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CIA Part I

Domain		Cognitive Level	
Foundations of Internal Auditing (15%)			
I	A	Interpret The IIA's Mission of Internal Audit, Definition of Internal Auditing, and Core Principles for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing, and the purpose, authority, and responsibility of the internal audit activity	Proficient
	B	Explain the requirements of an internal audit charter (required components, board approval, communication of the charter, etc.)	Basic
	C	Interpret the difference between assurance and consulting services provided by the internal audit activity	Proficient
	D	Demonstrate conformance with the IIA Code of Ethics	Proficient
Independence and Objectivity (15%)			
II	A	Interpret organizational independence of the internal audit activity (importance of independence, functional reporting, etc.)	Basic
	B	Identify whether the internal audit activity has any impairments to its independence	Basic
	C	Assess and maintain an individual internal auditor's objectivity, including determining whether an individual internal auditor has any impairments to his/her objectivity	Proficient
	D	Analyze policies that promote objectivity	Proficient
Proficiency and Due Professional Care (18%)			
III	A	Recognize the knowledge, skills, and competencies required (whether developed or procured) to fulfill the responsibilities of the internal audit activity	Basic
	B	Demonstrate the knowledge and competencies that an internal auditor needs to possess to perform his/her individual responsibilities, including technical skills and soft skills (communication skills, critical thinking, persuasion/negotiation and collaboration skills, etc.)	Proficient
	C	Demonstrate due professional care	Proficient
	D	Demonstrate an individual internal auditor's competency through continuing professional development	Proficient
Quality Assurance and Improvement Program (7%)			
IV	A	Describe the required elements of the quality assurance and improvement program (internal assessments, external assessments, etc.)	Basic
	B	Describe the requirement of reporting the results of the quality assurance and improvement program to the board or other governing body	Basic
	C	Identify appropriate disclosure of conformance vs. nonconformance with The IIA's <i>International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing</i>	Basic
Governance, Risk Management, and Control (35%)			
V	A	Describe the concept of organizational governance	Basic
	B	Recognize the impact of organizational culture on the overall control environment and individual engagement risks and controls	Basic
	C	Recognize and interpret the organization's ethics and compliance-related issues, alleged violations, and dispositions	Basic
	D	Describe corporate social responsibility	Basic
	E	Interpret fundamental concepts of risk and the risk management process	Proficient

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	F	Describe globally accepted risk management frameworks appropriate to the organization (COSO - ERM, ISO 31000, etc.)	Basic
	G	Examine the effectiveness of risk management within processes and functions	Proficient
	H	Recognize the appropriateness of the internal audit activity's role in the organization's risk management process	Basic
	I	Interpret internal control concepts and types of controls	Proficient
	J	Apply globally accepted internal control frameworks appropriate to the organization (COSO, etc.)	Proficient
	K	Examine the effectiveness and efficiency of internal controls	Proficient
VI	Fraud Risks (10%)		
	A	Interpret fraud risks and types of frauds and determine whether fraud risks require special consideration when conducting an engagement	Proficient
	B	Evaluate the potential for occurrence of fraud (red flags, etc.) and how the organization detects and manages fraud risks	Proficient
	C	Recommend controls to prevent and detect fraud and education to improve the organization's fraud awareness	Proficient
	D	Recognize techniques and internal audit roles related to forensic auditing (interview, investigation, testing, etc.)	Basic