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### Exam Questions AWS-Certified-DevOps-Engineer-Professional

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#### NEW QUESTION 1

Your application consists of 10% writes and 90% reads. You currently service all requests through a Route53 Alias Record directed towards an AWS ELB, which sits in front of an EC2 Auto Scaling Group. Your system is getting very expensive when there are large traffic spikes during certain news events, during which many more people request to read similar data all at the same time. What is the simplest and cheapest way to reduce costs and scale with spikes like this?

- A. Create an S3 bucket and asynchronously replicate common requests responses into S3 object
- B. When a request comes in for a precomputed response, redirect to AWS S3.
- C. Create another ELB and Auto Scaling Group layer mounted on top of the other system, adding a tier to the system
- D. Serve most read requests out of the top layer.
- E. Create a CloudFront Distribution and direct Route53 to the Distribution
- F. Use the ELB as an Origin and specify Cache Behaviours to proxy cache requests which can be served late.
- G. Create a Memcached cluster in AWS ElastiCache
- H. Create cache logic to serve requests which can be served late from the in-memory cache for increased performance.

**Answer:** C

#### Explanation:

CloudFront is ideal for scenarios in which entire requests can be served out of a cache and usage patterns involve heavy reads and spikiness in demand. A cache behavior is the set of rules you configure for a given URL pattern based on file extensions, file names, or any portion of a URL path on your website (e.g., \*.jpg). You can configure multiple cache behaviors for your web distribution. Amazon CloudFront will match incoming viewer requests with your list of URL patterns, and if there is a match, the service will honor the cache behavior you configure for that URL pattern. Each cache behavior can include the following Amazon CloudFront configuration values: origin server name, viewer connection protocol, minimum expiration period, query string parameters, cookies, and trusted signers for private content.

Reference: <https://aws.amazon.com/Cloudfront/dynamic-content/>

#### NEW QUESTION 2

You are building a game high score table in DynamoDB. You will store each user's highest score for each game, with many games, all of which have relatively similar usage levels and numbers of players. You need to be able to look up the highest score for any game. What's the best DynamoDB key structure?

- A. HighestScore as the hash / only key.
- B. GameID as the hash key, HighestScore as the range key.
- C. GameID as the hash / only key.
- D. GameID as the range / only key

**Answer:** B

#### Explanation:

Since access and storage for games is uniform, and you need to have ordering within each game for the scores (to access the highest value), your hash (partition) key should be the GameID, and there should be a range key for HighestScore.

Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/amazondynamodb/latest/developerguide/GuidelinesForTables.html#GuidelinesForTables.Partitions>

#### NEW QUESTION 3

What is server immutability?

- A. Not updating a server after creation.
- B. The ability to change server counts.
- C. Updating a server after creation.
- D. The inability to change server count

**Answer:** A

#### Explanation:

Disposable upgrades offer a simpler way to know if your application has unknown dependencies. The underlying EC2 instance usage is considered temporary or ephemeral in nature for the period of deployment until the current release is active. During the new release, a new set of EC2 instances are rolled out by terminating older instances. This type of upgrade technique is more common in an immutable infrastructure.

Reference: <https://d0.awsstatic.com/whitepapers/overview-of-deployment-options-on-aws.pdf>

#### NEW QUESTION 4

When thinking of AWS Elastic Beanstalk, the 'Swap Environment URLs' feature most directly aids in what?

- A. Immutable Rolling Deployments
- B. Mutable Rolling Deployments
- C. Canary Deployments
- D. Blue-Green Deployments

**Answer:** D

#### Explanation:

Simply upload the new version of your application and let your deployment service (AWS Elastic Beanstalk, AWS CloudFormation, or AWS OpsWorks) deploy a new version (green). To cut over to the new version, you simply replace the ELB URLs in your DNS records. Elastic Beanstalk has a Swap Environment URLs feature to facilitate a simpler cutover process.

Reference: <https://d0.awsstatic.com/whitepapers/overview-of-deployment-options-on-aws.pdf>

#### NEW QUESTION 5

When thinking of DynamoDB, what are true of Global Secondary Key properties?

- A. The partition key and sort key can be different from the table.

- B. Only the partition key can be different from the table.
- C. Either the partition key or the sort key can be different from the table, but not both.
- D. Only the sort key can be different from the table.

**Answer:** A

**Explanation:**

Global secondary index — an index with a partition key and a sort key that can be different from those on the table. A global secondary index is considered "global" because queries on the index can span all of the data in a table, across all partitions.

Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/amazondynamodb/latest/developerguide/SecondaryIndexes.html>

**NEW QUESTION 6**

You need to process long-running jobs once and only once. How might you do this?

- A. Use an SNS queue and set the visibility timeout to long enough for jobs to process.
- B. Use an SQS queue and set the reprocessing timeout to long enough for jobs to process.
- C. Use an SQS queue and set the visibility timeout to long enough for jobs to process.
- D. Use an SNS queue and set the reprocessing timeout to long enough for jobs to process.

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

The message timeout defines how long after a successful receive request SQS waits before allowing jobs to be seen by other components, and proper configuration prevents duplicate processing.

Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSSimpleQueueService/latest/SQSDeveloperGuide/MessageLifecycle.html>

**NEW QUESTION 7**

For AWS Auto Scaling, what is the first transition state an instance enters after leaving steady state when scaling in due to health check failure or decreased load?

- A. Terminating
- B. Detaching
- C. Terminating:Wait
- D. EnteringStandby

**Answer:** A

**Explanation:**

When Auto Scaling responds to a scale in event, it terminates one or more instances. These instances are detached from the Auto Scaling group and enter the Terminating state.

Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AutoScaling/latest/DeveloperGuide/AutoScalingGroupLifecycle.html>

**NEW QUESTION 8**

Which status represents a failure state in AWS CloudFormation?

- A. `UPDATE_COMPLETE_CLEANUP_IN_PROGRESS`
- B. `DELETE_COMPLETE_WITH_ARTIFACTS`
- C. `ROLLBACK_IN_PROGRESS`
- D. `ROLLBACK_FAILED`

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

ROLLBACK\_IN\_PROGRESS means an UpdateStack operation failed and the stack is in the process of trying to return to the valid, pre-update state.

UPDATE\_COMPLETE\_CLEANUP\_IN\_PROGRESS means an update was successful, and CloudFormation is deleting any replaced, no longer used resources.

ROLLBACK\_FAILED is not a CloudFormation state (but UPDATE\_ROLLBACK\_FAILED is). DELETE\_COMPLETE\_WITH\_ARTIFACTS does not exist at all.

Reference:

<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/using-cfn-updating-stacks.html>

**NEW QUESTION 9**

When thinking of AWS Elastic Beanstalk's model, which is true?

- A. Applications have many deployments, deployments have many environments.
- B. Environments have many applications, applications have many deployments.
- C. Applications have many environments, environments have many deployments.
- D. Deployments have many environments, environments have many application

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

Applications group logical services. Environments belong to Applications, and typically represent different deployment levels (dev, stage, prod, and forth).

Deployments belong to environments, and are pushes of bundles of code for the environments to run.

Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/elasticbeanstalk/latest/dg/Welcome.html>

**NEW QUESTION 10**

There are a number of ways to purchase compute capacity on AWS. Which orders the price per compute or memory unit from LOW to HIGH (cheapest to most expensive), on average?

- (A) On-Demand (B) Spot (C) Reserved

- A. A, B, C
- B. C, B, A
- C. B, C, A
- D. A, C, B

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

Spot instances are usually many, many times cheaper than on-demand prices. Reserved instances, depending on their term and utilization, can yield approximately 33% to 66% cost savings. On-Demand prices are the baseline price and are the most expensive way to purchase EC2 compute time. Reference: [https://d0.awsstatic.com/whitepapers/Cost\\_Optimization\\_with\\_AWS.pdf](https://d0.awsstatic.com/whitepapers/Cost_Optimization_with_AWS.pdf)

**NEW QUESTION 10**

When thinking of DynamoDB, what are true of Local Secondary Key properties?

- A. Either the partition key or the sort key can be different from the table, but not both.
- B. Only the sort key can be different from the table.
- C. The partition key and sort key can be different from the table.
- D. Only the partition key can be different from the table

**Answer:** B

**Explanation:**

Global secondary index — an index with a partition key and a sort key that can be different from those on the table. A global secondary index is considered "global" because queries on the index can span all of the data in a table, across all partitions.

Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/amazondynamodb/latest/developerguide/SecondaryIndexes.html>

**NEW QUESTION 12**

Which deployment method, when using AWS Auto Scaling Groups and Auto Scaling Launch Configurations, enables the shortest time to live for individual servers?

- A. Pre-baking AMIs with all code and configuration on deploys.
- B. Using a Dockerfile bootstrap on instance launch.
- C. Using UserData bootstrapping scripts.
- D. Using AWS EC2 Run Commands to dynamically SSH into fleet

**Answer:** A

**Explanation:**

Note that the bootstrapping process can be slower if you have a complex application or multiple applications to install. Managing a fleet of applications with several build tools and dependencies can be a challenging task during rollouts. Furthermore, your deployment service should be designed to do faster rollouts to take advantage of Auto Scaling. Prebaking is a process of embedding a significant portion of your application artifacts within your base AMI. During the deployment process you can customize application installations by using EC2 instance artifacts such as instance tags, instance metadata, and Auto Scaling groups.

Reference: <https://d0.awsstatic.com/whitepapers/overview-of-deployment-options-on-aws.pdf>

**NEW QUESTION 16**

Which of these techniques enables the fastest possible rollback times in the event of a failed deployment?

- A. Rolling; Immutable
- B. Rolling; Mutable
- C. Canary or A/B
- D. Blue-Green

**Answer:** D

**Explanation:**

AWS specifically recommends Blue-Green for super-fast, zero-downtime deploys - and thus rollbacks, which are redeploying old code.

You use various strategies to migrate the traffic from your current application stack (blue) to a new version of the application (green). This is a popular technique for deploying applications with zero downtime. Reference: <https://d0.awsstatic.com/whitepapers/overview-of-deployment-options-on-aws.pdf>

**NEW QUESTION 18**

Which of the following are not valid sources for OpsWorks custom cookbook repositories?

- A. HTTP(S)
- B. Git
- C. AWS EBS
- D. Subversion

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

Linux stacks can install custom cookbooks from any of the following repository types: HTTP or Amazon S3 archives. They can be either public or private, but Amazon S3 is typically the preferred option for a private archive. Git and Subversion repositories provide source control and the ability to have multiple versions.

Reference:

<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/opsworks/latest/userguide/workingcookbook-installingcustom-enable.html>

**NEW QUESTION 22**

You are building a deployment system on AWS. You will deploy new code by bootstrapping instances in a private subnet in a VPC at runtime using UserData scripts pointing to an S3 zip file object, where your code is stored. An ELB in a public subnet has network interfaces and connectMty to the instances. Requests from users of the system are routed to the ELB via a Route53 A Record Alias. You do not use any VPC endpoints. Which is a risk of using this approach?

- A. Route53 Alias records do not always update dynamically with ELB network changes after deploys.
- B. If the NAT routing for the private subnet fails, deployments fail.
- C. Kernel changes to the base AMI may render the code inoperable.
- D. The instances cannot be in a private subnet if the ELB is in a public on

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

Since you are not using VPC endpoints, outbound requests for the code sitting in S3 are routed though the NAT for the VPC's private subnets. If this networking fails, runtime bootstrapping through code download will fail due to network unavailability and lack of access to the Internet, and thus Amazon S3. Reference: [http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonVPC/latest/UserGuide/VPC\\_NAT\\_Instance.html](http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonVPC/latest/UserGuide/VPC_NAT_Instance.html)

**NEW QUESTION 24**

Your serverless architecture using AWS API Gateway, AWS Lambda, and AWS DynamoDB experienced a large increase in traffic to a sustained 400 requests per second, and dramatically increased in failure rates. Your requests, during normal operation, last 500 milliseconds on average. Your DynamoDB table did not exceed 50% of provisioned throughput, and Table primary keys are designed correctly. What is the most likely issue?

- A. Your API Gateway deployment is throttling your requests.
- B. Your AWS API Gateway Deployment is bottlenecking on request (de)serialization.
- C. You did not request a limit increase on concurrent Lambda function executions.
- D. You used Consistent Read requests on DynamoDB and are experiencing semaphore loc

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

AWS API Gateway by default throttles at 500 requests per second steady-state, and 1000 requests per second at spike. Lambda, by default, throttles at 100 concurrent requests for safety. At 500 milliseconds (half of a second) per request, you can expect to support 200 requests per second at 100 concurrency. This is less than the 400 requests per second your system now requires. Make a limit increase request via the AWS Support Console.

AWS Lambda: Concurrent requests safety throttle per account -> 100

Reference: [http://docs.aws.amazon.com/general/latest/gr/aws\\_service\\_limits.html#limits\\_lambda](http://docs.aws.amazon.com/general/latest/gr/aws_service_limits.html#limits_lambda)

**NEW QUESTION 26**

For AWS CloudFormation, which stack state refuses UpdateStack calls?

- A. `UPDATE_ROLLBACK_FAILED`
- B. `UPDATE_ROLLBACK_COMPLETE`
- C. `UPDATE_CONIplete`
- D. `CREATE_COMPLETE`

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

When a stack is in the UPDATE\_ROLLBACK\_FA|LED state, you can continue rolling it back to return it to a working state (to UPDATE\_ROLLBACK\_COMPLETE). You cannot update a stack that is in the UPDATE\_ROLLBACK\_FA|LED state. However, if you can continue to roll it back, you can return the stack to its original settings and try to update it again.

Reference:

<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/using-cfn-updating-stacks-continueu pdaterollback.html>

**NEW QUESTION 29**

You need to migrate 10 million records in one hour into DynamoDB. All records are 1.5KB in size. The data is evenly distributed across the partition key. How many write capacity units should you provision during this batch load?

- A. 6667
- B. 4166
- C. 5556
- D. 2778

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

You need 2 units to make a 1.5KB write, since you round up. You need 20 million total units to perform this load. You have 3600 seconds to do so. DMde and round up for 5556.

Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/amazondynamodb/latest/developerguide/HowItWorks.ProvisionedThroughp ut.html>

**NEW QUESTION 33**

Which of these is not a Pseudo Parameter in AWS CloudFormation?

- A. `AWS::StackName`
- B. `AWS::AccountId`
- C. `AWS::StackArn`
- D. `AWS::NotificationARNs`

**Answer: C**



**Explanation:**

This is the complete list of Pseudo Parameters: AWS::AccountId, AWS::NotificationARNs, AWS::NoValue, AWS::Region, AWS::StackId, AWS::StackName  
Reference:  
<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/pseudo-parameter-reference.html>

**NEW QUESTION 34**

You meet once per month with your operations team to review the past month's data. During the meeting, you realize that 3 weeks ago, your monitoring system which pings over HTTP from outside AWS recorded a large spike in latency on your 3-tier web service API.  
You use DynamoDB for the database layer, ELB, EBS, and EC2 for the business logic tier, and SQS, ELB, and EC2 for the presentation layer.  
Which of the following techniques will NOT help you figure out what happened?

- A. Check your CloudTrail log history around the spike's time for any API calls that caused slowness.
- B. Review CloudWatch Metrics graphs to determine which component(s) slowed the system down.
- C. Review your ELB access logs in S3 to see if any ELBs in your system saw the latency.
- D. Analyze your logs to detect bursts in traffic at that time

**Answer:** B

**Explanation:**

Metrics data are available for 2 weeks. If you want to store metrics data beyond that duration, you can retrieve it using our GetMetricStatistics API as well as a number of applications and tools offered by AWS partners.  
Reference: <https://aws.amazon.com/cloudwatch/faqs/>

**NEW QUESTION 38**

For AWS CloudFormation, which is true?

- A. Custom resources using SNS have a default timeout of 3 minutes.
- B. Custom resources using SNS do not need a `<code>ServiceToken</code>` property.
- C. Custom resources using Lambda and `<code>Code.ZipFile</code>` allow inline nodejs resource composition.
- D. Custom resources using Lambda do not need a `<code>ServiceToken</code>` property

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

Code is a property of the AWS::Lambda::Function resource that enables you to specify the source code of an AWS Lambda (Lambda) function. You can point to a file in an Amazon Simple Storage Service (Amazon S3) bucket or specify your source code as inline text (for nodejs runtime environments only). Reference:  
<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/template-custom-resources.html>

**NEW QUESTION 40**

Your API requires the ability to stay online during AWS regional failures. Your API does not store any state, it only aggregates data from other sources - you do not have a database. What is a simple but effective way to achieve this uptime goal?

- A. Use a CloudFront distribution to serve up your API
- B. Even if the region your API is in goes down, the edge locations CloudFront uses will be fine.
- C. Use an ELB and a cross-zone ELB deployment to create redundancy across datacenter
- D. Even if a region fails, the other AZ will stay online.
- E. Create a Route53 Weighted Round Robin record, and if one region goes down, have that region redirect to the other region.
- F. Create a Route53 Latency Based Routing Record with Failover and point it to two identical deployments of your stateless API in two different regions
- G. Make sure both regions use Auto Scaling Groups behind ELBs.

**Answer:** D

**Explanation:**

standard volumes, or Magnetic volumes, are best for: Cold workloads where data is infrequently accessed, or scenarios where the lowest storage cost is important.  
Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/EBSVolumeTypes.html>

**NEW QUESTION 43**

You need to deploy an AWS stack in a repeatable manner across multiple environments. You have selected CloudFormation as the right tool to accomplish this, but have found that there is a resource type you need to create and model, but is unsupported by CloudFormation. How should you overcome this challenge?

- A. Use a CloudFormation Custom Resource Template by selecting an API call to proxy for create, update, and delete action
- B. CloudFormation will use the AWS SDK, CLI, or API method of your choosing as the state transition function for the resource type you are modeling.
- C. Submit a ticket to the AWS Forum
- D. AWS extends CloudFormation Resource Types by releasing tooling to the AWS Labs organization on GitHub
- E. Their response time is usually 1 day, and they complete requests within a week or two.
- F. Instead of depending on CloudFormation, use Chef, Puppet, or Ansible to author Heat templates, which are declarative stack resource definitions that operate over the OpenStack hypervisor and cloud environment.
- G. Create a CloudFormation Custom Resource Type by implementing create, update, and delete functionality, either by subscribing a Custom Resource Provider to an SNS topic, or by implementing the logic in AWS Lambda.

**Answer:** D

**Explanation:**

Custom resources provide a way for you to write custom provisioning logic in AWS CloudFormation template and have AWS CloudFormation run it during a stack operation, such as when you create, update or delete a stack. For more information, see Custom Resources.  
Reference:  
<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/template-custom-resources.html>

#### NEW QUESTION 44

You run a 2000-engineer organization. You are about to begin using AWS at a large scale for the first time. You want to integrate with your existing identity management system running on Microsoft Active Directory, because your organization is a power-user of Active Directory. How should you manage your AWS identities in the most simple manner?

- A. Use a large AWS Directory Service Simple AD.
- B. Use a large AWS Directory Service AD Connector.
- C. Use an Sync Domain running on AWS Directory Service.
- D. Use an AWS Directory Sync Domain running on AWS Lambda

**Answer:** B

#### Explanation:

You must use AD Connector as a power-user of Microsoft Active Directory. Simple AD only works with a subset of AD functionality. Sync Domains do not exist; they are made up answers.

AD Connector is a directory gateway that allows you to proxy directory requests to your on-premises Microsoft Active Directory, without caching any information in the cloud. AD Connector comes in 2 sizes; small and large. A small AD Connector is designed for smaller organizations of up to 500 users. A large AD Connector is designed for larger organizations of up to 5,000 users.

Reference: <https://aws.amazon.com/directoryservice/details/>

#### NEW QUESTION 49

Which of these is not a CloudFormation Helper Script?

- A. cfn-signal
- B. cfn-hup
- C. cfn-request
- D. cfn-get-metadata

**Answer:** C

#### Explanation:

This is the complete list of CloudFormation Helper Scripts: cfn-init, cfn-signal, cfn-get-metadata, cfn-hup Reference:

<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/cfn-helper-scripts-reference.html>

#### NEW QUESTION 54

Your team wants to begin practicing continuous delivery using CloudFormation, to enable automated builds and deploys of whole, versioned stacks or stack layers. You have a 3-tier, mission-critical system. Which of the following is NOT a best practice for using CloudFormation in a continuous delivery environment?

- A. Use the AWS CloudFormation `ValidateTemplate` call before publishing changes to AWS.
- B. Model your stack in one template, so you can leverage CloudFormation's state management and dependency resolution to propagate all changes.
- C. Use CloudFormation to create brand new infrastructure for all stateless resources on each push, and run integration tests on that set of infrastructure.
- D. Parametrize the template and use `Mappings` to ensure your template works in multiple Regions.

**Answer:** B

#### Explanation:

Putting all resources in one stack is a bad idea, since different tiers have different life cycles and frequencies of change. For additional guidance about organizing your stacks, you can use two common frameworks: a multi-layered architecture and service-oriented architecture (SOA).

Reference:

<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/best-practices.html#organizingstack>

#### NEW QUESTION 56

You need to replicate API calls across two systems in real time. What tool should you use as a buffer and transport mechanism for API call events?

- A. AWS SQS
- B. AWS Lambda
- C. AWS Kinesis
- D. AWS SNS

**Answer:** C

#### Explanation:

AWS Kinesis is an event stream service. Streams can act as buffers and transport across systems for in-order programmatic events, making it ideal for replicating API calls across systems.

A typical Amazon Kinesis Streams application reads data from an Amazon Kinesis stream as data records. These applications can use the Amazon Kinesis Client Library, and they can run on Amazon EC2 instances. The processed records can be sent to dashboards, used to generate alerts, dynamically change pricing and advertising strategies, or send data to a variety of other AWS services. For information about Streams features and pricing, see Amazon Kinesis Streams.

Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/kinesis/latest/dev/introduction.html>

#### NEW QUESTION 61

What is the scope of AWS IAM?

- A. Global
- B. Availability Zone
- C. Region
- D. Placement Group

**Answer:**

A

**Explanation:**

IAM resources are all global; there is not regional constraint. Reference: <https://aws.amazon.com/iam/faqs/>

**NEW QUESTION 65**

Your CTO has asked you to make sure that you know what all users of your AWS account are doing to change resources at all times. She wants a report of who is doing what over time, reported to her once per week, for as broad a resource type group as possible. How should you do this?

- A. Create a global AWS CloudTrail Trail
- B. Configure a script to aggregate the log data delivered to S3 once per week and deliver this to the CTO.
- C. Use CloudWatch Events Rules with an SNS topic subscribed to all AWS API call
- D. Subscribe the CTO to an email type delivery on this SNS Topic.
- E. Use AWS IAM credential reports to deliver a CSV of all uses of IAM User Tokens over time to the CTO.
- F. Use AWS Config with an SNS subscription on a Lambda, and insert these changes over time into a DynamoDB table
- G. Generate reports based on the contents of this table.

**Answer:** A

**Explanation:**

This is the ideal use case for AWS CloudTrail.

CloudTrail provides visibility into user activity by recording API calls made on your account. CloudTrail records important information about each API call, including the name of the API, the identity of the caller, the time of the API call, the request parameters, and the response elements returned by the AWS service. This information helps you to track changes made to your AWS resources and to troubleshoot operational issues. CloudTrail makes it easier to ensure compliance with internal policies and regulatory standards. Reference: <https://aws.amazon.com/Cloudtrail/faqs/>

**NEW QUESTION 67**

What is required to achieve gigabit network throughput on EC2? You already selected cluster-compute, 10GB instances with enhanced networking, and your workload is already network-bound, but you are not seeing 10 gigabit speeds.

- A. Enable bi-directional networking on your servers, so packets are non-blocking in both directions and there's no switching overhead.
- B. Ensure the instances are in different VPCs so you don't saturate the Internet Gateway on any one VPC.
- C. Select PIOPS for your drives and mount several, so you can provision sufficient disk throughput.
- D. Use a placement group for your instances so the instances are physically near each other in the same Availability Zone.

**Answer:** D

**Explanation:**

You are not guaranteed 10-gigabit performance, except within a placement group.

A placement group is a logical grouping of instances within a single Availability Zone. Using placement groups enables applications to participate in a low-latency, 10 Gbps network. Placement groups are recommended for applications that benefit from low network latency, high network throughput, or both. Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/placement-groups.html>

**NEW QUESTION 69**

Which of these configuration or deployment practices is a security risk for RDS?

- A. Storing SQL function code in plaintext
- B. Non-Multi-AZ RDS instance
- C. Having RDS and EC2 instances exist in the same subnet
- D. RDS in a public subnet

**Answer:** D

**Explanation:**

Making RDS accessible to the public internet in a public subnet poses a security risk, by making your database directly addressable and spamable.

DB instances deployed within a VPC can be configured to be accessible from the Internet or from EC2 instances outside the VPC. If a VPC security group specifies a port access such as TCP port 22, you would not be able to access the DB instance because the firewall for the DB instance provides access only via the IP addresses specified by the DB security groups the instance is a member of and the port defined when the DB instance was created.

Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonRDS/latest/UserGuide/Overview.RDSSecurityGroups.html>

**NEW QUESTION 74**

You have an asynchronous processing application using an Auto Scaling Group and an SQS Queue. The Auto Scaling Group scales according to the depth of the job queue. The completion velocity of the jobs has gone down, the Auto Scaling Group size has maxed out, but the inbound job velocity did not increase. What is a possible issue?

- A. Some of the new jobs coming in are malformed and unprocessable.
- B. The routing tables changed and none of the workers can process events anymore.
- C. Someone changed the IAM Role Policy on the instances in the worker group and broke permissions to access the queue.
- D. The scaling metric is not functioning correctly

**Answer:** A

**Explanation:**

The IAM Role must be fine, as if it were broken, NO jobs would be processed since the system would never be able to get any queue messages. The same reasoning applies to the routing table change. The scaling metric is fine, as instance count increased when the queue depth increased due to more messages entering than exiting. Thus, the only reasonable option is that some of the recent messages must be malformed and unprocessable.

Reference:

<https://github.com/andrew-templeton/cloudacademy/blob/fca920b45234bbe99cc0e8efb9c65134884dd489/questions/null>



#### NEW QUESTION 78

Your company wants to understand where cost is coming from in the company's production AWS account. There are a number of applications and services running at any given time. Without expending too much initial development time, how best can you give the business a good understanding of which applications cost the most per month to operate?

- A. Create an automation script which periodically creates AWS Support tickets requesting detailed intra-month information about your bill.
- B. Use custom CloudWatch Metrics in your system, and put a metric data point whenever cost is incurred.
- C. Use AWS Cost Allocation Tagging for all resources which support it.
- D. Use the Cost Explorer to analyze costs throughout the month.
- E. Use the AWS Price API and constantly running resource inventory scripts to calculate total price based on multiplication of consumed resources over time.

**Answer: C**

#### Explanation:

Cost Allocation Tagging is a built-in feature of AWS, and when coupled with the Cost Explorer, provides a simple and robust way to track expenses.

You can also use tags to filter views in Cost Explorer. Note that before you can filter views by tags in Cost Explorer, you must have applied tags to your resources and activate them, as described in the following sections. For more information about Cost Explorer, see Analyzing Your Costs with Cost Explorer. Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/awsaccountbilling/latest/aboutv2/cost-alloc-tags.html>

#### NEW QUESTION 79

Which of the following tools does not directly support AWS OpsWorks, for monitoring your stacks?

- A. AWS Config
- B. Amazon CloudWatch Metrics
- C. AWS CloudTrail
- D. Amazon CloudWatch Logs

**Answer: A**

#### Explanation:

You can monitor your stacks in the following ways: AWS OpsWorks uses Amazon CloudWatch to provide thirteen custom metrics with detailed monitoring for each instance in the stack; AWS OpsWorks integrates with AWS CloudTrail to log every AWS OpsWorks API call and store the data in an Amazon S3 bucket; You can use Amazon CloudWatch Logs to monitor your stack's system, application, and custom logs. Reference:

<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/opsworks/latest/userguide/monitoring.html>

#### NEW QUESTION 84

You need to run a very large batch data processing job one time per day. The source data exists entirely in S3, and the output of the processing job should also be written to S3 when finished. If you need to version control this processing job and all setup and teardown logic for the system, what approach should you use?

- A. Model an AWS EMR job in AWS Elastic Beanstalk.
- B. Model an AWS EMR job in AWS CloudFormation.
- C. Model an AWS EMR job in AWS OpsWorks.
- D. Model an AWS EMR job in AWS CLI Compose

**Answer: B**

#### Explanation:

To declaratively model build and destroy of a cluster, you need to use AWS CloudFormation. OpsWorks and Elastic Beanstalk cannot directly model EMR Clusters. The CLI is not declarative, and CLI Composer does not exist.

Reference:

<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/aws-resource-emr-cluster.html>

#### NEW QUESTION 86

You work for a company that automatically tags photographs using artificial neural networks (ANNs), which run on GPUs using C++. You receive millions of images at a time, but only 3 times per day on average. These images are loaded into an AWS S3 bucket you control for you in a batch, and then the customer publishes a JSON-formatted manifest into another S3 bucket you control as well. Each image takes 10 milliseconds to process using a full GPU. Your neural network software requires 5 minutes to bootstrap. Image tags are JSON objects, and you must publish them to an S3 bucket.

Which of these is the best system architectures for this system?

- A. Create an OpsWorks Stack with two Layers
- B. The first contains lifecycle scripts for launching and bootstrapping an HTTP API on G2 instances for ANN image processing, and the second has an always-on instance which monitors the S3 manifest bucket for new file
- C. When a new file is detected, request instances to boot on the ANN layer
- D. When the instances are booted and the HTTP APIs are up, submit processing requests to individual instances.
- E. Make an S3 notification configuration which publishes to AWS Lambda on the manifest bucket
- F. Make the Lambda create a CloudFormation Stack which contains the logic to construct an autoscaling worker tier of EC2 G2 instances with the ANN code on each instance
- G. Create an SQS queue of the images in the manifest
- H. Tear the stack down when the queue is empty.
- I. Deploy your ANN code to AWS Lambda as a bundled binary for the C++ extension
- J. Make an S3 notification configuration on the manifest, which publishes to another AWS Lambda running controller code
- K. This controller code publishes all the images in the manifest to AWS Kinesis
- L. Your ANN code Lambda Function uses the Kinesis as an Event Source
- M. The system automatically scales when the stream contains image events.
- N. Create an Auto Scaling, Load Balanced Elastic Beanstalk worker tier Application and Environment
- O. Deploy the ANN code to G2 instances in this tier
- P. Set the desired capacity to 1. Make the code periodically check S3 for new manifest
- Q. When a new manifest is detected, push all of the images in the manifest into the SQS queue associated with the Elastic Beanstalk worker tier.

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

The Elastic Beanstalk option is incorrect because it requires a constantly-polling instance, which may break and costs money.

The Lambda fleet option is incorrect because AWS Lambda does not support GPU usage.

The OpsWorks stack option both requires a constantly-polling instance, and also requires complex timing and capacity planning logic.

The CloudFormation option requires no polling, has no always-on instances, and allows arbitrarily fast processing by simply setting the instance count as high as needed.

Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/lambda/latest/dg/current-supported-versions.html>

**NEW QUESTION 88**

What is web identity federation?

- A. Use of an identity provider like Google or Facebook to become an AWS IAM User.
- B. Use of an identity provider like Google or Facebook to exchange for temporary AWS security credentials.
- C. Use of AWS IAM User tokens to log in as a Google or Facebook user.
- D. Use of AWS STS Tokens to log in as a Google or Facebook use

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

users of your app can sign in using a well-known identity provider (IdP) -such as Login with Amazon, Facebook, Google, or any other OpenID Connect (OIDC)-compatible IdP, receive an authentication token, and then exchange that token for temporary security credentials in AWS that map to an IAM role with permissions to use the resources in your AWS account.

Reference: [http://docs.aws.amazon.com/IAM/latest/UserGuide/id\\_roles\\_providers\\_oidc.html](http://docs.aws.amazon.com/IAM/latest/UserGuide/id_roles_providers_oidc.html)

**NEW QUESTION 90**

You were just hired as a DevOps Engineer for a startup. Your startup uses AWS for 100% of their infrastructure. They currently have no automation at all for deployment, and they have had many failures while trying to deploy to production. The company has told you deployment process risk mitigation is the most important thing now, and you have a lot of budget for tools and AWS resources.

Their stack: 2-tier API

Data stored in DynamoDB or S3, depending on type Compute layer is EC2 in Auto Scaling Groups They use Route53 for DNS pointing to an ELB

An ELB balances load across the EC2 instances

The scaling group properly varies between 4 and 12 EC2 instances.

Which of the following approaches, given this company's stack and their priorities, best meets the company's needs?

- A. Model the stack in AWS Elastic Beanstalk as a single Application with multiple Environment
- B. Use Elastic Beanstalk's Rolling Deploy option to progressively roll out application code changes when promoting across environments.
- C. Model the stack in 3 CloudFormation templates: Data layer, compute layer, and networking layer
- D. Write stack deployment and integration testing automation following Blue-Green methodologies.
- E. Model the stack in AWS OpsWorks as a single Stack, with 1 compute layer and its associated ELB
- F. Use Chef and App Deployments to automate Rolling Deployment.
- G. Model the stack in 1 CloudFormation template, to ensure consistency and dependency graph resolution
- H. Write deployment and integration testing automation following Rolling Deployment methodologies.

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

AWS recommends Blue-Green for zero-downtime deploys. Since you use DynamoDB, and neither AWS OpsWorks nor AWS Elastic Beanstalk directly supports DynamoDB, the option selecting CloudFormation and Blue-Green is correct.

You use various strategies to migrate the traffic from your current application stack (blue) to a new version of the application (green). This is a popular technique for deploying applications with zero downtime. The deployment services like AWS Elastic Beanstalk, AWS CloudFormation, or AWS OpsWorks are particularly useful as they provide a simple way to clone your running application stack. You can set up a new version of your application (green) by simply cloning current version of the application (blue). Reference: <https://d0.awsstatic.com/whitepapers/overview-of-deployment-options-on-aws.pdf>

**NEW QUESTION 92**

What is the scope of an EBS snapshot?

- A. Availability Zone
- B. Placement Group
- C. Region
- D. VPC

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

An EBS snapshot is tied to its region and can only be used to create volumes in the same region. You can copy a snapshot from one region to another. For more information, see Copying an Amazon EBS Snapshot.

Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/resources.html>

**NEW QUESTION 95**

When thinking of AWS Elastic Beanstalk, which statement is true?

- A. Worker tiers pull jobs from SNS.
- B. Worker tiers pull jobs from HTTP.
- C. Worker tiers pull jobs from JSON.
- D. Worker tiers pull jobs from SQS

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

Elastic Beanstalk installs a daemon on each Amazon EC2 instance in the Auto Scaling group to process Amazon SQS messages in the worker environment. The daemon pulls data off the Amazon SQS queue, inserts it into the message body of an HTTP POST request, and sends it to a user-configurable URL path on the local host. The content type for the message body within an HTTP POST request is application/json by default.

Reference:

<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/elasticbeanstalk/latest/dg/using-features-managing-env-tiers.html>

**NEW QUESTION 98**

Your company needs to automate 3 layers of a large cloud deployment. You want to be able to track this deployment's evolution as it changes over time, and carefully control any alterations. What is a good way to automate a stack to meet these requirements?

- A. Use OpsWorks Stacks with three layers to model the layering in your stack.
- B. Use CloudFormation Nested Stack Templates, with three child stacks to represent the three logical layers of your cloud.
- C. Use AWS Config to declare a configuration set that AWS should roll out to your cloud.
- D. Use Elastic Beanstalk Linked Applications, passing the important DNS entries between layers using the metadata interface.

**Answer:** B

**Explanation:**

Only CloudFormation allows source controlled, declarative templates as the basis for stack automation. Nested Stacks help achieve clean separation of layers while simultaneously providing a method to control all layers at once when needed.

Reference:

<https://blogs.aws.amazon.com/application-management/post/TxIT9JYOOS8AB9I/Use-Nested-Stacks-to-Create-Reusable-Templates-and-Support-Role-Specialization>

**NEW QUESTION 102**

You need the absolute highest possible network performance for a cluster computing application. You already selected homogeneous instance types supporting 10 gigabit enhanced networking, made sure that your workload was network bound, and put the instances in a placement group. What is the last optimization you can make?

- A. Use 9001 MTU instead of 1500 for Jumbo Frames, to raise packet body to packet overhead ratios.
- B. Segregate the instances into different peered VPCs while keeping them all in a placement group, so each one has its own Internet Gateway.
- C. Bake an AMI for the instances and relaunch, so the instances are fresh in the placement group and don't have noisy neighbors.
- D. Turn off SYN/ACK on your TCP stack or begin using UDP for higher throughput

**Answer:** A

**Explanation:**

For instances that are colocated inside a placement group, jumbo frames help to achieve the maximum network throughput possible, and they are recommended in this case. For more information, see Placement Groups.

Reference: [http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/network\\_mtu.html#jumbo\\_frame\\_instances](http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/network_mtu.html#jumbo_frame_instances)

**NEW QUESTION 104**

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### NEW QUESTION 1

Your application consists of 10% writes and 90% reads. You currently service all requests through a Route53 Alias Record directed towards an AWS ELB, which sits in front of an EC2 Auto Scaling Group. Your system is getting very expensive when there are large traffic spikes during certain news events, during which many more people request to read similar data all at the same time. What is the simplest and cheapest way to reduce costs and scale with spikes like this?

- A. Create an S3 bucket and asynchronously replicate common requests responses into S3 object
- B. When a request comes in for a precomputed response, redirect to AWS S3.
- C. Create another ELB and Auto Scaling Group layer mounted on top of the other system, adding a tier to the system
- D. Serve most read requests out of the top layer.
- E. Create a CloudFront Distribution and direct Route53 to the Distribution
- F. Use the ELB as an Origin and specify Cache Behaviours to proxy cache requests which can be served late.
- G. Create a Memcached cluster in AWS ElastiCache
- H. Create cache logic to serve requests which can be served late from the in-memory cache for increased performance.

**Answer:** C

#### Explanation:

CloudFront is ideal for scenarios in which entire requests can be served out of a cache and usage patterns involve heavy reads and spikiness in demand. A cache behavior is the set of rules you configure for a given URL pattern based on file extensions, file names, or any portion of a URL path on your website (e.g., \*.jpg). You can configure multiple cache behaviors for your web distribution. Amazon CloudFront will match incoming viewer requests with your list of URL patterns, and if there is a match, the service will honor the cache behavior you configure for that URL pattern. Each cache behavior can include the following Amazon CloudFront configuration values: origin server name, viewer connection protocol, minimum expiration period, query string parameters, cookies, and trusted signers for private content.

Reference: <https://aws.amazon.com/Cloudfront/dynamic-content/>

### NEW QUESTION 2

You are building a game high score table in DynamoDB. You will store each user's highest score for each game, with many games, all of which have relatively similar usage levels and numbers of players. You need to be able to look up the highest score for any game. What's the best DynamoDB key structure?

- A. HighestScore as the hash / only key.
- B. GameID as the hash key, HighestScore as the range key.
- C. GameID as the hash / only key.
- D. GameID as the range / only key

**Answer:** B

#### Explanation:

Since access and storage for games is uniform, and you need to have ordering within each game for the scores (to access the highest value), your hash (partition) key should be the GameID, and there should be a range key for HighestScore.

Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/amazondynamodb/latest/developerguide/GuidelinesForTables.html#GuidelinesForTables.Partitions>

### NEW QUESTION 3

What is server immutability?

- A. Not updating a server after creation.
- B. The ability to change server counts.
- C. Updating a server after creation.
- D. The inability to change server count

**Answer:** A

#### Explanation:

Disposable upgrades offer a simpler way to know if your application has unknown dependencies. The underlying EC2 instance usage is considered temporary or ephemeral in nature for the period of deployment until the current release is active. During the new release, a new set of EC2 instances are rolled out by terminating older instances. This type of upgrade technique is more common in an immutable infrastructure.

Reference: <https://d0.awsstatic.com/whitepapers/overview-of-deployment-options-on-aws.pdf>

### NEW QUESTION 4

When thinking of AWS Elastic Beanstalk, the 'Swap Environment URLs' feature most directly aids in what?

- A. Immutable Rolling Deployments
- B. Mutable Rolling Deployments
- C. Canary Deployments
- D. Blue-Green Deployments

**Answer:** D

#### Explanation:

Simply upload the new version of your application and let your deployment service (AWS Elastic Beanstalk, AWS CloudFormation, or AWS OpsWorks) deploy a new version (green). To cut over to the new version, you simply replace the ELB URLs in your DNS records. Elastic Beanstalk has a Swap Environment URLs feature to facilitate a simpler cutover process.

Reference: <https://d0.awsstatic.com/whitepapers/overview-of-deployment-options-on-aws.pdf>

### NEW QUESTION 5

When thinking of DynamoDB, what are true of Global Secondary Key properties?

- A. The partition key and sort key can be different from the table.

- B. Only the partition key can be different from the table.
- C. Either the partition key or the sort key can be different from the table, but not both.
- D. Only the sort key can be different from the table.

**Answer:** A

**Explanation:**

Global secondary index — an index with a partition key and a sort key that can be different from those on the table. A global secondary index is considered "global" because queries on the index can span all of the data in a table, across all partitions.

Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/amazondynamodb/latest/developerguide/SecondaryIndexes.html>

**NEW QUESTION 6**

You need to process long-running jobs once and only once. How might you do this?

- A. Use an SNS queue and set the visibility timeout to long enough for jobs to process.
- B. Use an SQS queue and set the reprocessing timeout to long enough for jobs to process.
- C. Use an SQS queue and set the visibility timeout to long enough for jobs to process.
- D. Use an SNS queue and set the reprocessing timeout to long enough for jobs to process.

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

The message timeout defines how long after a successful receive request SQS waits before allowing jobs to be seen by other components, and proper configuration prevents duplicate processing.

Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSSimpleQueueService/latest/SQSDeveloperGuide/MessageLifecycle.html>

**NEW QUESTION 7**

For AWS Auto Scaling, what is the first transition state an instance enters after leaving steady state when scaling in due to health check failure or decreased load?

- A. Terminating
- B. Detaching
- C. Terminating:Wait
- D. EnteringStandby

**Answer:** A

**Explanation:**

When Auto Scaling responds to a scale in event, it terminates one or more instances. These instances are detached from the Auto Scaling group and enter the Terminating state.

Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AutoScaling/latest/DeveloperGuide/AutoScalingGroupLifecycle.html>

**NEW QUESTION 8**

Which status represents a failure state in AWS CloudFormation?

- A. `UPDATE_COMPLETE_CLEANUP_IN_PROGRESS`
- B. `DELETE_COMPLETE_WITH_ARTIFACTS`
- C. `ROLLBACK_IN_PROGRESS`
- D. `ROLLBACK_FAILED`

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

ROLLBACK\_IN\_PROGRESS means an UpdateStack operation failed and the stack is in the process of trying to return to the valid, pre-update state.

UPDATE\_COMPLETE\_CLEANUP\_IN\_PROGRESS means an update was successful, and CloudFormation is deleting any replaced, no longer used resources.

ROLLBACK\_FAILED is not a CloudFormation state (but UPDATE\_ROLLBACK\_FAILED is). DELETE\_COMPLETE\_WITH\_ARTIFACTS does not exist at all.

Reference:

<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/using-cfn-updating-stacks.html>

**NEW QUESTION 9**

When thinking of AWS Elastic Beanstalk's model, which is true?

- A. Applications have many deployments, deployments have many environments.
- B. Environments have many applications, applications have many deployments.
- C. Applications have many environments, environments have many deployments.
- D. Deployments have many environments, environments have many application

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

Applications group logical services. Environments belong to Applications, and typically represent different deployment levels (dev, stage, prod, and forth).

Deployments belong to environments, and are pushes of bundles of code for the environments to run.

Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/elasticbeanstalk/latest/dg/Welcome.html>

**NEW QUESTION 10**

There are a number of ways to purchase compute capacity on AWS. Which orders the price per compute or memory unit from LOW to HIGH (cheapest to most expensive), on average?

- (A) On-Demand (B) Spot (C) Reserved

- A. A, B, C
- B. C, B, A
- C. B, C, A
- D. A, C, B

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

Spot instances are usually many, many times cheaper than on-demand prices. Reserved instances, depending on their term and utilization, can yield approximately 33% to 66% cost savings. On-Demand prices are the baseline price and are the most expensive way to purchase EC2 compute time. Reference: [https://d0.awsstatic.com/whitepapers/Cost\\_Optimization\\_with\\_AWS.pdf](https://d0.awsstatic.com/whitepapers/Cost_Optimization_with_AWS.pdf)

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- B. Only the sort key can be different from the table.
- C. The partition key and sort key can be different from the table.
- D. Only the partition key can be different from the table

**Answer:** B

**Explanation:**

Global secondary index — an index with a partition key and a sort key that can be different from those on the table. A global secondary index is considered "global" because queries on the index can span all of the data in a table, across all partitions.

Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/amazondynamodb/latest/developerguide/SecondaryIndexes.html>

**NEW QUESTION 12**

Which deployment method, when using AWS Auto Scaling Groups and Auto Scaling Launch Configurations, enables the shortest time to live for individual servers?

- A. Pre-baking AMIs with all code and configuration on deploys.
- B. Using a Dockerfile bootstrap on instance launch.
- C. Using UserData bootstrapping scripts.
- D. Using AWS EC2 Run Commands to dynamically SSH into fleet

**Answer:** A

**Explanation:**

Note that the bootstrapping process can be slower if you have a complex application or multiple applications to install. Managing a fleet of applications with several build tools and dependencies can be a challenging task during rollouts. Furthermore, your deployment service should be designed to do faster rollouts to take advantage of Auto Scaling. Prebaking is a process of embedding a significant portion of your application artifacts within your base AMI. During the deployment process you can customize application installations by using EC2 instance artifacts such as instance tags, instance metadata, and Auto Scaling groups.

Reference: <https://d0.awsstatic.com/whitepapers/overview-of-deployment-options-on-aws.pdf>

**NEW QUESTION 16**

Which of these techniques enables the fastest possible rollback times in the event of a failed deployment?

- A. Rolling; Immutable
- B. Rolling; Mutable
- C. Canary or A/B
- D. Blue-Green

**Answer:** D

**Explanation:**

AWS specifically recommends Blue-Green for super-fast, zero-downtime deploys - and thus rollbacks, which are redeploying old code.

You use various strategies to migrate the traffic from your current application stack (blue) to a new version of the application (green). This is a popular technique for deploying applications with zero downtime. Reference: <https://d0.awsstatic.com/whitepapers/overview-of-deployment-options-on-aws.pdf>

**NEW QUESTION 18**

Which of the following are not valid sources for OpsWorks custom cookbook repositories?

- A. HTTP(S)
- B. Git
- C. AWS EBS
- D. Subversion

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

Linux stacks can install custom cookbooks from any of the following repository types: HTTP or Amazon S3 archives. They can be either public or private, but Amazon S3 is typically the preferred option for a private archive. Git and Subversion repositories provide source control and the ability to have multiple versions.

Reference:

<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/opsworks/latest/userguide/workingcookbook-installingcustom-enable.html>

**NEW QUESTION 22**

You are building a deployment system on AWS. You will deploy new code by bootstrapping instances in a private subnet in a VPC at runtime using UserData scripts pointing to an S3 zip file object, where your code is stored. An ELB in a public subnet has network interfaces and connectMty to the instances. Requests from users of the system are routed to the ELB via a Route53 A Record Alias. You do not use any VPC endpoints. Which is a risk of using this approach?

- A. Route53 Alias records do not always update dynamically with ELB network changes after deploys.
- B. If the NAT routing for the private subnet fails, deployments fail.
- C. Kernel changes to the base AMI may render the code inoperable.
- D. The instances cannot be in a private subnet if the ELB is in a public on

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

Since you are not using VPC endpoints, outbound requests for the code sitting in S3 are routed though the NAT for the VPC's private subnets. If this networking fails, runtime bootstrapping through code download will fail due to network unavailability and lack of access to the Internet, and thus Amazon S3. Reference: [http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonVPC/latest/UserGuide/VPC\\_NAT\\_Instance.html](http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonVPC/latest/UserGuide/VPC_NAT_Instance.html)

**NEW QUESTION 24**

Your serverless architecture using AWS API Gateway, AWS Lambda, and AWS DynamoDB experienced a large increase in traffic to a sustained 400 requests per second, and dramatically increased in failure rates. Your requests, during normal operation, last 500 milliseconds on average. Your DynamoDB table did not exceed 50% of provisioned throughput, and Table primary keys are designed correctly. What is the most likely issue?

- A. Your API Gateway deployment is throttling your requests.
- B. Your AWS API Gateway Deployment is bottlenecking on request (de)serialization.
- C. You did not request a limit increase on concurrent Lambda function executions.
- D. You used Consistent Read requests on DynamoDB and are experiencing semaphore loc

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

AWS API Gateway by default throttles at 500 requests per second steady-state, and 1000 requests per second at spike. Lambda, by default, throttles at 100 concurrent requests for safety. At 500 milliseconds (half of a second) per request, you can expect to support 200 requests per second at 100 concurrency. This is less than the 400 requests per second your system now requires. Make a limit increase request via the AWS Support Console.

AWS Lambda: Concurrent requests safety throttle per account -> 100

Reference: [http://docs.aws.amazon.com/general/latest/gr/aws\\_service\\_limits.html#limits\\_lambda](http://docs.aws.amazon.com/general/latest/gr/aws_service_limits.html#limits_lambda)

**NEW QUESTION 26**

For AWS CloudFormation, which stack state refuses UpdateStack calls?

- A. `UPDATE_ROLLBACK_FAILED`
- B. `UPDATE_ROLLBACK_COMPLETE`
- C. `UPDATE_CONIplete`
- D. `CREATE_COMPLETE`

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

When a stack is in the UPDATE\_ROLLBACK\_FA|LED state, you can continue rolling it back to return it to a working state (to UPDATE\_ROLLBACK\_COMPLETE). You cannot update a stack that is in the UPDATE\_ROLLBACK\_FA|LED state. However, if you can continue to roll it back, you can return the stack to its original settings and try to update it again.

Reference:

<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/using-cfn-updating-stacks-continueu pdaterollback.html>

**NEW QUESTION 29**

You need to migrate 10 million records in one hour into DynamoDB. All records are 1.5KB in size. The data is evenly distributed across the partition key. How many write capacity units should you provision during this batch load?

- A. 6667
- B. 4166
- C. 5556
- D. 2778

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

You need 2 units to make a 1.5KB write, since you round up. You need 20 million total units to perform this load. You have 3600 seconds to do so. DMde and round up for 5556.

Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/amazondynamodb/latest/developerguide/HowItWorks.ProvisionedThroughp ut.html>

**NEW QUESTION 33**

Which of these is not a Pseudo Parameter in AWS CloudFormation?

- A. `AWS::StackName`
- B. `AWS::AccountId`
- C. `AWS::StackArn`
- D. `AWS::NotificationARNs`

**Answer: C**



**Explanation:**

This is the complete list of Pseudo Parameters: AWS::AccountId, AWS::NotificationARNs, AWS::NoValue, AWS::Region, AWS::StackId, AWS::StackName  
Reference:  
<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/pseudo-parameter-reference.html>

**NEW QUESTION 34**

You meet once per month with your operations team to review the past month's data. During the meeting, you realize that 3 weeks ago, your monitoring system which pings over HTTP from outside AWS recorded a large spike in latency on your 3-tier web service API.  
You use DynamoDB for the database layer, ELB, EBS, and EC2 for the business logic tier, and SQS, ELB, and EC2 for the presentation layer.  
Which of the following techniques will NOT help you figure out what happened?

- A. Check your CloudTrail log history around the spike's time for any API calls that caused slowness.
- B. Review CloudWatch Metrics graphs to determine which component(s) slowed the system down.
- C. Review your ELB access logs in S3 to see if any ELBs in your system saw the latency.
- D. Analyze your logs to detect bursts in traffic at that time

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

Metrics data are available for 2 weeks. If you want to store metrics data beyond that duration, you can retrieve it using our GetMetricStatistics API as well as a number of applications and tools offered by AWS partners.  
Reference: <https://aws.amazon.com/cloudwatch/faqs/>

**NEW QUESTION 38**

For AWS CloudFormation, which is true?

- A. Custom resources using SNS have a default timeout of 3 minutes.
- B. Custom resources using SNS do not need a `<code>ServiceToken</code>` property.
- C. Custom resources using Lambda and `<code>Code.ZipFile</code>` allow inline nodejs resource composition.
- D. Custom resources using Lambda do not need a `<code>ServiceToken</code>` property

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Code is a property of the AWS::Lambda::Function resource that enables you to specify the source code of an AWS Lambda (Lambda) function. You can point to a file in an Amazon Simple Storage Service (Amazon S3) bucket or specify your source code as inline text (for nodejs runtime environments only). Reference:  
<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/template-custom-resources.html>

**NEW QUESTION 40**

Your API requires the ability to stay online during AWS regional failures. Your API does not store any state, it only aggregates data from other sources - you do not have a database. What is a simple but effective way to achieve this uptime goal?

- A. Use a CloudFront distribution to serve up your API
- B. Even if the region your API is in goes down, the edge locations CloudFront uses will be fine.
- C. Use an ELB and a cross-zone ELB deployment to create redundancy across datacenter
- D. Even if a region fails, the other AZ will stay online.
- E. Create a Route53 Weighted Round Robin record, and if one region goes down, have that region redirect to the other region.
- F. Create a Route53 Latency Based Routing Record with Failover and point it to two identical deployments of your stateless API in two different regions
- G. Make sure both regions use Auto Scaling Groups behind ELBs.

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

standard volumes, or Magnetic volumes, are best for: Cold workloads where data is infrequently accessed, or scenarios where the lowest storage cost is important.  
Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/EBSVolumeTypes.html>

**NEW QUESTION 43**

You need to deploy an AWS stack in a repeatable manner across multiple environments. You have selected CloudFormation as the right tool to accomplish this, but have found that there is a resource type you need to create and model, but is unsupported by CloudFormation. How should you overcome this challenge?

- A. Use a CloudFormation Custom Resource Template by selecting an API call to proxy for create, update, and delete action
- B. CloudFormation will use the AWS SDK, CLI, or API method of your choosing as the state transition function for the resource type you are modeling.
- C. Submit a ticket to the AWS Forum
- D. AWS extends CloudFormation Resource Types by releasing tooling to the AWS Labs organization on GitHub
- E. Their response time is usually 1 day, and they complete requests within a week or two.
- F. Instead of depending on CloudFormation, use Chef, Puppet, or Ansible to author Heat templates, which are declarative stack resource definitions that operate over the OpenStack hypervisor and cloud environment.
- G. Create a CloudFormation Custom Resource Type by implementing create, update, and delete functionality, either by subscribing a Custom Resource Provider to an SNS topic, or by implementing the logic in AWS Lambda.

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

Custom resources provide a way for you to write custom provisioning logic in AWS CloudFormation template and have AWS CloudFormation run it during a stack operation, such as when you create, update or delete a stack. For more information, see Custom Resources.  
Reference:  
<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/template-custom-resources.html>

#### NEW QUESTION 44

You run a 2000-engineer organization. You are about to begin using AWS at a large scale for the first time. You want to integrate with your existing identity management system running on Microsoft Active Directory, because your organization is a power-user of Active Directory. How should you manage your AWS identities in the most simple manner?

- A. Use a large AWS Directory Service Simple AD.
- B. Use a large AWS Directory Service AD Connector.
- C. Use an Sync Domain running on AWS Directory Service.
- D. Use an AWS Directory Sync Domain running on AWS Lambda

**Answer: B**

#### Explanation:

You must use AD Connector as a power-user of Microsoft Active Directory. Simple AD only works with a subset of AD functionality. Sync Domains do not exist; they are made up answers.

AD Connector is a directory gateway that allows you to proxy directory requests to your on-premises Microsoft Active Directory, without caching any information in the cloud. AD Connector comes in 2 sizes; small and large. A small AD Connector is designed for smaller organizations of up to 500 users. A large AD Connector is designed for larger organizations of up to 5,000 users.

Reference: <https://aws.amazon.com/directoryservice/details/>

#### NEW QUESTION 49

Which of these is not a CloudFormation Helper Script?

- A. cfn-signal
- B. cfn-hup
- C. cfn-request
- D. cfn-get-metadata

**Answer: C**

#### Explanation:

This is the complete list of CloudFormation Helper Scripts: cfn-init, cfn-signal, cfn-get-metadata, cfn-hup Reference:

<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/cfn-helper-scripts-reference.html>

#### NEW QUESTION 54

Your team wants to begin practicing continuous delivery using CloudFormation, to enable automated builds and deploys of whole, versioned stacks or stack layers. You have a 3-tier, mission-critical system. Which of the following is NOT a best practice for using CloudFormation in a continuous delivery environment?

- A. Use the AWS CloudFormation `ValidateTemplate` call before publishing changes to AWS.
- B. Model your stack in one template, so you can leverage CloudFormation's state management and dependency resolution to propagate all changes.
- C. Use CloudFormation to create brand new infrastructure for all stateless resources on each push, and run integration tests on that set of infrastructure.
- D. Parametrize the template and use `Mappings` to ensure your template works in multiple Regions.

**Answer: B**

#### Explanation:

Putting all resources in one stack is a bad idea, since different tiers have different life cycles and frequencies of change. For additional guidance about organizing your stacks, you can use two common frameworks: a multi-layered architecture and service-oriented architecture (SOA).

Reference:

<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/best-practices.html#organizingstack>

#### NEW QUESTION 56

You need to replicate API calls across two systems in real time. What tool should you use as a buffer and transport mechanism for API call events?

- A. AWS SQS
- B. AWS Lambda
- C. AWS Kinesis
- D. AWS SNS

**Answer: C**

#### Explanation:

AWS Kinesis is an event stream service. Streams can act as buffers and transport across systems for in-order programmatic events, making it ideal for replicating API calls across systems.

A typical Amazon Kinesis Streams application reads data from an Amazon Kinesis stream as data records. These applications can use the Amazon Kinesis Client Library, and they can run on Amazon EC2 instances. The processed records can be sent to dashboards, used to generate alerts, dynamically change pricing and advertising strategies, or send data to a variety of other AWS services. For information about Streams features and pricing, see Amazon Kinesis Streams.

Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/kinesis/latest/dev/introduction.html>

#### NEW QUESTION 61

What is the scope of AWS IAM?

- A. Global
- B. Availability Zone
- C. Region
- D. Placement Group

**Answer:**

A

**Explanation:**

IAM resources are all global; there is not regional constraint. Reference: <https://aws.amazon.com/iam/faqs/>

**NEW QUESTION 65**

Your CTO has asked you to make sure that you know what all users of your AWS account are doing to change resources at all times. She wants a report of who is doing what over time, reported to her once per week, for as broad a resource type group as possible. How should you do this?

- A. Create a global AWS CloudTrail Trail
- B. Configure a script to aggregate the log data delivered to S3 once per week and deliver this to the CTO.
- C. Use CloudWatch Events Rules with an SNS topic subscribed to all AWS API call
- D. Subscribe the CTO to an email type delivery on this SNS Topic.
- E. Use AWS IAM credential reports to deliver a CSV of all uses of IAM User Tokens over time to the CTO.
- F. Use AWS Config with an SNS subscription on a Lambda, and insert these changes over time into a DynamoDB table
- G. Generate reports based on the contents of this table.

**Answer:** A

**Explanation:**

This is the ideal use case for AWS CloudTrail.

CloudTrail provides visibility into user activity by recording API calls made on your account. CloudTrail records important information about each API call, including the name of the API, the identity of the caller, the time of the API call, the request parameters, and the response elements returned by the AWS service. This information helps you to track changes made to your AWS resources and to troubleshoot operational issues. CloudTrail makes it easier to ensure compliance with internal policies and regulatory standards. Reference: <https://aws.amazon.com/Cloudtrail/faqs/>

**NEW QUESTION 67**

What is required to achieve gigabit network throughput on EC2? You already selected cluster-compute, 10GB instances with enhanced networking, and your workload is already network-bound, but you are not seeing 10 gigabit speeds.

- A. Enable bi-directional networking on your servers, so packets are non-blocking in both directions and there's no switching overhead.
- B. Ensure the instances are in different VPCs so you don't saturate the Internet Gateway on any one VPC.
- C. Select PIOPS for your drives and mount several, so you can provision sufficient disk throughput.
- D. Use a placement group for your instances so the instances are physically near each other in the same Availability Zone.

**Answer:** D

**Explanation:**

You are not guaranteed 10-gigabit performance, except within a placement group.

A placement group is a logical grouping of instances within a single Availability Zone. Using placement groups enables applications to participate in a low-latency, 10 Gbps network. Placement groups are recommended for applications that benefit from low network latency, high network throughput, or both. Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/placement-groups.html>

**NEW QUESTION 69**

Which of these configuration or deployment practices is a security risk for RDS?

- A. Storing SQL function code in plaintext
- B. Non-Multi-AZ RDS instance
- C. Having RDS and EC2 instances exist in the same subnet
- D. RDS in a public subnet

**Answer:** D

**Explanation:**

Making RDS accessible to the public internet in a public subnet poses a security risk, by making your database directly addressable and spamable.

DB instances deployed within a VPC can be configured to be accessible from the Internet or from EC2 instances outside the VPC. If a VPC security group specifies a port access such as TCP port 22, you would not be able to access the DB instance because the firewall for the DB instance provides access only via the IP addresses specified by the DB security groups the instance is a member of and the port defined when the DB instance was created.

Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonRDS/latest/UserGuide/Overview.RDSSecurityGroups.html>

**NEW QUESTION 74**

You have an asynchronous processing application using an Auto Scaling Group and an SQS Queue. The Auto Scaling Group scales according to the depth of the job queue. The completion velocity of the jobs has gone down, the Auto Scaling Group size has maxed out, but the inbound job velocity did not increase. What is a possible issue?

- A. Some of the new jobs coming in are malformed and unprocessable.
- B. The routing tables changed and none of the workers can process events anymore.
- C. Someone changed the IAM Role Policy on the instances in the worker group and broke permissions to access the queue.
- D. The scaling metric is not functioning correctly

**Answer:** A

**Explanation:**

The IAM Role must be fine, as if it were broken, NO jobs would be processed since the system would never be able to get any queue messages. The same reasoning applies to the routing table change. The scaling metric is fine, as instance count increased when the queue depth increased due to more messages entering than exiting. Thus, the only reasonable option is that some of the recent messages must be malformed and unprocessable.

Reference:

<https://github.com/andrew-templeton/cloudacademy/blob/fca920b45234bbe99cc0e8efb9c65134884dd489/questions/null>

#### NEW QUESTION 78

Your company wants to understand where cost is coming from in the company's production AWS account. There are a number of applications and services running at any given time. Without expending too much initial development time, how best can you give the business a good understanding of which applications cost the most per month to operate?

- A. Create an automation script which periodically creates AWS Support tickets requesting detailed intra-month information about your bill.
- B. Use custom CloudWatch Metrics in your system, and put a metric data point whenever cost is incurred.
- C. Use AWS Cost Allocation Tagging for all resources which support it.
- D. Use the Cost Explorer to analyze costs throughout the month.
- E. Use the AWS Price API and constantly running resource inventory scripts to calculate total price based on multiplication of consumed resources over time.

**Answer: C**

#### Explanation:

Cost Allocation Tagging is a built-in feature of AWS, and when coupled with the Cost Explorer, provides a simple and robust way to track expenses.

You can also use tags to filter views in Cost Explorer. Note that before you can filter views by tags in Cost Explorer, you must have applied tags to your resources and activate them, as described in the following sections. For more information about Cost Explorer, see Analyzing Your Costs with Cost Explorer. Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/awsaccountbilling/latest/aboutv2/cost-alloc-tags.html>

#### NEW QUESTION 79

Which of the following tools does not directly support AWS OpsWorks, for monitoring your stacks?

- A. AWS Config
- B. Amazon CloudWatch Metrics
- C. AWS CloudTrail
- D. Amazon CloudWatch Logs

**Answer: A**

#### Explanation:

You can monitor your stacks in the following ways: AWS OpsWorks uses Amazon CloudWatch to provide thirteen custom metrics with detailed monitoring for each instance in the stack; AWS OpsWorks integrates with AWS CloudTrail to log every AWS OpsWorks API call and store the data in an Amazon S3 bucket; You can use Amazon CloudWatch Logs to monitor your stack's system, application, and custom logs. Reference:

<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/opsworks/latest/userguide/monitoring.html>

#### NEW QUESTION 84

You need to run a very large batch data processing job one time per day. The source data exists entirely in S3, and the output of the processing job should also be written to S3 when finished. If you need to version control this processing job and all setup and teardown logic for the system, what approach should you use?

- A. Model an AWS EMR job in AWS Elastic Beanstalk.
- B. Model an AWS EMR job in AWS CloudFormation.
- C. Model an AWS EMR job in AWS OpsWorks.
- D. Model an AWS EMR job in AWS CLI Compose

**Answer: B**

#### Explanation:

To declaratively model build and destroy of a cluster, you need to use AWS CloudFormation. OpsWorks and Elastic Beanstalk cannot directly model EMR Clusters. The CLI is not declarative, and CLI Composer does not exist.

Reference:

<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/UserGuide/aws-resource-emr-cluster.html>

#### NEW QUESTION 86

You work for a company that automatically tags photographs using artificial neural networks (ANNs), which run on GPUs using C++. You receive millions of images at a time, but only 3 times per day on average. These images are loaded into an AWS S3 bucket you control for you in a batch, and then the customer publishes a JSON-formatted manifest into another S3 bucket you control as well. Each image takes 10 milliseconds to process using a full GPU. Your neural network software requires 5 minutes to bootstrap. Image tags are JSON objects, and you must publish them to an S3 bucket.

Which of these is the best system architectures for this system?

- A. Create an OpsWorks Stack with two Layers
- B. The first contains lifecycle scripts for launching and bootstrapping an HTTP API on G2 instances for ANN image processing, and the second has an always-on instance which monitors the S3 manifest bucket for new file
- C. When a new file is detected, request instances to boot on the ANN layer
- D. When the instances are booted and the HTTP APIs are up, submit processing requests to individual instances.
- E. Make an S3 notification configuration which publishes to AWS Lambda on the manifest bucket
- F. Make the Lambda create a CloudFormation Stack which contains the logic to construct an autoscaling worker tier of EC2 G2 instances with the ANN code on each instance
- G. Create an SQS queue of the images in the manifest
- H. Tear the stack down when the queue is empty.
- I. Deploy your ANN code to AWS Lambda as a bundled binary for the C++ extension
- J. Make an S3 notification configuration on the manifest, which publishes to another AWS Lambda running controller code
- K. This controller code publishes all the images in the manifest to AWS Kinesis
- L. Your ANN code Lambda Function uses the Kinesis as an Event Source
- M. The system automatically scales when the stream contains image events.
- N. Create an Auto Scaling, Load Balanced Elastic Beanstalk worker tier Application and Environment
- O. Deploy the ANN code to G2 instances in this tier
- P. Set the desired capacity to 1. Make the code periodically check S3 for new manifest
- Q. When a new manifest is detected, push all of the images in the manifest into the SQS queue associated with the Elastic Beanstalk worker tier.

**Answer: B**



**Explanation:**

The Elastic Beanstalk option is incorrect because it requires a constantly-polling instance, which may break and costs money.

The Lambda fleet option is incorrect because AWS Lambda does not support GPU usage.

The OpsWorks stack option both requires a constantly-polling instance, and also requires complex timing and capacity planning logic.

The CloudFormation option requires no polling, has no always-on instances, and allows arbitrarily fast processing by simply setting the instance count as high as needed.

Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/lambda/latest/dg/current-supported-versions.html>

**NEW QUESTION 88**

What is web identity federation?

- A. Use of an identity provider like Google or Facebook to become an AWS IAM User.
- B. Use of an identity provider like Google or Facebook to exchange for temporary AWS security credentials.
- C. Use of AWS IAM User tokens to log in as a Google or Facebook user.
- D. Use of AWS STS Tokens to log in as a Google or Facebook user.

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

Users of your app can sign in using a well-known identity provider (IdP) -such as Login with Amazon, Facebook, Google, or any other OpenID Connect (OIDC)-compatible IdP, receive an authentication token, and then exchange that token for temporary security credentials in AWS that map to an IAM role with permissions to use the resources in your AWS account.

Reference: [http://docs.aws.amazon.com/IAM/latest/UserGuide/id\\_roles\\_providers\\_oidc.html](http://docs.aws.amazon.com/IAM/latest/UserGuide/id_roles_providers_oidc.html)

**NEW QUESTION 90**

You were just hired as a DevOps Engineer for a startup. Your startup uses AWS for 100% of their infrastructure. They currently have no automation at all for deployment, and they have had many failures while trying to deploy to production. The company has told you deployment process risk mitigation is the most important thing now, and you have a lot of budget for tools and AWS resources.

Their stack: 2-tier API

Data stored in DynamoDB or S3, depending on type. Compute layer is EC2 in Auto Scaling Groups. They use Route53 for DNS pointing to an ELB.

An ELB balances load across the EC2 instances.

The scaling group properly varies between 4 and 12 EC2 instances.

Which of the following approaches, given this company's stack and their priorities, best meets the company's needs?

- A. Model the stack in AWS Elastic Beanstalk as a single Application with multiple Environments.
- B. Use Elastic Beanstalk's Rolling Deploy option to progressively roll out application code changes when promoting across environments.
- C. Model the stack in 3 CloudFormation templates: Data layer, compute layer, and networking layer.
- D. Write stack deployment and integration testing automation following Blue-Green methodologies.
- E. Model the stack in AWS OpsWorks as a single Stack, with 1 compute layer and its associated ELB.
- F. Use Chef and App Deployments to automate Rolling Deployment.
- G. Model the stack in 1 CloudFormation template, to ensure consistency and dependency graph resolution.
- H. Write deployment and integration testing automation following Rolling Deployment methodologies.

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

AWS recommends Blue-Green for zero-downtime deploys. Since you use DynamoDB, and neither AWS OpsWorks nor AWS Elastic Beanstalk directly supports DynamoDB, the option selecting CloudFormation and Blue-Green is correct.

You use various strategies to migrate the traffic from your current application stack (blue) to a new version of the application (green). This is a popular technique for deploying applications with zero downtime. The deployment services like AWS Elastic Beanstalk, AWS CloudFormation, or AWS OpsWorks are particularly useful as they provide a simple way to clone your running application stack. You can set up a new version of your application (green) by simply cloning the current version of the application (blue). Reference: <https://d0.awsstatic.com/whitepapers/overview-of-deployment-options-on-aws.pdf>

**NEW QUESTION 92**

What is the scope of an EBS snapshot?

- A. Availability Zone
- B. Placement Group
- C. Region
- D. VPC

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

An EBS snapshot is tied to its region and can only be used to create volumes in the same region. You can copy a snapshot from one region to another. For more information, see [Copying an Amazon EBS Snapshot](#).

Reference: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/resources.html>

**NEW QUESTION 95**

When thinking of AWS Elastic Beanstalk, which statement is true?

- A. Worker tiers pull jobs from SNS.
- B. Worker tiers pull jobs from HTTP.
- C. Worker tiers pull jobs from JSON.
- D. Worker tiers pull jobs from SQS.

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

Elastic Beanstalk installs a daemon on each Amazon EC2 instance in the Auto Scaling group to process Amazon SQS messages in the worker environment. The daemon pulls data off the Amazon SQS queue, inserts it into the message body of an HTTP POST request, and sends it to a user-configurable URL path on the local host. The content type for the message body within an HTTP POST request is application/json by default.

Reference:

<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/elasticbeanstalk/latest/dg/using-features-managing-env-tiers.html>

**NEW QUESTION 98**

Your company needs to automate 3 layers of a large cloud deployment. You want to be able to track this deployment's evolution as it changes over time, and carefully control any alterations. What is a good way to automate a stack to meet these requirements?

- A. Use OpsWorks Stacks with three layers to model the layering in your stack.
- B. Use CloudFormation Nested Stack Templates, with three child stacks to represent the three logical layers of your cloud.
- C. Use AWS Config to declare a configuration set that AWS should roll out to your cloud.
- D. Use Elastic Beanstalk Linked Applications, passing the important DNS entries between layers using the metadata interface.

**Answer:** B

**Explanation:**

Only CloudFormation allows source controlled, declarative templates as the basis for stack automation. Nested Stacks help achieve clean separation of layers while simultaneously providing a method to control all layers at once when needed.

Reference:

<https://blogs.aws.amazon.com/application-management/post/TxIT9JYOOS8AB9I/Use-Nested-Stacks-to-Create-Reusable-Templates-and-Support-Role-Specialization>

**NEW QUESTION 102**

You need the absolute highest possible network performance for a cluster computing application. You already selected homogeneous instance types supporting 10 gigabit enhanced networking, made sure that your workload was network bound, and put the instances in a placement group. What is the last optimization you can make?

- A. Use 9001 MTU instead of 1500 for Jumbo Frames, to raise packet body to packet overhead ratios.
- B. Segregate the instances into different peered VPCs while keeping them all in a placement group, so each one has its own Internet Gateway.
- C. Bake an AMI for the instances and relaunch, so the instances are fresh in the placement group and don't have noisy neighbors.
- D. Turn off SYN/ACK on your TCP stack or begin using UDP for higher throughput

**Answer:** A

**Explanation:**

For instances that are colocated inside a placement group, jumbo frames help to achieve the maximum network throughput possible, and they are recommended in this case. For more information, see Placement Groups.

Reference: [http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/network\\_mtu.html#jumbo\\_frame\\_instances](http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/network_mtu.html#jumbo_frame_instances)

**NEW QUESTION 104**

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