

Hi Everyone,

Following is the master summary of all chapters except 10th of ISCA. It strictly follow module and all points are arranged according to it except some topics where I had tried to do some better work.

I would like suggest following a given methodology to extract best out of it. This is my personal experience and I just wanted to share. Everyone is different and have a different approach to studies.

- 1. First of all refer your main study course, preferably module, and go through it completely chapter by chapter.**
- 2. After completing each chapter refer this summary and try to recall what you know till now on the topic and how much you can write if it appears in exam.**
- 3. Then learn this summary for the time being. You will not remember ISCA for very long so don't panic, something is better than nothing.**
- 4. Finally after AMA paper and just look at this summary giving only 2-3 hours.**
- 5. Refer module for complete day and then learn this summary on exam day.**

Things do looks easy when said until not done.

IS Concepts

1. System
2. Types of system
 - a. Deterministic-Probabilistic
 - b. Open-Closed
 - c. Manual-Automated
 - d. Abstract-Physical
3. System related concepts
 - a. Boundary
 - b. Environment
 - c. Sub-system
 - d. Decomposition
 - e. Interface
 - f. Simplification
 - g. Decoupling
 - h. Stress
 - i. Supra system
 - j. Entropy/Maintenance
4. Information
5. Information related concepts
 - a. Characteristics of good information
 - i. Timeliness
 - ii. Purpose
 - iii. Mode & format
 - iv. Redundancy
 - v. Accurate
 - vi. Completeness
 - vii. Reliability
 - viii. Quality
 - ix. Value of information
 - x. Adequacy
 - xi. Rate & frequency
 - b. Role in business
 - i. Effective DM
 - ii. Competitive edge
 - iii. Right decision at right time
 - iv. Solve critical problems
 - v. Information gathered uses in unusual situations
 - c. Factors upon which information requirements of executive depends
 - i. Operational
 - ii. Type of decision making
 - iii. Level of management
 - d. Types of information (Internal - External)
6. CBIS

- a. Components
 - i. Hardware
 - ii. Software
 - iii. Data
 - iv. Procedures
 - v. People
 - b. Characteristics
 - i. Work towards pre-determined objectives
 - ii. Interconnected subsystem & components
 - iii. Different subsystem interacts each other
 - c. Areas of application
 - i. Marketing & sales
 - ii. Production & manufacturing
 - iii. Inventory management
 - iv. HRM
7. TPS
- a. Components
 - i. Input (Classification & Recording)
 - ii. Processing
 - iii. Storage (Master/Transaction)
 - iv. Output (Financial/Operational)
 - b. Features
 - i. Large volume of data
 - ii. Automation of basic operation
 - iii. Benefits are easily measurable
 - iv. Source of input for other system

8. MIS

- a. Concept of MIS
- b. Characteristics
 - i. Management oriented
 - ii. Management directed
 - iii. Need based
 - iv. Exception based
 - v. Integrated
 - vi. Common data flows
 - vii. Common data base
 - viii. Long term planning
 - ix. Modularity
 - x. Computerized
- c. Misconception
 - i. Computerized only
 - ii. More data more information
 - iii. Accuracy is primary
- d. Pre-Requisites
 - i. Database

- ii. Qualified staff
 - iii. Support of top management
 - iv. Control & maintenance
 - v. Evaluation of MIS
 - e. Constraints
 - i. Non Availability of experts
 - ii. High turnover of expert
 - iii. Problem of selecting sub system
 - iv. Lack of co-operation
 - v. Difficulty in quantifying benefits
 - f. Effect of using CB-MIS
 - i. Fast & timely data processing
 - ii. More comprehensive information
 - iii. Better integration
 - iv. Increase effectiveness
 - v. Increase scope of analysis
 - vi. Increase complexity of operation
 - g. Limitation
 - i. Quality of output depends on input
 - ii. Constrained by limitations of TPS
 - iii. Based on internal data only
 - iv. No ad-hoc reports on external data
 - v. Lacks tight integration
 - vi. Cannot substitute effective mgt
 - vii. Less useful for structured decision
 - viii. Does not account non-quantitative factors
9. ERP
- a. Objectives
 - i. Adoption of best business practices
 - ii. Implement BBP to enhance productivity
 - iii. Customer & suppliers as integral part
 - b. Limitations
 - i. Data quality issues
 - ii. Only past & current status
10. DSS
- a. Characteristics
 - i. Semi-structured & Unstructured problems
 - ii. Both internal & external databases
 - iii. Flexible to respond changing needs
 - iv. What-if analysis feature
 - v. Utilizes models for problem solutions
 - vi. Easy to use
 - vii. Help end user to construct & modify
 - b. Components
 - i. User

- 1. Managers
 - 2. Staff specialist/analyst
 - ii. User interface/Planning language
 - 1. General purpose
 - 2. Special purpose
 - iii. Model base
 - iv. Other databases (Internal-External)
 - 1. Implementation of databases
 - a. Physical level
 - b. Logical level
 - c. External level
- c. Uses
 - i. Capital budgeting
 - ii. Cost accounting
 - iii. Budget variance
 - iv. General accounting
 - v. Security analysis & portfolio management

11. EIS

- a. Characteristics
 - i. Top executives
 - ii. Extract summary data and model complex problems
 - iii. Very user friendly
 - iv. Rapid access to timely information
 - v. Internal & external data both
 - vi. Easily connected to internet
 - vii. Extensive online analysis tool
 - viii. DSS support
- b. Executive roles and DM
 - i. Strategic planning
 - ii. Tactical planning
 - iii. Fire –fighting
- c. Characteristics of information used
 - i. Lack of structure
 - ii. Future orientation
 - iii. Low level of details
 - iv. Information from informal sources
 - v. Lack of certainty
- d. Content
 - i. Meet organization objectives
 - ii. Generate its content automatically
 - iii. Performance indicators
 - iv. Adaptable
 - v. Available to everyone
 - vi. Encourage the organization’s objectives

12. Expert system

- a. Component
 - i. User interface
 - ii. Inference engine
 - 1. Backward chaining
 - 2. Forward chaining
 - iii. Explanation facility
 - iv. Knowledge base
 - v. Knowledge acquisition facility
- b. Business application
 - i. Accounting & finance
 - ii. Marketing
 - iii. Manufacturing
 - iv. Personnel
 - v. General business
- c. Need for expert system
 - i. Expert labour is expensive & scarce
 - ii. Experts cannot handle all factors at a time
- d. Benefits
 - i. Preserve knowledge
 - ii. Information in active form
 - iii. Assist novice think as expert
 - iv. Not subject to human feelings
 - v. Effectively used as business tool
- e. Characteristics
 - i. Availability
 - ii. Complexity
 - iii. Domain/Subject area
 - iv. Expertise
 - v. Structure
- f. Business application
 - i. Accounting & finance
 - ii. Marketing
 - iii. Manufacturing
 - iv. Personnel
 - v. General business

13. OAS – Activities

- a. Document capture
- b. Document creation
- c. Receipts and distribution
- d. Filling, search, retrieval and follow-up
- e. Calculations
- f. Recording utilization of resources

14. OAS – Benefits

- a. Improve communication
- b. Reduce cycle time

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- c. Reduce cost of office communication
 - d. Ensure accuracy
15. OAS – types
- a. Text processors
 - i. Most commonly used
 - ii. Automate document creation
 - iii. Quick production of multiple documents
 - iv. Supported with printers
 - b. EDMS
 - i. Capture, store and communicate
 - ii. Linked with text processor & E-mail
 - iii. Remote access of document
 - iv. Location become irrelevant
 - c. EMCS
 - i. E-mail
 - 1. Electronic transmission
 - 2. Online development & editing
 - 3. Reply & multiple forward
 - 4. Integration with other OAS
 - 5. Portability
 - 6. Economical
 - ii. Facsimile
 - 1. Uses special software and fax servers
 - 2. To send & receive fax message
 - 3. Using communication resources
 - 4. Server automatically re-route
 - iii. Voice mail
 - 1. Variation of email
 - 2. Transmit as digitized voice
 - 3. Dial a voice mail box service
 - 4. Receiver hear spoken voice
 - d. Teleconferencing
 - i. Conduct business meeting
 - ii. Reducing time and cost
 - iii. Audio or video
 - iv. Flexibility
 - v. Use digital camera, visual communication software, lines, etc
 - vi. Quite expensive

SDLC methodology

- 1. Introduction
- 2. System development process
- 3. Why SD objectives fail
 - a. Lack of senior management support

- b. Shifting user needs
 - c. Development of strategic system
 - d. New technologies
 - e. Lack of standard SD methodologies
 - f. Resistance to change
 - g. Lack of user participation
 - h. Inadequate testing & user training
4. SD approaches
- a. Waterfall
 - i. Divided into sequential phases
 - ii. Emphasis on planning, time schedules, etc at one time
 - iii. Tight control by excessive documentation
 - b. Prototyping
 - i. Identify IS requirement
 - ii. Develop initial plan
 - iii. Test & revise
 - iv. Obtain user approval
 - c. Incremental
 - d. Spiral
 - i. Define system requirement
 - ii. Planning & designing system to identify all risks & alternatives (use prototyping to select)
 - iii. Develop prototype
 - iv. Evaluate first prototype & repeat above
 - e. RAD
 - i. Fast development
 - ii. High quality
 - iii. Active user involvement
 - iv. Iterative prototyping
 - v. Computerized development tools
 - vi. Emphasis on fulfilling business needs
 - vii. Defining delivery deadlines
 - viii. Includes JAD
 - f. Agile
5. SDLC
- a. Advantages
 - i. Better planning
 - ii. Compliance to prescribed standards
 - iii. Documentation
 - iv. Phases as milestones
 - b. ISA perspective
 - i. Clear understanding
 - ii. State compliance in his report
 - iii. Guide if having technical knowledge
 - iv. Provide evaluation of methods & techniques

- c. Risks
 - i. Cumbersome
 - ii. End product not visible
 - iii. Rigidity approach
 - iv. Not suitable for small & medium projects
- 6. Preliminary investigation
 - a. Identification of problem
 - b. Identification of objective
 - c. Delineation of scope
 - i. Functional requirements
 - ii. Control requirements
 - iii. Performance requirements
 - iv. Reliability requirements
 - v. Constraints
 - vi. Interfaces
 - vii. Data to be processed
 - d. Feasibility study
 - i. Technical
 - ii. Economical
 - iii. Behavioral
 - iv. Financial
 - v. Time
 - vi. Resource
 - vii. Operational
 - viii. Legal
 - e. Reporting results
- 7. System requirement analysis
 - a. Fact finding techniques
 - i. Documents
 - ii. Questionnaires
 - iii. Interviews
 - iv. Observation
 - b. Analysis of present system
 - i. Review historical aspects
 - ii. Analyze inputs
 - iii. Review data files maintained
 - iv. Review methods, procedures & data communications
 - v. Analyze outputs
 - vi. Review internal controls
 - vii. Model existing physical system & logical system
 - viii. Undertake overall analysis of present system
 - c. Analysis of proposed system
 - i. Emphasis on output
 - ii. Database maintenance
 - iii. Input from original source

- iv. Methods, procedures & data communications
 - v. Work volumes & timings
 - d. SRS
 - i. Information
 - ii. Information description
 - iii. Functional description
 - iv. Behavioral description
 - v. Validation criteria
 - vi. Appendix
 - vii. SRS review
- 8. System development tools
 - a. Categories
 - i. System components & flow (SFC, DFD, SCM)
 - ii. User interface (LFS, DFD)
 - iii. Data attributes & relationship (DD, ERD, FLF, GC)
 - iv. Detailed system process (DT, DT, SC)
 - b. Tools
 - i. Pseudo code
 - ii. Flowcharts
 - 1. Types
 - 2. Benefits
 - 3. Limitations
 - iii. Data flow diagrams
 - iv. Decision tree
 - v. Decision table
 - vi. CASE tools
 - vii. System component matrix
 - viii. Data dictionary
 - ix. Layout form & screen generator
- 9. Roles involved in SDLC
 - a. Steering committee
 - b. Project manager
 - c. Project leader
 - d. System analyst
 - e. Module/team leader
 - f. Programmer/Coder/Developer
 - g. DBA
 - h. Quality assurance
 - i. Tester
 - j. Domain specialist
 - k. ISA
- 10. System design
 - a. Architectural design
 - b. Design of data/information flow
 - c. Design of database

- d. Design of user interface (Input/output)
 - i. Factors
 - 1. Content
 - 2. Timeliness
 - 3. Format
 - 4. Media
 - 5. Form
 - 6. Volume
 - e. Physical design
 - f. Design of hardware/software platform
- 11. System acquisition
 - a. Acquisition standards
 - b. Acquiring systems components
 - i. Hardware acquisition
 - ii. Software acquisition
 - iii. Contracts, software licenses & copyright violations
 - iv. Validation of vendors' proposals
 - 1. Checklist
 - 2. Point-scoring analysis
 - 3. Public evaluation reports
 - 4. Bench marking problem
 - 5. Test problems
- 12. Program development
 - a. Characteristics
 - i. Reliability
 - ii. Robustness
 - iii. Accuracy
 - iv. Efficiency
 - v. Usability
 - vi. Readability
 - b. Program coding standards
 - c. Programming language
 - d. Program debugging
 - e. Test the program
 - f. Program documentation
 - g. Program maintenance
- 13. System testing
 - a. Unit testing
 - i. Categories
 - 1. Functional tests
 - 2. Performance tests
 - 3. Stress tests
 - 4. Structural tests
 - 5. Parallel tests
 - ii. Types

1. Static analysis testing
 - a. Desk check
 - b. Structures walk through
 - c. Code inspection
 2. Dynamic analysis testing
 - a. Black box
 - b. White box
 - c. Gray box
 - b. Integration testing
 - i. Bottom up
 - ii. Top down
 - iii. Regression
 - c. System testing
 - i. Recovery
 - ii. Security
 - iii. Stress or volume
 - iv. Performance
 - d. Final acceptance testing
 - i. Quality assurance
 - ii. User acceptance
 1. Alpha
 2. Beta
14. System implementation
- a. Equipment installation
 - i. Site preparation
 - ii. Installation of new hardware/software
 - iii. Equipment check point
 - b. Training personnel
 - c. Conversion strategies
 - i. Direct
 - ii. Phased
 - iii. Pilot
 - iv. Parallel
 - d. Conversion activities
 - i. Procedure
 - ii. File
 - iii. System
 - iv. Scheduling personnel & equipment
15. Post implementation review
- a. Development evaluation
 - b. Operation evaluation
 - c. Information evaluation
16. System maintenance
- a. Scheduled
 - b. Rescue

- c. Corrective
 - d. Adaptive
 - e. Perfective
 - f. Preventive
17. Operation manuals
18. Organizational structure of IT department
- a. Line management
 - b. Project management

Control Objective

19. Introduction
20. Need for controls
- a. Cost of data loss
 - b. Incorrect DM
 - c. Cost of computer abuse
 - d. Cost of hardware, software & personnel
 - e. Cost of error
 - f. Maintenance of privacy
 - g. ISA
 - h. Data integrity objectives
 - i. System effectiveness& efficiency
21. Effect of computers on ICS
- a. Personnel
 - b. Segregation of duties
 - c. Record keeping
 - d. Authorization
 - e. Concentration of programs & data
 - f. Access to assets & data
 - g. Management supervision & review
 - h. Components of IC
 - i. Control environment
 - ii. Risk assessment
 - iii. Control activities
 - iv. Information & communication
 - v. Monitoring
22. Effect of computer on audit
- a. Changes to evidence collection
 - i. Data retention & storage
 - ii. Absence of input documents
 - iii. Lack of visible audit trail
 - iv. Lack of visible output
 - v. Audit evidence
 - vi. Legal issues
 - b. Changes to evidence evaluation

- i. System generated transactions
- ii. Systematic errors

23. Responsibility of controls

- a. Develop & implement cost – effective controls
- b. Assess adequacy
- c. Separately assess & document IC consistent with ISP
- d. Identify needed improvements
- e. Take corrective actions
- f. Report annually

24. ISA process

- a. Responsibility of IS auditor
 - i. Sound knowledge of business operations
 - ii. Knowledge of standards & best practices
 - iii. Requisite technical qualification
 - iv. Knowledge of IT strategies, policies
 - v. Understanding of risk & controls
 - vi. Understand technical controls
- b. Functions – Check whether
 - i. Security is inadequate
 - ii. Adequate IT related policies
 - iii. IT related frauds
 - iv. Resources efficiently utilized
 - v. Controlled SDMP
- c. Categories of ISA
 - i. System & applications
 - ii. IPF
 - iii. System development
 - iv. IT management structure
 - v. Telecommunications, intranets, extranets
- d. Steps
 - i. Scoping/Pre – Audit survey
 - ii. Planning
 - iii. Fieldwork
 - iv. Analysis
 - v. Reporting
 - vi. Closure
- e. Standards
- f. Cost effectiveness of control procedures
 - i. Initial cost
 - ii. Execution
 - iii. Failure
 - iv. Correction
 - v. Maintenance

25. Information system control techniques

- a. Objectives of control

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- b. Based on objective
 - i. Preventive
 - 1. Understanding vulnerabilities
 - 2. Understanding probable threats
 - 3. Provision of necessary controls
 - ii. Detective
 - 1. Understanding of lawful activities
 - 2. Established mechanism to report unlawful act
 - 3. Interaction with preventive control
 - 4. Surprise checks
 - iii. Corrective
 - 1. Minimize impact
 - 2. Identify cause and correct problems discovered
 - 3. Get feedback
 - 4. Modify processing system to minimize future occurrences
 - iv. Compensatory
- c. Based on functions/Component of IC
 - i. Accounting
 - ii. Operational
 - iii. Administrative
- d. Based on nature
- e. Control techniques
 - i. Organisational controls
 - 1. Responsibilities & objectives
 - 2. Policies, standards, practices
 - 3. Job description
 - 4. Segregation of duties
 - ii. Management controls
 - 1. Responsibility
 - 2. Official IT structure
 - 3. IT steering committee
 - iii. Financial controls
 - 1. Authorization
 - 2. Budgets
 - 3. Cancellation of documents
 - 4. Documentation
 - 5. Dual control
 - 6. Safekeeping
 - 7. Segregation of duties
 - 8. Sequentially numbered documents
 - 9. Supervisory review
 - 10. I/O verification
 - iv. Data processing
 - v. Physical access
 - vi. Logical access

- vii. SDLC
- viii. BCP
- ix. Application control
- x. Audit trails
- xi. Audit trial objectives
 - 1. Detecting unauthorized access
 - 2. Reconstructing events
 - 3. Personnel accountability

26. User controls

- a. Boundary
 - i. Cryptography
 - ii. Password
 - iii. PIN
 - iv. Identification cards
- b. Input
 - i. Errors
 - 1. Addition
 - 2. Truncation
 - 3. Transcription
 - 4. Transposition
 - 5. Double Transposition
 - ii. Factors affecting input errors
 - 1. Length
 - 2. Alphanumeric mix
 - 3. Special character
 - 4. Mixing uppercase/lowercase
 - 5. Sequence of characters
- c. Processing
 - i. Run – to – run totals
 - ii. Reasonableness verification
 - iii. Edit checks
 - iv. Field initialization
 - v. Exception reporting
 - vi. Existence/recovery controls
- d. Output
 - i. Storage & logging of sensitive/critical forms
 - ii. Logging of output program execution
 - iii. Spooling
 - iv. Controls over printing
 - v. Report distribution & collection controls
 - vi. Retention controls
 - vii. Existence/recovery controls
- e. Database
 - i. Update controls
 - 1. Sequence check in transaction & mater files

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2. Ensure all records are processed
 3. Process multiple transaction from single record in correct order
 4. Maintain suspense account
 - ii. Report controls
 1. Standing data
 2. Print run – to – run totals
 3. Print suspense account
 4. Existence/recovery controls
27. SD & acquisition controls
 - a. Problem definition
 - i. Need for IS in business
 - ii. Support & priority by management
 - iii. Level of acceptance by stakeholders
 - iv. Investigation & strategy
 - b. Change management process
 - i. Prepare & promote for unrestricted change
 - ii. Complete changeover
 - iii. Help user to adapt new system
 - iv. Review periodically for potential conflicts
 - c. Entry & feasibility assessment
 - i. Technical
 - ii. Operational
 - iii. Economical
 - iv. Behavioral
 - d. Existing system analysis
 - i. Study of history of systems
 - ii. Using formal methodology
 - e. System design (formulation of strategic requirements)
 - i. Align business requirement with objectives and goals
 - f. Organizational & job design
 - i. Defined roles & responsibilities
 - ii. Clear design of organisation structure
 - g. IS processing design
 - i. Requirement elicitation
 - ii. User interface design
 - iii. Dataflow design
 - iv. Database design
 - v. Platform design
 - vi. Physical design
 - h. Application software acquisition
 - i. IS requirement needs to meet business goals
 - ii. Feasibility analysis to define constraints
 - iii. Detailed RFP specifying acceptable requirements
 - iv. Vendor evaluation process
28. Control over system & program changes

- a. Change management process
 - b. System change controls
 - c. Program change controls
 - d. Authorization controls
 - e. Document controls
 - f. Testing & quality controls
29. Quality controls
- a. Quality standards
 - b. Quality reviews
 - c. Copyright violations
 - d. Contract/Warranties
 - e. SLA
30. Controls over system implementation
- a. Procedures development
 - b. Conversion
 - i. Direct
 - ii. Parallel
 - iii. Phased
 - iv. Pilot
 - c. User final acceptance testing
 - i. Performance
 - ii. Volume
 - iii. Stress
 - iv. Security
 - v. Clerical procedures checking
 - vi. Back-up and recovery
 - d. User training
31. System maintenance
- a. Maintenance
 - i. Corrective
 - ii. Adaptive
 - iii. Perfective
 - b. Performance measurement
32. Post implementation review
- a. Achievement of objectives
 - i. Business
 - ii. User expectation
 - iii. Technical requirements
 - b. Balance between period of PIR
 - c. PIR team
 - d. Activities to be undertaken
33. Control over data integrity, privacy, security
- a. Information classification
 - i. Top secret
 - ii. Highly confidential

- iii. Propriety
 - iv. Internal use only
 - v. Public documents
 - b. Data integrity
 - i. Source data control
 - ii. Input validation routines
 - iii. On-line data entry controls
 - iv. Data processing and storage controls
 - v. Output controls
 - vi. Data transmission controls
 - c. Data integrity policies
 - i. Virus signature updating
 - ii. Software testing
 - iii. Division of environments
 - iv. Version zero software
 - v. Offsite backup
 - vi. Quarter or Year end backup
 - vii. Disaster recovery
34. Logical access controls
- a. Logical access paths
 - i. Online terminals
 - ii. Batch job processing
 - iii. Dial-up ports
 - iv. Telecommunication network
 - b. Logical access exposure
 - i. Technical
 - 1. Data diddling
 - 2. Logic bomb
 - 3. Time bomb
 - 4. Trojan horse
 - 5. Worms
 - 6. Rounding down
 - 7. Salami techniques
 - 8. Trap doors
 - ii. Computer crime
 - 1. Financial loss
 - 2. Legal repercussions
 - 3. Loss of credibility
 - 4. Blackmail
 - 5. Disclosure of confidential information
 - 6. Sabotage
 - 7. Spoofing
 - iii. Asynchronous attacks
 - 1. Data leakage
 - 2. Wire – tapping

- 3. Piggybacking
 - 4. Denial of service
- iv. Remote and distributed data processing controls
 - 1. Remote access through network should be implemented
 - 2. Having terminal lock
 - 3. Applications to be controlled and remotely accessed via modem
 - 4. Monitored carefully
 - 5. Proper control over documentation and manuals
 - 6. Data transmission to be controlled, verify accuracy, genuineness and integrity
 - 7. Replicated copies contain same information, no duplication
- v. Physical and environmental protection
- c. Logical access controls (also in chapter 8 under ISMS)
 - i. User access management
 - 1. User registration
 - 2. Privilege management
 - 3. User password management
 - 4. Review of user access rights
 - ii. User responsibility
 - 1. Password use
 - 2. Unattended user equipment
 - iii. Network access control
 - 1. Policy on use network services
 - 2. Enforced path
 - 3. Segregation of networks
 - 4. Network connection and routing control
 - 5. Security of network services
 - iv. Operating system access control
 - 1. Automated terminal identification
 - 2. User identification and authentication
 - 3. Password management system
 - 4. Use of system utilities
 - 5. Alarms system
 - 6. Terminal time out
 - 7. Limitation of connection time
 - v. Application and monitoring system access control
 - 1. Information access restriction
 - 2. Sensitive information isolation
 - 3. Event logging
 - 4. Monitor system use
 - 5. Clock synchronization
 - vi. Mobile computing
- d. Role of IS auditor
 - i. Review the relevant documents and RAE techniques
 - ii. Evaluate potential access paths

- iii. Identify deficiencies and redundancies
- iv. Verify test control over access paths
- v. Analyze test results and verify that objective are achieved
- vi. Compare security policy

35. Physical access controls

- a. Issues and exposure
- b. Access control mechanism
 - i. Identification
 - ii. Authentication
 - iii. Authorization
- c. Physical access control
 - i. Locks on doors
 - 1. Cipher lock
 - 2. Bolting door lock
 - 3. Electronic door lock - Card entry
 - 4. Biometric door lock
 - ii. Physical identification mechanism
 - 1. PIN
 - 2. Plastic cards
 - 3. Cryptographic controls
 - 4. Identification badges
 - iii. Logging on utilities
 - 1. Manual logging
 - 2. Electronic logging
 - iv. Others
 - 1. Video camera
 - 2. Security guards
 - 3. Controlled visitor access
 - 4. Dead man doors
 - 5. Controlled single point entry
 - 6. Alarm system
 - 7. Perimeter fencing
 - 8. Control on employees Out-of-office during office hours
 - v. Accounting and audit trial
- d. Audit and evaluation technique
- e. Role of IS auditor
 - i. Risk assessment
 - ii. Control assessment
 - iii. Planning for review of PA controls
 - iv. Testing
 - 1. Tour of facilities
 - 2. Physical inventory
 - 3. Interview personnel
 - 4. Observation of safeguards (including special consideration)
 - 5. Review of PA procedures

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6. Examination of physical logs

36. Environmental controls

- a. Categorization
 - i. Hardware and media
 - ii. IS supporting infrastructure
 - iii. Documentation
 - iv. Supplies
 - v. People
- b. Issues and exposures
- c. Controls
 - i. Water detectors
 - ii. Fire extinguishers
 - iii. Manual fire alarms
 - iv. Smoke detectors
 - v. Fire suppression system (dry, water, halon)
 - vi. Strategic location of computer room
 - vii. Regular inspection by fire department
 - viii. Fireproof walls, floors, ceilings
 - ix. Electric surge protectors
 - x. UPS
 - xi. Power lead from two stations
 - xii. Emergency power-off switch
 - xiii. Wiring placed in fire resistant panels
 - xiv. Prohibitions on eatables
 - xv. Fire resistant office material
 - xvi. Documented and emergency evacuation plans
- d. Audit and evaluation technique
- e. Role of IS auditor
 - i. Audit planning and assessment
 - 1. Risk profile should include kinds of risk exposure and periodic updating
 - 2. Controls assessment to ascertain adequacy
 - 3. Security policy review to assess policies and procedures
 - 4. Building and wiring plans needs to be reviewed
 - 5. Interview relevant personnel (awareness, role, incident handling)
 - 6. Administrative procedures like reporting and plans
 - ii. Audit of technical controls
 - 1. IPF and its construction
 - 2. Activities in the IPF
 - 3. Presence of water and smoke detectors
 - 4. Location of fire extinguishers
 - 5. Evacuation plans and emergency exit markings
 - 6. Documents for compliances of various requirements
 - 7. Power sources and test to assure its quality
 - 8. Environmental control equipment like AC, heater, etc
 - 9. Complaint logs

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- 37. Security concepts and techniques
 - a. Cryptosystem
 - b. DES
 - c. PKI
 - d. PKI policies
- 38. Data security and public networks
 - a. Firewall
 - i. Packet filter
 - ii. Stateful inspection
 - iii. Proxy server
 - iv. Application – level
- 39. Unauthorized intrusion
 - a. Why use IDS
 - b. Types of IDS
 - i. Network based
 - ii. Host based
- 40. Hacking
 - a. What damage is done
 - b. How do they hack
 - i. NetBIOS
 - ii. ICMP ping
 - iii. FTP
 - iv. RPC statd
 - v. HTTP
- 41. Controlling against virus
 - a. What is virus
 - b. Antivirus software
 - i. Scanner
 - ii. Active monitor and heuristic scanner
 - iii. Integrity checkers
 - c. Recommended policy and procedure controls
- 42. Data privacy
 - a. Protecting data privacy in IS
 - i. Policy communication
 - ii. Policy enforcement
 - b. Data privacy policies
 - i. Copyright notice
 - ii. E-mail monitoring
 - iii. Customer information sharing
 - iv. Encryption of data backups
 - v. Data access

Testing – General & automated controls

- 1. Introduction

- a. Methods
 - i. Substantive
 - ii. Compliance
- b. Phases
2. Audit planning
 - a. Use M/S concepts for effective plan
 - b. Underlying principle is optimum utilization of resources
 - c. Determine areas of little/no attention
 - d. M/S include both qualitative & quantitative factors
 - e. Occurs throughout audit as iterative process
3. Audit testing
 - a. Devise testing plan & methodology
 - b. Perform necessary testing
 - c. Use of GAS for testing
4. ISCA process
 - a. Obtain understanding of entity, its operations & key business processes
 - b. Obtain understanding of structure on entity's networks
 - c. Identifying key areas of audit interest
 - d. Assessment of IT risk
 - e. Identify critical control points
 - f. Obtain understanding of ISC
 - g. Performing other audit planning procedures
5. Factors to determine NTE of audit procedures
 - a. Extent to which significant IC depend on reliability of information processed
 - b. Availability of evidence from sources other than IS
 - c. Relationship of ISC to data reliability
 - d. Assessing effectiveness of ISC
6. Identify key areas of audit interest
7. Obtain preliminary understanding of IS
8. Performing ISCA test
 - a. Types
 - i. Test of design
 - ii. Test of effectiveness
 - b. Levels
 - i. Entity wide level
 - ii. System level
 1. Network
 2. OS
 3. Infrastructure
 - iii. Business process application level
9. Testing critical control points
10. Test effectiveness of ISC
 - a. Test on tiered basis
 - i. Test of general controls at entity & system level
 - ii. Test of general controls at BPAL

- iii. Test of BPAC/UC
- b. Evaluate & determine D/I/O
 - i. Identify general controls
 - ii. Determine how controls function and actually placed
 - iii. Evaluate operating effectiveness
- 11. Appropriateness of controls
 - a. Inquiry
 - b. Questionnaire
 - c. Inspection
 - d. Observation
 - e. Re-performance
 - f. Review documents
 - g. Analysis of system
 - h. Data review & analysis of output
- 12. Multiyear testing plans
- 13. Documentation
 - a. Understanding IS
 - b. ISC objectives & activities
 - c. Control techniques
 - d. NTE of test
 - e. Specific test performed
 - f. Evidence of effective controls or lack thereof
 - g. Conclusions about effectiveness
 - h. If control objective not achieved, compensatory controls
 - i. For each weakness, material/significant/deficiency
- 14. Reporting
 - a. Basic
 - i. Summarize results
 - ii. Draws conclusion out of I+A effect of identified ISC weaknesses
 - iii. Reports results
 - b. Audit objectives
 - c. Report audit result
 - d. Substantive testing
 - e. Documenting results
 - i. Audit findings
 - f. Analysis
 - i. Reexamination
 - ii. Standards
 - iii. Facts
 - iv. Verification
 - v. Cause
 - vi. Materiality & exposure
 - vii. Recommendations
- 15. Continuous Audit & embedded modules
 - a. Types

- i. Snapshots
- ii. ITF
 - 1. Methods of entering
 - a. Tagged transaction
 - b. Specially prepared test data
 - 2. Methods of removing
 - a. Programmed to ignore apart from test purpose
 - b. Reversal additional inputs
 - c. Submit Trivial entries
- iii. SCARF
 - 1. Application system errors
 - 2. Policy & procedural variances
 - 3. Profiling data
 - 4. Performance measurement
 - 5. System exception
 - 6. Snapshots & extended records
 - 7. Statistical sample
- iv. CIS
- b. Benefits
 - i. Examine data faster & efficiently
 - ii. Reduce time & cost
 - iii. Near 100% testing possible
 - iv. Testing throughout the year
 - v. Increase quality of audits
- c. Advantages
 - i. Timely, comprehensive & detailed audit
 - ii. Surprise test capability
 - iii. Information to system staff on meeting objectives
 - iv. Training new users
- d. Disadvantages
 - i. Must obtain required resource
 - ii. Usable if auditors involved in development of system
 - iii. Knowledge & experience of auditor
 - iv. Usable where audit trail is less visible & cost of errors are high
 - v. Stable application system required
- 16. Hardware testing
- 17. Review of hardware – Review
 - a. Capacity management & performance evaluation
 - b. Hardware acquisition plan
 - c. Change in management controls
 - d. Preventive maintenance
- 18. OS review
 - a. Interview personnel
 - b. Review cost-benefit analysis
 - c. SS installation

- d. SS change controls
- e. SS implementation
- f. SS security
- g. System documentation
- h. Authorization documentation
- i. Database supported ISC

19. Reviewing network

Risk assessment methodologies and applications

20. Introduction

21. Risk concepts

- a. Risk
- b. Threat
- c. Vulnerability
- d. Exposure
- e. Likelihood
- f. Attack
- g. Residual risk

22. Threats to computerized environment

- a. Power failure
- b. Communication failure
- c. Technology failure
- d. Disgruntled employees
- e. Theft or destruction of asset
- f. Abuse of access privileges
- g. Fire
- h. Natural disaster
- i. Error
- j. Malicious code

23. Threats due to cyber crime

- a. Fraud
- b. Embezzlement
- c. Theft of propriety information
- d. Sabotage
- e. Virus
- f. Denial of service

24. Risk assessment

- a. Prioritization
- b. Identify critical applications
- c. Assess the impact on organization
- d. Determine recovery time frame
- e. Assess insurance coverage
 - i. Hardware facilities
 - ii. Software reconstruction

- iii. Extra cost
 - iv. Business interruption
 - v. Valuable records and documents
 - vi. Media transportation
 - vii. Error and omission
 - viii. Fidelity coverage
 - f. Identification of exposures and implications
 - g. Develop a recovery plan
25. Risk management
- a. Types
 - i. Systematic risk
 - ii. Unsystematic risk
 - b. Risk management process
 - i. Identify technology related risk
 - ii. Assess identified risk in terms of probability and exposure
 - iii. Classify into systematic and unsystematic
 - iv. Identify various managerial actions that can reduce systematic risk and cost of it
 - v. Look out for technological solution to mitigate unsystematic risk
 - vi. Identify the contribution of technology across the organization in reducing overall risk exposure
 - vii. Evaluate technology risk premium and compare with possible value of loss
 - viii. Match analysis with management policy
 - c. Risk management cycle
 - i. Risk identification
 - ii. Risk assessment
 - iii. Risk mitigation
26. Risk identification
- a. Purpose
 - i. Identify probability
 - ii. Calculate exposure
 - iii. Make control recommendations
 - b. Techniques
 - i. Judgment and intuition
 - ii. Delphi approach
 - iii. Scoring technique
 - iv. Quantitative
 - v. Qualitative
27. Risk ranking
28. Risk mitigation
- a. Common techniques
 - i. Insurance
 - ii. Outsourcing
 - iii. Service level agreements
29. Risk and controls

BCP/DRP

1. BCP

- a. Concept
- b. Areas/Components
 - i. Business resumption planning
 - ii. Disaster recovery planning
 - iii. Crisis management
- c. Objectives
 - i. Provide for the safety and well-being of people
 - ii. Continue critical business operations
 - iii. Minimize the duration of serious disruptions to operations and resources (G)
 - iv. Minimize immediate damage and losses
 - v. Establish management succession and emergency powers
 - vi. Facilitate effective co-ordination of recovery tasks (G)
 - vii. Reduce complexity of recovery effort (G)
 - viii. Identify critical lines of business & support functions
 - ix. Identify weakness and implement disaster prevention program (G)

2. Developing a BCP

- a. Methodology
 - i. Provide comprehensive understanding of total efforts required
 - ii. Obtain commitment to support
 - iii. Define recovery requirements from business perspective
 - iv. Document the impact of extended loss
 - v. Focus on disaster prevention and impact minimization equally
 - vi. Select BC teams
 - vii. Develop understandable, easy to use and maintain BCP
 - viii. Define BCP must be integrated to ongoing business planning & SD
- b. Phases
 - i. Preplanning activities
 - 1. Understanding present & projected system
 - 2. Defining overall scope of BCP
 - 3. Develop policy to support BCP
 - 4. Establish steering committee
 - 5. Launch BCP awareness program
 - ii. Vulnerability assessment
 - 1. Identify critical business processes
 - 2. Identify all threats and vulnerabilities
 - 3. Evaluate existing security measure and control
 - 4. Evaluate existing emergency plan
 - 5. Document findings
 - iii. Business impact analysis
 - 1. Identify organisational risk
 - 2. Quantify risk to critical BP in terms of financial and goodwill loss
 - 3. Identify interdependencies of critical BP and time order to restore

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4. Maximum allowable downtime
 5. Identify type and quantity of resources required
 6. Submit BIA report
 - iv. Detailed definition of requirement
 1. Identify recovery alternatives for short, medium, and long term
 2. Estimate and determine resources required for critical functions in terms of hardware, software, personnel, facilities, outside support
 3. Develop scope, objectives and assumption of BCP
 - v. Plan development
 1. Formulate overall recovery plan and strategy categorized in business and technical
 2. Define & document recovery plan and components
 3. Define changes to user procedures, data processing procedures
 4. Define roles and duties of recovery teams
 5. Determine changes made to vendor contracts
 - vi. Testing program
 1. Recovery procedures are complete and workable
 2. Staff is adequately trained
 3. Resources (H/S/P/F) are adequate
 4. Manual recovery and back-up procedures are also working
 - vii. Plan implementation
 1. Implement individual components of plan
 2. Assigning job roles and duties to staff
 3. Providing emergency guidelines
 4. Scheduling test activities
 - viii. Maintenance program
 1. Determine responsibility to maintain BCP
 2. Continuous monitoring to look for desired changes
 3. Designing change management process
3. Types of plans
 - a. Emergency plan
 - b. Backup plan
 - i. Hardware
 - ii. Application software
 - iii. System software
 - iv. Documentation
 - v. Data/Information
 - vi. Personnel
 - vii. Facilities
 - viii. Supplies
 - c. Recovery plan
 - d. Test plan
4. Threats and risk management
 - a. Lack of integrity
 - b. Lack of confidentiality

- c. Lack of system availability
 - d. Unauthorized user attempt to gain access
 - e. Hostile software
 - f. Disgruntled employees
 - g. Hacker and computer crimes
 - h. Terrorism
 - i. Minimizing risk in organisation infrastructure
 - j. Single point of failure analysis
 - i. Objectives
 - 1. Identify IT risks
 - 2. Determine level of risk
 - 3. Identify risk factors
 - 4. Determine risk mitigation strategies
 - ii. Benefits
 - 1. Business driven process to identify, manage and quantify risk
 - 2. A framework that governs technological choice and delivery processes
 - 3. Interpretation and communication of potential risk impact and risk reduction
 - 4. Implementation of strict disciplines for active risk management
5. Software and data back-up techniques
- a. Full
 - b. Incremental
 - c. Differential
 - d. Mirror
6. Alternate processing facility arrangements
- a. Hot site
 - b. Cold site
 - c. Ware site
 - d. Reciprocal arrangements
 - e. Contract issues
 - i. How soon
 - ii. Number of user allowed concurrently
 - iii. Priority to be given to concurrent users
 - iv. Period
 - v. Condition
 - vi. Facilities and services
 - vii. Controls in place and working
7. Back-up redundancy
- a. Importance
 - i. Multiple backup media
 - ii. Off site backup
 - iii. Where to keep backup
 - iv. Media rotation tactics
 - b. Types of media
 - i. Floppy disk

- ii. DVD/CD
- iii. Tape drives
- iv. Digital audio tape
- v. Optical juke box
- vi. Autoloader tape system
- vii. Disk drives
- viii. Removable disk
- ix. USB flash drive
- x. ZIP drive
- c. Fundamental factors
 - i. Speed
 - ii. Reliability
 - iii. Cost
 - iv. Capacity
 - v. Extensibility
- d. Backup tips
 - i. Draw simple and easy to understand plan
 - ii. Keep a record of what, when, which media used
 - iii. Put proper labels on media
 - iv. Use software utilities for automatic backup scheduling
 - v. Verify backup files after process
 - vi. Create reference points
 - vii. Restore privilege to administrator only
 - viii. Create step-by-step guidelines
- 8. DRP
 - a. Procedural plan
 - b. Insurance
 - i. Coverage
 - ii. Kinds
 - 1. First party – property damages
 - 2. First party – business interruptions
 - 3. Third party – general liability
 - 4. Third party – errors and omission
- 9. Testing methodology
 - a. Types of test
 - i. Hypothetical
 - ii. Component
 - iii. Module
 - iv. Full
 - b. Methodology
 - i. Setting objectives
 - ii. Defining boundaries
 - iii. Scenario
 - iv. Test criteria
 - v. Assumption

- vi. Test prerequisites
 - vii. Briefing
 - viii. Checklist
 - ix. Analysing test
 - x. Debriefing
10. Audit tools and techniques
- a. Automated tools
 - b. Internal control auditing
 - c. Disaster and security checklists
 - d. Penetration testing

ERP

1. Introduction
2. ERP – Definition
 - a. Evolution
 - i. Aggressive cost cutting
 - ii. Need to analyze costs/revenue
 - iii. Flexibility to respond to changes
 - iv. Changes in ways to do business
 - b. Enabling technologies
 - c. Characteristics
 - i. Flexibility
 - ii. Modular & open
 - iii. Comprehensive
 - iv. Beyond the company
 - v. BBP
 - d. Features
 - i. Multi-platform, lingual, currency, facility
 - ii. Function effectively integrated for flow and update by single entry
 - iii. Company-wide integration
 - iv. Integration of companies under same management
 - v. Perform core activities and increase customer services
 - vi. Eliminates most business problems
 - vii. Bridge information gap
 - viii. SCM to optimize demand and supply data
 - ix. Allow automatic introduction of latest technologies
 - x. Provides intelligent business tools like DSS, EIS, Data mining
 - e. Why ERP
 - i. Integrate financing
 - ii. Integrate customer order processing
 - iii. Standardize and speed up manufacturing
 - iv. Reduce inventory
 - v. Standardize HR information

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- f. Benefits
 - i. Improved business processes
 - ii. Improves productivity
 - iii. Improved resource utilization
 - iv. Reduce inventory levels
 - v. Improves financial controls
 - vi. Helps in reducing operating cost
 - vii. Fast and accurate reports
 - viii. Unified customer database
 - ix. Better follow-up on customers
 - x. Supports strategic planning
 - xi. Improved decision making capability
 - xii. Better information access throughout management

3. BPR

- a. What is BPR
 - i. Fundamental rethinking
 - ii. Radical redesign
 - iii. Dramatic improvement
- b. Business engineering
- c. Business management
- d. Business modeling

4. ERP implementation

- a. Hindrances/Impediments
 - i. Working together to achieve overall objectives
 - ii. Properly managed implementation, Workload may not decrease
 - iii. Customization
 - iv. Roles and responsibilities
 - v. Expandable and adaptable
- b. Implementation decision
 - i. ERP or no ERP
 - ii. Follow software processes or customization
 - iii. In-house or outsourced
 - iv. Bing – bang or phased implementation
- c. Methodology
 - i. Identify the needs for implementing ERP
 - ii. Evaluate “As is” situation
 - iii. Decide “Would be” situation
 - iv. BPR
 - v. Evaluate various ERP packages
 - 1. Flexibility
 - 2. Modular & open
 - 3. Comprehensive
 - 4. Beyond the company
 - 5. BBP
 - 6. Integrates

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- 7. New technologies
 - vi. Finalise most suitable package
 - vii. Install required hardware and network
 - viii. Finalise implement consultants
 - ix. Implement ERP
- d. Guidelines
 - i. Understand the corporate needs
 - ii. BPR
 - iii. Good communication network
 - iv. Strong and effective leadership
 - v. Capable project manager
 - vi. Balanced team of consultants
 - vii. Good implementation methodology
 - viii. Training to user
 - ix. Adapting new system
- 5. Post implementation
 - a. Expectation
 - b. Fears
- 6. Risk and governance issues
 - a. Single point failure
 - b. Structural changes
 - c. Job roles changes
 - d. Online real time
 - e. Change management
 - f. Broad system access
 - g. Data content quality
 - h. Privacy and confidentiality
 - i. Single sign on
 - j. Distributes computer experience
 - k. Program interfaces and data conversion
 - l. Dependence on external assistance
 - m. Audit expertise
- 7. Why ERP fails
 - a. Resistance in adoption of work methods outlined in ERP
 - b. Customization of standard software
 - c. Changing habits is more difficult than customizing
- 8. ERP and E-commerce
 - a. Complex and not intended for public use
 - b. Two new channels – For customers and for supplies/partners
 - c. Careful planning needed
- 9. Life after implementation
 - a. Tasks to performed
 - i. Develop new job description and organisation structure
 - ii. Identify skills gap
 - iii. Assess training requirements and implement training plan

- iv. Develop and amend HR, financial and operational policies
- b. Post implementation blues
 - i. Change in business environment – Change in CSF – Change in KPI
 - ii. A review may indicate change in some processes
 - iii. New processes require extra business functionality
 - iv. Continuous improvement in technology and hardware require change in ERP

ISA standards, guidelines, best practices

1. Introduction

a. Common features

- i. Every organization using IT, uses set of controls
- ii. Set of controls depend on business objective, budget, etc
- iii. Set of control objective should be constant
- iv. Everyone uses same control framework

2. ISO 27001

a. General

- i. Asset to be protected
- ii. Approach to risk management
- iii. Control objective and control (3)
- iv. Degree of assurance required

b. Establishing management framework (1)

- i. Define SP (2)
- ii. Make appropriate risk assessment
- iii. Identify areas of risk
- iv. Select appropriate control (4)
- v. Prepare SoA (5)

c. Implementation

- i. Verification procedures
- ii. Review procedures

d. Documentation

- i. Management control
- ii. 12345
- iii. Procedures under implementation control
- iv. ISMS control procedure
- v. Document control
- vi. Records

e. Areas of focus

i. Security policy

- 1. Definition of information security
- 2. Statement of management intention
- 3. Allocation of responsibility
- 4. Explanation of standards and compliance requirements
- 5. Defined review procedures and means of assessing
- 6. Nomination of policy owner

- ii. Organizational security
 - 1. IS infrastructure
 - 2. Security to 3rd party access
 - 3. Outsourcing
 - iii. Asset classification and control
 - 1. Accountability of assets
 - a. Inventory, ownership, IAR
 - 2. Information classification
 - a. Classification guidelines
 - b. Information labeling and handling
 - iv. Personnel security
 - 1. Security requirement in job definition and employee resourcing
 - 2. User training
 - 3. Responding to security incidents
 - v. Physical & environmental security
 - 1. Secure areas
 - 2. Equipment security
 - 3. General controls
 - vi. Communication and operations management
 - 1. Operational procedures & responsibilities
 - 2. Protection against malicious software
 - 3. Housekeeping
 - 4. Network management
 - 5. Media handling & security
 - 6. Exchanges of information & software
 - vii. Access control
 - 1. Business requirement for access control
 - 2. Monitoring system access & use
 - 3. (Same as in chapter 3 under logical control)
 - viii. System development and maintenance
 - 1. Security requirement of system
 - 2. Security in application systems
 - 3. Security of system files
 - 4. Security in development & support process
 - 5. Cryptographic control
 - ix. BC management
 - x. Compliance
 - 1. Compliance with legal requirement
 - 2. Review of SP and technical Compliance
 - 3. System audit consideration
3. CMM
- a. Fundamental concept
 - b. Software process capability
 - c. Software process performance
 - d. Software process maturity

- e. Phases
 - i. Initial
 - ii. Repeatable (disciplined)
 - iii. Managed (standard, consistent)
 - iv. Defined (predictable)
 - v. Optimizing (continuous improving)
- 4. COBIT
- 5. COCO
- 6. ITIL
- 7. Systrust & webtrust
 - a. Principles
 - i. Security
 - ii. Availability
 - iii. Processing integrity
 - iv. Online privacy
 - v. Confidentiality
 - b. Broad areas
 - i. Policies
 - ii. Communication
 - iii. Procedures
 - iv. Maintenance
- 8. HIPPA
 - a. Title I and Title II
 - b. Security rules
 - i. Administrative
 - ii. Physical
 - iii. Technical
- 9. SAS 70
 - a. Type of reports
 - b. Benefits to SO
 - c. Benefits to UO

IS Security policy, Audit policy and Audit Reporting

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Importance of IS security
 - a. Widespread use of technology
 - b. Interconnectivity
 - c. Unevenness of technology
 - d. Unconventional electronic attacks
 - e. Devolution of management and control
 - f. Legal and regulatory requirement
- 3. IS security
 - a. Security objective (CIA)
 - b. Sensitive information

- i. Strategic plans
 - ii. Business operations
 - iii. Financial information
 - c. Establishing better protection
 - i. Not all data has same value
 - ii. Know where the critical data resides
 - iii. Develop an access control methodology
 - iv. Protect information stored on media
 - v. Review hard copy output
- 4. Protecting information
 - a. Rules
 - i. What the IS are and where these are located
 - ii. Value of the information held and how difficult it would be to recreate if it were damaged or lost
 - iii. Who are authorized to access the information and what they are permitted to do
 - iv. How quickly information needs to be made available if it become unavailable for whatever reason
 - b. Types
 - i. Preventive
 - ii. Restorative
 - iii. Holistic
- 5. ISP
 - a. Issues to address
 - i. Definition of information security
 - ii. Why information security is important
 - iii. Brief explanation of security policies
 - iv. Definition of all relevant roles and responsibilities
 - v. Reference to supporting documents
 - b. Members of SP
 - i. Management members
 - ii. Technical group
 - iii. Legal experts
- 6. Types of ISP and hierarchy
 - a. ISP
 - b. User SP
 - c. Acceptable usage policy
 - d. Organisational ISP
 - e. Network & system SP
 - f. Information classification SP
 - g. Condition of connection
- 7. Components
 - a. Security organization structure
 - b. Document maintenance and compliance
 - c. Monitoring and audit requirements

- d. Purpose and scope
 - i. Ensure CIA
 - ii. Restrict and deny access to unauthorized users
 - iii. How far, to whom and the period of SP
- e. Security organisation structure
- f. Responsibility allocation
 - i. Appoint owner
 - ii. Aware staff the need and responsibility
 - iii. Task completion and satisfied owner
 - iv. Contact list if security incident
 - v. Controlled & Risk assessment for 3rd party access
 - vi. Condition of connection agreement
 - vii. New network link to be approved
 - viii. Outsourcing contract details
- g. Asset classification and security classification
 - i. Maintain inventory
 - ii. Formal & documented classification scheme
 - iii. Classification by owner
 - iv. Protective marking
 - v. Controlled exchanges of data
 - vi. Information labeling and handling
 - vii. Classified waste disposed securely
- h. Access control
 - i. Prevent unauthorized access
 - ii. Owner responsible for approving, maintain log
 - iii. Grant access if business requirement
 - iv. Access upto level required
 - v. Registration, de-registration, deletion of users
 - vi. Separate User ID, no sharing
 - vii. Password policy
 - viii. PC and terminal not left unattended
 - ix. Mobile computing
- i. Incident handling
 - i. Consistent reporting approach
 - ii. Procedure to ensure recording
 - iii. Reoccurrence analysis to identify weakness
 - iv. Procedures for collection of evidence
 - v. Adequate records for inspection
- j. Physical and environmental security
 - i. Maintain check to identify vulnerable area
 - ii. IT infrastructure physically protected
 - iii. Secured access
 - iv. Sensitive information & valuable assets locked away
 - v. PC and terminal not left unattended
 - vi. Supplies delivered & loaded at separate place

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- vii. Equipment, information not taken off-site without authorization
 - viii. Premises (equipment, data) located away from threats
 - k. Business continuity management
 - i. BCP maintained, tested, updated
 - ii. BIA conducted annually
 - l. System development and maintenance controls
 - i. Controls identified prior to development
 - ii. Controls to ensure CIA
8. Audit policy
- a. Purpose
 - i. Unauthorized access to confidential data and information
 - ii. Password disclosure
 - iii. Virus infections
 - iv. Denial of service attacks
 - b. Objectives
 - i. Safeguard IS asset & resources
 - ii. Ensure data integrity
 - iii. Ensure system efficiency and effectiveness
 - iv. Compliance with SP, guidelines, etc
 - c. Scope
 - i. Adequacy & effectiveness of ICS
 - ii. Quality of performance by IS
 - iii. POD to reasonable assurance for achievement of objectives and goals
 - iv. Provide information to appraise ICS
 - d. What audit policy should do
 - i. Periodicity and authority of reporting
 - ii. Minimum professional proficiency required
 - iii. Declaration of fidelity & secrecy
 - iv. Extent of testing to be done
 - v. Documented audit program
 - 1. Objectives & scope
 - 2. Nature and degree of testing required
 - 3. Identification of technical aspects, risks, processes
 - 4. Document procedures of audit
 - 5. Prior preparation and subsequent modification of procedures
 - vi. Define access rights
 - 1. User level or system level access to devices
 - 2. Access to information
 - 3. Access to work areas
 - 4. Access to reports/documents
 - 5. Monitor and log network traffic
 - vii. Compliance testing
 - 1. Organizational and operational control
 - 2. Security management control
 - 3. Application control

- 4. Access control
 - 5. Physical and environmental security
 - 6. Business continuity management
 - 7. System development control
 - viii. Substantive testing
 - 1. Observe weakness
 - 2. High risk exposure
 - 3. Gather additional information
- 9. Audit working papers
 - a. Form and content affected by
 - i. Nature of engagement
 - ii. Form of audit report
 - iii. Complexity of client’s business
 - iv. Condition of records and degree of reliance
 - b. Permanent audit file
 - i. Organization structure
 - ii. IS policies
 - iii. Historical background
 - iv. Important legal documents
 - v. Study and evaluation ICS
 - vi. Old audit reports
 - vii. MRL
 - c. Current audit file
 - i. Acceptance letter and scope
 - ii. Evidence of planning process
 - iii. Record of NTE of procedures and results
 - iv. Letter and notes concerning audit matters and material weaknesses
 - v. MRL and confirmation
 - vi. Conclusion reached on significant aspects and how exceptional matters resolved
 - vii. Copies of data and system and related audit reports
- 10. Documentation
 - a. Planning key factors
 - i. Knowing your resources
 - ii. Defining scope
 - iii. Knowing your audience
 - b. Rules
 - i. Gathering information
 - 1. About reader
 - 2. About subject
 - ii. Organizing
 - 1. Selecting information
 - 2. Dividing into sections and subsections
 - iii. Writing
 - 1. Writing in active voice
 - 2. Giving consequences

- 3. Writing from general to specific
- 4. Consistency
- iv. Finalizing
 - 1. Review and test
 - 2. Generating glossary and index
 - 3. Formatting and production

11. IS audit reports

- a. Cover and title page
- b. Table of content
- c. Summary
- d. Introduction
 - i. Context
 - ii. Purpose
 - iii. Scope
 - iv. Methodology
- e. Findings
- f. Opinion
- g. Appendices
- h. Level of detail
- i. Commentary

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