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## QUESTION 1

The kubeadm-created cluster's Kubernetes API server was, for testing purposes, temporarily configured to allow unauthenticated and unauthorized access granting the anonymous user cluster-admin access.

You **must** complete this task on the following cluster/nodes: 

Cluster	Master node	Worker node
KSCH00101	ksch00101-master	ksch00101-worker1

You can switch the cluster/configuration context using the following command:

```
[candidate@cli] $ | kubectl config use-context KSCH00101
```


Task

Reconfigure the cluster's Kubernetes API server to ensure that only authenticated and authorized REST requests are allowed.



Use authorization mode Node,RBAC and admission controller NodeRestriction.

Cleaning up, remove the ClusterRoleBinding for user system:anonymous.



All `kubectl` configuration contexts/files were also configured to use the unauthenticated and unauthorized access. You don't have to change that, but be aware that `kubectl`'s configuration will stop working, once you've completed securing the cluster.



You can use the cluster's original `kubectl` configuration file `/etc/kubernetes/admin.conf`, located on the cluster's master node, to ensure that authenticated and authorized requests are still allowed.

A. See explanation below.



B. Placeholder

Correct Answer: A

```
candidate@cli:~$ kubectl config use-context KSCH00101
Switched to context "KSCH00101".
candidate@cli:~$ ssh ksch00101-master
Warning: Permanently added '10.240.86.190' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.

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applicable law.

root@ksch00101-master:~# vim /etc/kubernetes/manifests/kube-apiserver.yaml
```



```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  annotations:
    kubernetes.io/kube-apiserver.advertise-address.endpoint: 10.240.86.190:6443
  creationTimestamp: null
  labels:
    component: kube-apiserver
    tier: control-plane
  name: kube-apiserver
  namespace: kube-system
spec:
  containers:
  - command:
    - kube-apiserver
    - --advertise-address=10.240.86.190
    - --allow-privileged=true
    - --authorization-mode=Node,RBAC
    - --client-ca-file=/etc/kubernetes/pki/ca.crt
    - --enable-admission-plugins=AlwaysAdmit
    - --enable-bootstrap-token-auth=true
    - --etcd-cafile=/etc/kubernetes/pki/etcd/ca.crt
    - --etcd-certfile=/etc/kubernetes/pki/apiserver-etcd-client.crt
    - --etcd-keyfile=/etc/kubernetes/pki/apiserver-etcd-client.key
    - --etcd-servers=https://10.240.86.190:2379
    image: k8s.gcr.io/kube-apiserver:v1.28.1
    name: kube-apiserver
    ports:
    - containerPort: 6443
    resources: {}
  dnsPolicy: ClusterFirst
  hostNetwork: true
  restartPolicy: Always
  schedulerName: default-scheduler
  securityContext: {}
  terminationGracePeriodSeconds: 30
  topologySpreadConstraints:
  - maxSkew: 1
    topologyKey: kubernetes.io/hostname
    whenUnsatisfiable: DoNotSchedule
```

```
root@ksch00101-master:~# cat /etc/kubernetes/admin.conf
apiVersion: v1
clusters:
- cluster:
  certificate-authority-data: LS0tLS1CRUdJTiBDRVJUSUZJQ0FURSOtLS0tck1JSUJWakNDWWhZDZ0F3SUJBZ011
  server: https://10.240.86.190:6443
  name: kubernetes
contexts:
- context:
  cluster: kubernetes
  user: kubernetes-admin
  name: kubernetes-admin@kubernetes
current-context: kubernetes-admin@kubernetes
kind: Config
preferences: {}
users:
- name: kubernetes-admin
  user:
    client-certificate-data: LS0tLS1CRUdJTiBDRVJUSUZJQ0FURSOtLS0tck1JSUJWakNDWWhZDZ0F3SUJBZ011
    client-key-data: LS0tLS1CRUdJTiBDRVJUSUZJQ0FURSOtLS0tck1JSUJWakNDWWhZDZ0F3SUJBZ011
    name: kubernetes-admin
```



```

root@ksch00101-master:~# cat /etc/kubernetes/manifests/kube-apiserver.yaml
---
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: kube-apiserver
  namespace: kube-system
spec:
  containers:
  - name: kube-apiserver
    image: kubernetes/kubernetes:v1.23.3
    command:
    - kube-apiserver
    - --advertise-address=10.240.86.190
    - --allow-privileged=true
    - --authorization-mode=Always,Webhook
    - --client-ca-file=/etc/kubernetes/pki/ca.crt
    - --etcd-cafile=/etc/kubernetes/pki/etcd/ca.crt
    - --etcd-certfile=/etc/kubernetes/pki/apiserver-etcd-client.crt
    - --etcd-keyfile=/etc/kubernetes/pki/apiserver-etcd-client.key
    - --etcd-servers=https://10.240.86.190:2379
    - --kubelet-client-certificate=/etc/kubernetes/pki/apiserver-kubelet-client.crt
    - --kubelet-client-key=/etc/kubernetes/pki/apiserver-kubelet-client.key
    - --kubelet-preferred-address-types=InternalIP,ExternalIP,Hostname
    - --proxy-client-keyfile=/etc/kubernetes/pki/apiserver-proxy-client.key
    - --proxy-client-cert-file=/etc/kubernetes/pki/apiserver-proxy-client.crt
    - --request-timeout=30s
    - --secure-port=443
    - --service-account-keyfile=/etc/kubernetes/pki/sa-key.crt
    - --service-account-signing-keyfile=/etc/kubernetes/pki/sa-key.key
    - --tls-cert-file=/etc/kubernetes/pki/apiserver.crt
    - --tls-private-keyfile=/etc/kubernetes/pki/apiserver.key
    - --v=1
    volumeMounts:
    - name: kubelet-dir
      mountPath: /var/lib/kubelet
    - name: cert-dir
      mountPath: /etc/kubernetes/pki
    - name: etcd-dir
      mountPath: /etc/kubernetes
    - name: tmp-dir
      mountPath: /tmp
  volumes:
  - name: kubelet-dir
    hostPath: /var/lib/kubelet
  - name: cert-dir
    hostPath: /etc/kubernetes/pki
  - name: etcd-dir
    hostPath: /etc/kubernetes
  - name: tmp-dir
    hostPath: /tmp

```

```

root@ksch00101-master:~# vim /etc/kubernetes/manifests/kube-apiserver.yaml
root@ksch00101-master:~# systemctl daemon-reload
root@ksch00101-master:~# systemctl restart kubelet.service
root@ksch00101-master:~# kubectl get nodes
error: You must be logged in to the server (Unauthorized)
root@ksch00101-master:~# exit
logout
Connection to 10.240.86.190 closed.
candidate@cli:~$ kubectl get nodes
NAME                STATUS    ROLES    AGE   VERSION
ksch00101-master    Ready    control-plane,master   93d   v1.23.3
ksch00101-worker1   Ready    <none>    93d   v1.23.3
candidate@cli:~$ kubectl get pod -n kube-system
NAME                                READY    STATUS    RESTARTS   AGE
coredns-64897985d-7pnhm             1/1     Running   1 (7h2m ago)   93d
coredns-64897985d-rr7sd             1/1     Running   1 (7h2m ago)   93d
etcd-ksch00101-master               1/1     Running   1 (7h2m ago)   93d
kube-apiserver-ksch00101-master     0/1     Running   0           24s
kube-controller-manager-ksch00101-master  1/1     Running   3 (42s ago)   93d
kube-flannel-ds-llktn               1/1     Running   1 (93d ago)   93d
kube-flannel-ds-q9vnl               1/1     Running   1 (93d ago)   93d
kube-proxy-2c4ht                    1/1     Running   1 (93d ago)   93d
kube-proxy-pmmbc                     1/1     Running   1 (93d ago)   93d
kube-scheduler-ksch00101-master     1/1     Running   3 (42s ago)   93d
candidate@cli:~$ kubectl get pod -n kube-system
NAME                                READY    STATUS    RESTARTS   AGE
coredns-64897985d-7pnhm             1/1     Running   1 (7h2m ago)   93d
coredns-64897985d-rr7sd             1/1     Running   1 (7h2m ago)   93d
etcd-ksch00101-master               1/1     Running   1 (7h2m ago)   93d
kube-apiserver-ksch00101-master     0/1     Running   0           30s
kube-controller-manager-ksch00101-master  1/1     Running   3 (48s ago)   93d
kube-flannel-ds-llktn               1/1     Running   1 (93d ago)   93d
kube-flannel-ds-q9vnl               1/1     Running   1 (93d ago)   93d
kube-proxy-2c4ht                    1/1     Running   1 (93d ago)   93d
kube-proxy-pmmbc                     1/1     Running   1 (93d ago)   93d
kube-scheduler-ksch00101-master     1/1     Running   3 (48s ago)   93d
candidate@cli:~$ kubectl get clusterrolebindings.rbac.authorization.k8s.io | grep anon
system:anonymous                    ClusterRole/cluster-admin
7h1m
candidate@cli:~$ kubectl delete clusterrolebindings.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/system:anonymo
us
clusterrolebinding.rbac.authorization.k8s.io "system:anonymous" deleted

```



## QUESTION 2

Context:

Cluster: prod

Master node: master1

Worker node: worker1

You can switch the cluster/configuration context using the following command:

```
[desk@cli] $ kubectl config use-context prod
```

Task:

Analyse and edit the given Dockerfile (based on the ubuntu:18:04 image)

/home/cert\_masters/Dockerfile fixing two instructions present in the file being prominent security/best-practice issues.

Analyse and edit the given manifest file

/home/cert\_masters/mydeployment.yaml fixing two fields present in the file being prominent security/best-practice issues.

Note: Don't add or remove configuration settings; only modify the existing configuration settings, so that two configuration settings each are no longer security/best-practice concerns.

Should you need an unprivileged user for any of the tasks, use user nobody with user id 65535

A. See the explanation below

B. Placeholder

Correct Answer: A

1. For Dockerfile: Fix the image version and user name in Dockerfile. 2. For mydeployment.yaml : Fix security contexts

Explanation  
[desk@cli] \$ vim /home/cert\_masters/Dockerfile  
FROM ubuntu:latest # Remove this FROM ubuntu:18.04 #  
Add this USER root # Remove this USER nobody # Add this  
RUN apt get install -y lsof=4.72 wget=1.17.1 nginx=4.2  
ENV ENVIRONMENT=testing USER root # Remove this USER nobody # Add this  
CMD ["nginx -d"]

```
FROM ubuntu:latest # Remove this
FROM ubuntu:18.04 # Add this
USER root # Remove this
USER nobody # Add this
RUN apt get install -y lsof=4.72 wget=1.17.1 nginx=4.2
ENV ENVIRONMENT=testing
USER root # Remove this
USER nobody # Add this
CMD ["nginx -d"]
```



Text

```
[desk@cli] $ vim /home/cert_masters/mydeployment.yaml
```

```
apiVersion: apps/v1
```

```
kind: Deployment
```

```
metadata:
```

```
creationTimestamp: null
```

```
labels:
```

```
app: kafka
```

```
name: kafka
```

```
spec:
```

```
replicas: 1
```

```
selector:
```

```
matchLabels:
```

```
app: kafka
```

```
strategy: {}
```

```
template:
```

```
metadata:
```

```
creationTimestamp: null
```

```
labels:
```

```
app: kafka
```

```
spec:
```

```
containers:
```

```
-image: bitnami/kafka
```

```
name: kafka
```

```
volumeMounts:
```

```
-
```

```
name: kafka-vol
```

```
mountPath: /var/lib/kafka
```

```
securityContext:
```





```
{"capabilities":{"add":["NET_ADMIN"],"drop":["all"],"privileged":
```

```
True,"readOnlyRootFilesystem": False, "runAsUser": 65535} # Delete This
```

```
{"capabilities":{"add":["NET_ADMIN"],"drop":["all"],"privileged":
```

```
False,"readOnlyRootFilesystem": True, "runAsUser": 65535} # Add This resources: {}
```

```
volumes:
```

```
-
```

```
name: kafka-vol
```

```
emptyDir: {}
```

```
status: {}
```

Pictorial View:[desk@cli] \$ vim /home/cert\_masters/mydeployment.yaml

```
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
  creationTimestamp: null
  labels:
    app: kafka
  name: kafka
spec:
  replicas: 1
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      app: kafka
  strategy: {}
  template:
    metadata:
      creationTimestamp: null
      labels:
        app: kafka
    spec:
      containers:
        - image: bitnami/kafka
          name: kafka
          volumeMounts:
            - name: kafka-vol
              mountPath: /var/lib/kafka
      securityContext:
        {"capabilities":{"add":["NET_ADMIN"],"drop":["all"],"privileged": True,"readOnlyRootFilesystem": False, "runAsUser": 65535} # Delete This
        {"capabilities":{"add":["NET_ADMIN"],"drop":["all"],"privileged": False,"readOnlyRootFilesystem": True, "runAsUser": 65535} # Add This
      resources: {}
    volumes:
      - name: kafka-vol
        emptyDir: {}
  status: {}
```

### QUESTION 3



```
candidate@cli:~$ kubectl config use-context KSCS00101
Switched to context "KSCS00101".
candidate@cli:~$ cat /home/candidate/KSCS00101/network-policy.yaml
---
apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
kind: NetworkPolicy
metadata:
  name: ""
  namespace: ""
spec:
  podSelector: {}
  policyTypes: []
candidate@cli:~$ vim /home/candidate/KSCS00101/network-policy.yaml
candidate@cli:~$ █
```

```
apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
kind: NetworkPolicy
metadata:
  name: "defaultdeny"
  namespace: "testing"
spec:
  podSelector: {}
  policyTypes:
  - Egress
  egress:
  - to:
    - podSelector: {}
      namespaceSelector:
        matchLabels:
          access: testingproject
```

```
candidate@cli:~$ vim /home/candidate/KSCS00101/network-policy.yaml
candidate@cli:~$ vim /home/candidate/KSCS00101/network-policy.yaml
candidate@cli:~$ kubectl label ns testing access=testingproject
namespace/testing labeled
candidate@cli:~$ cat /home/candidate/KSCS00101/network-policy.yaml
---
apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
kind: NetworkPolicy
metadata:
  name: "defaultdeny"
  namespace: "testing"
spec:
  podSelector: {}
  policyTypes:
  - Egress
  egress:
  - to:
    - podSelector: {}
      namespaceSelector:
        matchLabels:
          access: testingproject
candidate@cli:~$ kubectl create -f /home/candidate/KSCS00101/network-policy.yaml
networkpolicy.networking.k8s.io/defaultdeny created
candidate@cli:~$ kubectl -n testing describe networkpolicy
Name:          defaultdeny
Namespace:     testing
Created on:    2022-05-20 14:28:27 +0000 UTC
Labels:        <none>
Annotations:   <none>
Spec:
  PodSelector: <none> (Allowing the specific traffic to all pods in this namespace)
  Not affecting ingress traffic
  Allowing egress traffic:
    To Port: <any> (traffic allowed to all ports)
    To:
      NamespaceSelector: access=testingproject
      PodSelector: <none>
  Policy Types: Egress
candidate@cli:~$ █
```



Create a RuntimeClass named gvisor-rc using the prepared runtime handler named runsc.

Create a Pods of image Nginx in the Namespace server to run on the gVisor runtime class

A. See the explanation below:

B. Placeholder

Correct Answer: A

Install the Runtime Class for gVisor

```
{ # Step 1: Install a RuntimeClass cat
```