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**Exam** : **156-401**

**Title** : Hacking 101 Check Point  
Certified PenTesting  
Associate (CCPA)

**Version** : DEMO

1.What is the primary objective of penetration testing?

- A. To disrupt network operations
- B. To identify vulnerabilities before malicious actors do
- C. To create new network architectures
- D. To increase server load

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

Penetration testing aims to uncover vulnerabilities before attackers exploit them. This proactive approach strengthens an organization's security posture.

2.Which of the following best describes ethical hacking?

- A. Unauthorized access to test systems
- B. Permission-based testing to improve security
- C. Using malware to compromise a system
- D. Exploiting systems for financial gain

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

Ethical hacking involves authorized attempts to find vulnerabilities, always with prior consent, to improve the system's defenses against real attackers.

3.Which type of hacker is typically motivated by financial gain and operates illegally?

- A. White Hat
- B. Black Hat
- C. Gray Hat
- D. Red Hat

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

Black Hat hackers exploit vulnerabilities illegally for personal or financial gain without permission from the system owner.

4.Which two are characteristics of a White Hat hacker? (Choose two.)

- A. Operates illegally
- B. Works with permission
- C. Improves system security
- D. Focuses solely on personal gain

**Answer: B, C**

**Explanation:**

White Hat hackers are authorized security professionals who test and improve system defenses without malicious intent.

5.What is the first step in the penetration testing process?

- A. Exploitation
- B. Reporting
- C. Reconnaissance

D. Privilege Escalation

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

Reconnaissance is the first phase where information is gathered about the target, providing a basis for identifying potential vulnerabilities.