prometheus data model.
Unlike the Pushgateway (which is used for short-lived batch jobs, not network-isolated targets), PushProx maintains the Prometheus "pull" semantics while accommodating environments where direct scraping is impossible.
Reference:
Verified from Prometheus documentation and official PushProx design notes - Monitoring Behind NAT/Firewall, PushProx Overview, and Architecture and Usage Scenarios sections.

NEW QUESTION # 53
How do you calculate the average request duration during the last 5 minutes from a histogram or summary called http_request_duration_seconds?

- A. rate(http_request_duration_seconds_sum[5m]) / rate(http_request_duration_seconds_average[5m])
- B. rate(http_request_duration_seconds_sum[5m]) / rate(http_request_duration_seconds_count[5m])
- C. rate(http_request_duration_seconds_total[5m]) / rate(http_request_duration_seconds_average[5m])
- D. rate(http_request_duration_seconds_total[5m]) / rate(http_request_duration_second$_count[5m])

Answer: B

Explanation:
In Prometheus, histograms and summaries expose metrics with _sum and _count suffixes to represent total accumulated values and sample counts, respectively. To compute the average request duration over a given time window (for example, 5 minutes), you divide the rate of increase of _sum by the rate of increase of _count:
\text{Average duration} = \frac{\text{rate(http_request_duration_seconds_sum[5m])}}{\text{rate(http_request_duration_seconds_count[5m])}} Here,
http_request_duration_seconds_sum represents the total accumulated request time, and
http_request_duration_seconds_count represents the number of requests observed.
By dividing these rates, you obtain the average request duration per request over the specified time range.
Reference:
Extracted and verified from Prometheus documentation - Querying Histograms and Summaries, PromQL Rate Function, and Metric Naming Conventions sections.

NEW QUESTION # 54
What does the rate() function in PromQL return?

- A. The average of all values in a vector.
- B. The number of samples in a range vector.
- C. The total increase of a counter over a range.
- D. The per-second rate of increase of a counter metric.

Answer: D

Explanation:
The rate() function calculates the average per-second rate of increase of a counter over the specified range. It smooths out short-term fluctuations and adjusts for counter resets.
Example:
rate(http_requests_total[5m])
returns the number of requests per second averaged over the last five minutes. This function is frequently used in dashboards and alerting expressions.

NEW QUESTION # 55
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