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**QUESTION 1**

A large enterprise is deploying a web application on AWS. The application runs on Amazon EC2 instances behind an Application Load Balancer. The instances run in an Auto Scaling group across multiple Availability Zones. The application stores data in an Amazon RDS for Oracle DB instance and Amazon DynamoDB. There are separate environments for development testing and production.

What is the MOST secure and flexible way to obtain password credentials during deployment?

- A. Retrieve an access key from an AWS Systems Manager securestring parameter to access AWS services. Retrieve the database credentials from a Systems Manager SecureString parameter.
- B. Launch the EC2 instances with an EC2 1AM role to access AWS services Retrieve the database credentials from AWS Secrets Manager.
- C. Retrieve an access key from an AWS Systems Manager plaintext parameter to access AWS services. Retrieve the database credentials from a Systems Manager SecureString parameter.
- D. Launch the EC2 instances with an EC2 1AM role to access AWS services Store the database passwords in an encrypted config file with the application artifacts.

Correct Answer: B

AWS Secrets Manager is a secrets management service that helps you protect access to your applications, services, and IT resources. This service enables you to easily rotate, manage, and retrieve database credentials, API keys, and other secrets throughout their lifecycle. Using Secrets Manager, you can secure and manage secrets used to access resources in the AWS Cloud, on third-party services, and on-premises. SSM parameter store and AWS Secret manager are both a secure option. However, Secrets manager is more flexible and has more options like password generation. Reference: <https://www.1strategy.com/blog/2019/02/28/aws-parameter-store-vs-aws-secrets-manager/>

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**QUESTION 2**

A company gives its employees limited rights to AWS. DevOps engineers have the ability to assume an administrator role. For tracking purposes, the security team wants to receive a near-real-time notification when the administrator role is assumed.

How should this be accomplished?

- A. Configure AWS Config to publish logs to an Amazon S3 bucket. Use Amazon Athena to query the logs and send a notification to the security team when the administrator role is assumed.
- B. Configure Amazon GuardDuty to monitor when the administrator role is assumed and send a notification to the security team.
- C. Create an Amazon EventBridge (Amazon CloudWatch Events) event rule using an AWS Management Console sign-in events event pattern that publishes a message to an Amazon SNS topic if the administrator role is assumed.
- D. Create an Amazon EventBridge (Amazon CloudWatch Events) events rule using an AWS API call that uses an AWS CloudTrail event pattern to trigger an AWS Lambda function that publishes a message to an Amazon SNS topic if the administrator role is assumed.

Correct Answer: C

Reference: <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/eventbridge/latest/userguide/user-guide.pdf>

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### QUESTION 3

A DevOps engineer needs to back up sensitive Amazon S3 objects that are stored within an S3 bucket with a private bucket policy using S3 cross-Region replication functionality. The objects need to be copied to a target bucket in a different AWS Region and account.

Which combination of actions should be performed to enable this replication? (Choose three.)

- A. Create a replication IAM role in the source account
- B. Create a replication IAM role in the target account.
- C. Add statements to the source bucket policy allowing the replication IAM role to replicate objects.
- D. Add statements to the target bucket policy allowing the replication IAM role to replicate objects.
- E. Create a replication rule in the source bucket to enable the replication.
- F. Create a replication rule in the target bucket to enable the replication.

Correct Answer: ADE

S3 cross-Region replication (CRR) automatically replicates data between buckets across different AWS Regions. To enable CRR, you need to add a replication configuration to your source bucket that specifies the destination bucket, the IAM role, and the encryption type (optional). You also need to grant permissions to the IAM role to perform replication actions on both the source and destination buckets. Additionally, you can choose the destination storage class and enable additional replication options such as S3 Replication Time Control (S3 RTC) or S3 Batch Replication.

<https://medium.com/cloud-techies/s3-same-region-replication-srr-and-cross-region-replication-crr-34d446806bab>

<https://aws.amazon.com/getting-started/hands-on/replicate-data-using-amazon-s3-replication/>

<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonS3/latest/userguide/replication.html>

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### QUESTION 4

A company hosts applications in its AWS account. Each application logs to an individual Amazon CloudWatch log group. The company's CloudWatch costs for ingestion are increasing.

A DevOps engineer needs to identify which applications are the source of the increased logging costs.

Which solution will meet these requirements?

- A. Use CloudWatch metrics to create a custom expression that identifies the CloudWatch log groups that have the most data being written to them.
- B. Use CloudWatch Logs Insights to create a set of queries for the application log groups to identify the number of logs written for a period of time.
- C. Use AWS Cost Explorer to generate a cost report that details the cost for CloudWatch usage.
- D. Use AWS CloudTrail to filter for CreateLogStream events for each application.

Correct Answer: C

A comprehensive and detailed explanation is: Option A is incorrect because using CloudWatch metrics to create a custom expression that identifies the CloudWatch log groups that have the most data being written to them is not a valid solution. CloudWatch metrics do not provide information about the size or volume of data being ingested by CloudWatch logs. CloudWatch metrics only provide information about the number of events, bytes, and errors that occur within a log group or stream. Moreover, creating a custom expression with CloudWatch metrics would require using the search\_web tool, which is not necessary for this use case. Option B is incorrect because using CloudWatch Logs Insights to create a set of queries for the application log groups to identify the number of logs written for a period of time is not a valid solution. CloudWatch Logs Insights can help analyze and filter log events based on patterns and expressions, but it does not provide information about the cost or billing of CloudWatch logs. CloudWatch Logs Insights also charges based on the amount of data scanned by each query, which could increase the logging costs further. Option C is correct because using AWS Cost Explorer to generate a cost report that details the cost for CloudWatch usage is a valid solution. AWS Cost Explorer is a tool that helps visualize, understand, and manage AWS costs and usage over time. AWS Cost Explorer can generate custom reports that show the breakdown of costs by service, region, account, tag, or any other dimension. AWS Cost Explorer can also filter and group costs by usage type, which can help identify the specific CloudWatch log groups that are the source of the increased logging costs. Option D is incorrect because using AWS CloudTrail to filter for CreateLogStream events for each application is not a valid solution. AWS CloudTrail is a service that records API calls and account activity for AWS services, including CloudWatch logs. However, AWS CloudTrail does not provide information about the cost or billing of CloudWatch logs. Filtering for CreateLogStream events would only show when a new log stream was created within a log group, but not how much data was ingested or stored by that log stream. References: CloudWatch Metrics CloudWatch Logs Insights AWS Cost Explorer AWS CloudTrail

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## QUESTION 5

An application running on a set of Amazon EC2 instances in an Auto Scaling group requires a configuration file to operate. The instances are created and maintained with AWS CloudFormation. A DevOps engineer wants the instances to have the latest configuration file when launched and wants changes to the configuration file to be reflected on all the instances with a minimal delay when the CloudFormation template is updated. Company policy requires that application configuration files be maintained along with AWS infrastructure configuration files in source control.

Which solution will accomplish this?

- A. In the CloudFormation template add an AWS Config rule. Place the configuration file content in the rule's InputParameters property and set the Scope property to the EC2 Auto Scaling group. Add an AWS Systems Manager Resource Data Sync resource to the template to poll for updates to the configuration.
- B. In the CloudFormation template add an EC2 launch template resource. Place the configuration file content in the launch template. Configure the cfn-init script to run when the instance is launched and configure the cfn-hup script to poll for updates to the configuration.
- C. In the CloudFormation template add an EC2 launch template resource. Place the configuration file content in the launch template. Add an AWS Systems Manager Resource Data Sync resource to the template to poll for updates to the configuration.
- D. In the CloudFormation template add CloudFormation instance metadata. Place the configuration file content in the metadata. Configure the cfn-init script to run when the instance is launched and configure the cfn-hup script to poll for updates to the configuration.

Correct Answer: D

Use the `AWS::CloudFormation::Init` type to include metadata on an Amazon EC2 instance for the cfn-init helper script. If your template calls the cfn-init script, the script looks for resource metadata rooted in the `AWS::CloudFormation::Init` metadata key.

Reference: <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/aws-resource-init.html>

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