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200-301
Exam Topics



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Exam Description



To earn your CCNA certification, you must pass the 200-301 CCNA exam. This 120- minute exam tests your knowledge of:

The topics are likely to be included on the 200-301 CCNA exam. The topics are subject to change at any time to reflect the latest technologies aligned to Cisco's products.

1.0 NETWORK FUNDAMENTALS (20%)

1.1 Explain the role and function of network components

- 1.1.a Routers
- 1.1.b Layer 2 and Layer 3 switches
- 1.1.c Next-generation firewalls and IPS
- 1.1.d Access points
- 1.1.e Controllers (Cisco DNA Center and WLC)
- 1.1.f Endpoints
- 1.1.g Servers
- 1.1.h PoE

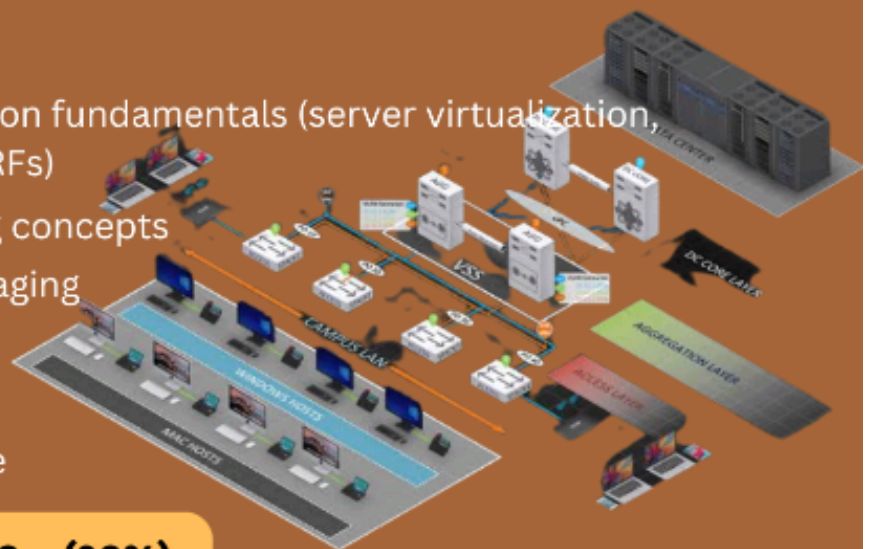
1.2 Describe characteristics of network topology architectures

- 1.2.a Two-tier
- 1.2.b Three-tier
- 1.2.c Spine-leaf
- 1.2.d WAN
- 1.2.e Small office/home office (SOHO)
- 1.2.f On-premise and cloud

1.3 Compare physical interface and cabling types


- 1.3.a Single-mode fiber, multimode fiber, copper
- 1.3.b Connections (Ethernet shared media and point-to-point)

- 1.4 Identify interface and cable issues (collisions, errors, mismatch duplex, and/or speed)
- 1.5 Compare TCP to UDP
- 1.6 Configure and verify IPv4 addressing and subnetting
- 1.7 Describe the need for private IPv4 addressing
- 1.8 Configure and verify IPv6 addressing and prefix
- 1.9 Describe IPv6 address types
 - 1.9.a Unicast (global, unique local, and link local)
 - 1.9.b Anycast
 - 1.9.c Multicast
 - 1.9.d Modified EUI 64
- 1.10 Verify IP parameters for Client OS (Windows, Mac OS, Linux)
- 1.11 Describe wireless principles
 - 1.11.a Nonoverlapping Wi-Fi channels
 - 1.11.b SSID
 - 1.11.c RF
 - 1.11.d Encryption
- 1.12 Explain virtualization fundamentals (server virtualization, containers, and VRFs)
- 1.13 Describe switching concepts
- 1.14 MAC learning and aging
- 1.15 Frame switching
- 1.16 Frame flooding
- 1.17 MAC address table



2.0 NETWORK ACCESS (20%)

- 2.1 Configure and verify VLANs (normal range) spanning multiple switches
 - 2.1.a Access ports (data and voice)
 - 2.1.b Default VLAN
 - 2.1.c InterVLAN connectivity

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- 2.2 Configure and verify interswitch connectivity
 - 2.2.a Trunk ports
 - 2.2.b 802.1Q
 - 2.2.c Native VLAN
 - 2.3 Configure and verify Layer 2 discovery protocols (Cisco Discovery Protocol and LLDP)
 - 2.4 Configure and verify (Layer 2/Layer 3) EtherChannel (LACP)
 - 2.5 Describe the need for and basic operations of Rapid PVST+ Spanning Tree Protocol and identify basic operations
 - 2.5.a Root port, root bridge (primary/secondary), and other port names
 - 2.5.b Port states (forwarding/blocking)
 - 2.5.c PortFast benefits
 - 2.6 Compare Cisco Wireless Architectures and AP modes
 - 2.7 Describe physical infrastructure connections of WLAN components (AP,WLC, access/trunk ports, and LAG)
 - 2.8 Describe AP and WLC management access connections (Telnet, SSH, HTTP,HTTPS, console, and TACACS+/RADIUS)
 - 2.9 Configure the components of a wireless LAN access for client connectivity using GUI only such as WLAN creation, security settings, QoS profiles, and advanced WLAN settings

3.0 IP CONNECTIVITY (25%)

- 3.1 Interpret the components of routing table
 - 3.1.a Routing protocol code
 - 3.1.b Prefix
 - 3.1.c Network mask
 - 3.1.d Next hop
 - 3.1.e Administrative distance
 - 3.1.f Metric
 - 3.1.g Gateway of last resort



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LINKTREE BACKGROUND

- 3.2 Determine how a router makes a forwarding decision by default
 - 3.2.a Longest match
 - 3.2.b Administrative distance
 - 3.2.c Routing protocol metric

- 3.3 Configure and verify IPv4 and IPv6 static routing
 - 3.3.a Default route
 - 3.3.b Network route
 - 3.3.c Host route
 - 3.3.d Floating static

- 3.4 Configure and verify single area OSPFv2
 - 3.4.a Neighbor adjacencies
 - 3.4.b Point-to-point
 - 3.4.c Broadcast (DR/BDR selection)
 - 3.4.d Router ID

- 3.5 Describe the purpose, functions, and concepts of first hop redundancy protocols



4.0 IP SERVICES (10%)

- 4.1 Configure and verify inside source NAT using static and pools
- 4.2 Configure and verify NTP operating in a client and server mode
- 4.3 Explain the role of DHCP and DNS within the network
- 4.4 Explain the function of SNMP in network operations
- 4.5 Describe the use of syslog features including facilities and levels
- 4.6 Configure and verify DHCP client and relay
- 4.7 Explain the forwarding per-hop behavior (PHB) for QoS such as classification, marking, queuing,
- 4.8 Configure network devices for remote access using SSH
- 4.9 Describe the capabilities and function of TFTP/FTP in the network



5.0 SECURITY FUNDAMENTALS (15%)

- 5.1 Define key security concepts (threats, vulnerabilities, exploits, and mitigation techniques)
- 5.2 Describe security program elements (user awareness, training, and physical access control)
- 5.3 Configure and verify device access control using local passwords
- 5.4 Describe security password policies elements, such as management, complexity, and password alternatives (multifactor authentication, certificates, and biometrics)
- 5.5 Describe IPsec remote access and site-to-Site VPNs
- 5.6 Configure and verify access control lists
- 5.7 Configure Layer 2 security features (DHCP snooping, dynamic ARP inspection, and port security)
- 5.8 Differentiate authentication, authorization, and accounting concepts
- 5.9 Describe wireless security protocols (WPA, WPA2, and WPA3)
- 5.10 Configure WLAN using WPA2 PSK using the GUI

6.0 AUTOMATION AND PROGRAMMABILITY (10%)

- 6.1 Explain how automation impacts network management
- 6.2 Compare traditional networks with controller-based networking
- 6.3 Describe controller-based and software defined architectures (overlay, underlay, and fabric)
 - 6.3.a Separation of control plane and data plane
 - 6.3.b North-bound and south-bound APIs

- 6.4 Compare traditional campus device management with Cisco DNA Center enabled device management
- 6.5 Describe characteristics of REST- based APIs (CRUD, HTTP verbs, and data encoding)
- 6.6 Recognize the capabilities of configuration management mechanisms Puppet, Chef, and Ansible
- 6.7 Interpret JSON encoded data



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