

12.2.2 Principles of Social Engineering Quiz

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1. What is social engineering?

- A. A form of psychological manipulation to gain access to sensitive information or perform unauthorized actions
- B. A technique used by hackers to exploit software vulnerabilities
- C. A physical intrusion into a secure facility
- D. A marketing strategy to promote products on social media

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2. Which of the following is a method through which social engineering can be executed?

- A. Texting
- B. Face to face communication
- C. Email
- D. All the above

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3. What are biases in the context of social engineering?

- A. Preconceived notions that influence decision making
- B. Encrypted messages sent by attackers
- C. Passwords used to gain unauthorized access
- D. Fake identities used in phishing attacks

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4. Which principle of social engineering exploits a bias of obedience and compliance?

- A. Intimidation
- B. Consensus/social proof
- C. Authority
- D. Trust

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5. What is the principle of scarcity in social engineering?

- A. The fear of consequences
- B. The desire to be exclusive
- C. The tendency to follow the crowd
- D. The exploitation of a bias of relationship

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6. How can individuals defend against social engineering attacks?

- A. By complying with all requests received via email
- B. By ignoring any communication from unknown sources
- C. By recognizing when manipulation techniques are being used
- D. By sharing personal information freely to avoid conflict

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7. Which of the following is NOT a clue to a potential social engineering attack in email communication?

- A. "Act now"
- B. "Supplies are limited"
- C. "Congratulations, you've won!"
- D. "Take your time to consider"

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8. What is the main reason social engineering attacks succeed?

- A. Lack of security software
- B. Lack of proper training for employees
- C. Exploitation of human biases and emotions
- D. Lack of encryption on communication channels

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