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## HashiCorp HCVA0-003 Exam Syllabus Topics:

Topic	Details
Topic 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vault Architecture Fundamentals: This section of the exam measures the skills of Site Reliability Engineers and provides an overview of Vault's core encryption and security mechanisms. It covers how Vault encrypts data, the sealing and unsealing process, and configuring environment variables for managing Vault deployments efficiently. Understanding these concepts is essential for maintaining a secure Vault environment.</li></ul>
Topic 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vault Leases: This section of the exam measures the skills of DevOps Engineers and covers the lease mechanism in Vault. Candidates will understand the purpose of lease IDs, renewal strategies, and how to revoke leases effectively. This section is crucial for managing dynamic secrets efficiently, ensuring that temporary credentials are appropriately handled within secure environments.</li></ul>
Topic 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Encryption as a Service: This section of the exam measures the skills of Cryptography Specialists and focuses on Vault's encryption capabilities. Candidates will learn how to encrypt and decrypt secrets using the transit secrets engine, as well as perform encryption key rotation. These concepts ensure secure data transmission and storage, protecting sensitive information from unauthorized access.</li></ul>
Topic 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vault Tokens: This section of the exam measures the skills of IAM Administrators and covers the types and lifecycle of Vault tokens. Candidates will learn to differentiate between service and batch tokens, understand root tokens and their limited use cases, and explore token accessors for tracking authentication sessions. The section also explains token time-to-live settings, orphaned tokens, and how to create tokens based on operational requirements.</li></ul>

## HashiCorp Certified: Vault Associate (003) Exam Sample Questions (Q235-Q240):

### NEW QUESTION # 235

You logged into the Vault CLI and attempted to enable an auth method, but you received this error message.

What can you do to resolve the error and configure Vault?

(Error: dial tcp 127.0.0.1:8200: connect: connection refused)

```
bk~$vault secrets enable transit
Error enabling: Post "https://127.0.0.1:8200/v1/sys/mounts/transit": http: server
gave HTTP response to HTTPS client
bk~$
```

- A. Change 'userpass' to 'username and password'
- B. Ask an admin to grant you permission to enable the userpass auth method
- C. Set the VAULT\_ADDR environment variable to HTTP
- D. Restart the Vault service on this node

**Answer: C**

Explanation:

Comprehensive and Detailed in Depth Explanation:

- \* A: Connection refused isn't a service issue here. Incorrect.
- \* B: Permissions don't cause connection errors. Incorrect.
- \* C: Invalid syntax change. Incorrect.
- \* D: Default

VAULT\_ADDR is HTTPS; if TLS is off, set to http://127.0.0.1:8200. Correct.

Overall Explanation from Vault Docs:

"If

TLS is disabled, set VAULT\_ADDR to http://127.0.0.1:8200 to avoid connection errors..."

Reference: [https://developer.hashicorp.com/vault/docs/commands#vault\\_addr](https://developer.hashicorp.com/vault/docs/commands#vault_addr)

### NEW QUESTION # 236

Which of the following tokens are representative of a batch token? (Select two)

- A. hvr.  
AAAAAQL\_tyer\_gNuQqvQYPVQgsNxjap\_YW1NB2m4CDHHadQo7rF2XLFGdwNjplAZNKbflOvif
- B. hvs.493n55sZp2lX2zyQfPkHTkL4
- C. hvb.  
CAESIKOOSODDNGUJQe3EmsS8EQthullJxRDhan\_Axte2OmmPGiAKHGh2cy5KVnNhM25JdG82cDB
- D. hvb.  
AAAAAQJnAGuRT\_z8FD\_jOwP26zYaNzJ456\_SVqse0oXtaqrpaLUC3LIHrUoJhQPylGX7A6K\_dcS0sh  
BVpz0QIkCm7ePFQVjDT2Hclf8C6FNgkW313vYgBGP8lzQHebtsPC0pqK64cfyU\_qPKIka2u4ng- jsoy

**Answer: C,D**

Explanation:

Comprehensive and Detailed In-Depth Explanation:

Batch tokens are identified by:

\* B, C: "In newer versions of Vault (Vault 1.10+), batch tokens are prepended with hvb."

\* Incorrect Options:

\* A: hvr prefix is invalid.

\* D: hvs indicates service token.

Reference:<https://developer.hashicorp.com/vault/tutorials/tokens/tokens>

### NEW QUESTION # 237

Before the following command can be run to encrypt data, what (three) commands must be run to enable and configure the transit secrets engine in Vault? (Select three) text CollapseWrapCopy

```
$ vault write transit/encrypt/vendor \  
plaintext="aGFzaGljb3JwIGNlcnRpZmlZA=="
```

- A. vault write transit/encrypt/vendor
- B. base64 <<< "hashicorp certified"
- C. vault secrets list
- D. vault secrets enable transit
- E. vault write -f transit/keys/vendor

**Answer: B,D,E**

Explanation:

Comprehensive and Detailed in Depth Explanation:

To encrypt data using the Transit secrets engine, it must be enabled and configured. The HashiCorp Vault documentation states:

"Enable the Transit secrets engine at the default path of 'transit' using the command vault secrets enable transit. Create an encryption key called 'vendor' using the command vault write -f transit

/keys/vendor. Encode the string using base-64 encoding by using the command base64 <<< 'hashicorp certified'." These steps are prerequisites for the given vault write transit/encrypt/vendor command:

\* A (base64 <<< "hashicorp certified"): The docs note, "All plaintext data must be base64-encoded."

The reason for this requirement is that Vault does not require that the plaintext is 'text'. It could be a binary file such as a PDF or image. The easiest safe transport mechanism for this data as part of a JSON payload is to base64-encode it." The provided plaintext aGFzaGljb3JwIGNlcnRpZmlZA== is the base64 encoding of "hashicorp certified."

\* D (vault secrets enable transit): "Before you can use the transit secrets engine, it must be enabled with vault secrets enable transit at the default path 'transit/'."

\* E (vault write -f transit/keys/vendor): "An encryption key must be created before encryption can occur. Use vault write -f transit/keys/vendor to generate a key named 'vendor'." Bis the target command, not a prerequisite.C (vault secrets list)lists engines but doesn't configure Transit.

Thus, A, D, and E are correct.

Reference:

HashiCorp Vault Documentation - Transit Secrets Engine

### NEW QUESTION # 238

According to the screenshot below, what auth method did this client use to log in to Vault?  
(Screenshot shows a lease path: auth/userpass/login/student01)

- A. Root token
- B. Auth
- C. Userpass
- D. Child token

**Answer: C**

Explanation:

Comprehensive and Detailed in Depth Explanation:

The screenshot provides a lease path: auth/userpass/login/student01, which reveals the authentication method used to generate the token tied to this lease. Vault's auth methods create tokens at specific paths, and the path structure indicates the method.

\* Option A: Userpass The path auth/userpass/login/student01 explicitly includes userpass, matching the userpass auth method. This method authenticates users with a username (e.g., student01) and password, typically via vault login -method=userpass username=student01. The /login endpoint confirms a login operation, and the lease ties to the resulting token. This is the clear, correct answer based on the path.

Correct. Vault Docs Insight: "The userpass auth method allows users to authenticate with a username and password... mounted at auth/userpass by default." (Matches the path.)

\* Option B: Auth "Auth" isn't an auth method-it's the namespace prefix (auth/) for all auth methods in Vault (e.g., auth/token, auth/userpass). The screenshot specifies userpass within auth/, not a generic "auth" method. This option is a misnomer and incorrect. Vault Docs Insight: "All auth methods are mounted under auth/... 'auth' itself is not a method." (Clarifies structure.)

\* Option C: Root token A root token is a privileged token type, not an auth method. It's created during Vault initialization or via auth/token/create with root privileges, not through a login path like auth /userpass/login. The screenshot's path indicates a userpass login, not a root token usage. Incorrect.

Vault Docs Insight: "Root tokens are created at initialization... not tied to a specific auth method login path." (Distinct from userpass.)

\* Option D: Child token A child token is a token created by a parent token (e.g., via vault token create), not an auth method. The path auth/userpass/login/student01 shows a login event, not a token creation event (which would be auth/token/create). This option confuses token hierarchy with authentication.

Incorrect. Vault Docs Insight: "Child tokens are created by parent tokens... not directly via login endpoints." (Different mechanism.)

Detailed Mechanics:

When a user logs in with vault login -method=userpass -path=userpass username=student01, Vault hits the endpoint POST /v1/auth/userpass/login/student01 with a password payload. Success generates a token, and a lease is created at auth/userpass/login/student01 with a TTL. The screenshot's lease path directly reflects this process, pinpointing userpass as the method.

Real-World Example:

Enable userpass: vault auth enable userpass. Add user: vault write auth/userpass/users/student01 password=secret. Login: vault login -method=userpass username=student01. The token's lease appears as auth /userpass/login/student01.

Overall Explanation from Vault Docs:

"The lease shown lives at auth/userpass/login/<username> and indicates the userpass auth method was used to obtain a token... The userpass method authenticates via username/password at its mount path." The path structure is a definitive indicator.

Reference: <https://developer.hashicorp.com/vault/docs/auth/userpass>

### NEW QUESTION # 239

What are the primary benefits of running Vault in a production deployment over dev server mode (select two)?

- A. Ability to enable auth methods
- B. Persistent storage
- C. Encryption via TLS
- D. Faster deployment

**Answer: B,C**

Explanation:

Comprehensive and Detailed in Depth Explanation:

\* A: Dev mode is faster to deploy; incorrect.



