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QUESTION 1

After listing the properties of a system account, a systems administrator wants to remove the expiration date of a user account. Which of the following commands will accomplish this task?

- A. chgrp system accountname
- B. passwd -s accountname
- C. chmod -G system account name
- D. chage -E -1 accountname

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The command `chage -E -1 accountname` will accomplish the task of removing the expiration date of a user account. The `chage` command is a tool for changing user password aging information on Linux systems. The `-E` option sets the expiration date of the user account, and the `-1` value means that the account will never expire. The command `chage -E -1 accountname` will remove the expiration date of the user account named `accountname`. This is the correct command to use to accomplish the task. The other options are incorrect because they either do not affect the expiration date (`chgrp`, `passwd`, or `chmod`) or do not exist (`chmod -G`). References: CompTIA Linux+ (XK0- 005) Certification Study Guide, Chapter 15: Managing Users and Groups, page 467.

QUESTION 2

A systems administrator is investigating an issue in which one of the servers is not booting up properly. The `journalctl` entries show the following:

```
Sep 16 20:30:43 server kernel: acpi PNP0A03:00: _OSC failed (AE_NOT_FOUND);  
-- Subject: Unit dev-mapper-centos\x2dapp.device has failed  
Sep 16 20:32:15 server systemd[1]: Dependency failed for /opt/app  
-- Subject: Unit opt-app.mount has failed  
-- Unit opt-app.mount has failed  
Sep 16 20:32:15 server systemd[1]: Dependency failed for Local File Systems.  
-- Subject: Unit local-fs.target has failed  
-- Unit local-fs.target has failed.  
Sep 16 20:32:15 server systemd[1]: Dependency failed for Relabel all filesystem, if necessary.  
-- Subject: Unit rhel-autorelabel.service has failed  
-- Unit rhel-autorelabel.service has failed.
```

Which of the following will allow the administrator to boot the Linux system to normal mode quickly?

- A. Comment out the `/opt/app` filesystem in `/etc/fstab` and reboot.
- B. Reformat the `/opt/app` filesystem and reboot.
- C. Perform filesystem checks on local filesystems and reboot.
- D. Trigger a filesystem relabel and reboot.

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The fastest way to boot the Linux system to normal mode is to comment out the `/opt/app` filesystem in



/etc/fstab and reboot. This will prevent the system from trying to mount the /opt/app filesystem at boot time, which causes an error because the filesystem does not exist or is corrupted. Commenting out a line in /etc/fstab can be done by adding a # symbol at the beginning of the line. Rebooting the system will apply the changes and allow the system to boot normally. Reformatting the /opt/app filesystem will not help to boot the system, as it will erase any data on the filesystem and require manual intervention to create a new filesystem. Performing filesystem checks on local filesystems will not help to boot the system, as it will not fix the missing or corrupted /opt/app filesystem. Triggering a filesystem relabel will not help to boot the system, as it will only change the security context of files and directories according to SELinux policy. References: CompTIA Linux+ (XK0- 005) Certification Study Guide, Chapter 14: Managing Disk Storage, page 456.

QUESTION 3

An administrator transferred a key for SSH authentication to a home directory on a remote server. The key file was moved to .ssh/authorized_keys location in order to establish SSH connection without a password. However, the SSH command still asked for the password.

Given the following output:

```
[admin@linux ~]$ ls -lhZ .ssh/auth*  
-rw-r--r--. admin unconfined_u:object_r:user_home_t:s0 .ssh/authorized_keys
```

Which of the following commands would resolve the issue?

- A. restorecon .ssh/authorized_keys
- B. ssh_keygen -t rsa -o .ssh/authorized_keys
- C. chown root:root .ssh/authorized_keys
- D. chmod 600 .ssh/authorized_keys

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The command that would resolve the issue is chmod 600 .ssh/authorized_keys. This command will change the permissions of the .ssh/authorized_keys file to 600, which means that only the owner of the file can read and write it. This is necessary for SSH key authentication to work properly, as SSH will refuse to use a key file that is accessible by other users or groups for security reasons. The output of ls -l shows that currently the .ssh/authorized_keys file has permissions of 664, which means that both the owner and group can read and write it, and others can read it. The other options are not correct commands for resolving the issue. The restorecon .ssh/authorized_keys command will restore the default SELinux security context for the .ssh/authorized_keys file, but this will not change its permissions or ownership. The ssh_keygen -t rsa -o .ssh/authorized_keys command is invalid because ssh_keygen is not a valid command (the correct command is ssh-keygen), and the -o option is used to specify a new output format for the key file, not the output file name. The chown root:root .ssh/authorized_keys command will change the owner and group of the .ssh/authorized_keys file to root, but this will not change its permissions or make it accessible by the user who wants to log in with SSH key authentication. References: How to Use Public Key Authentication with SSH; chmod(1) - Linux manual page

QUESTION 4

Several users reported that they were unable to write data to the /oracle1 directory. The following output has been



provided:

Filesystem	Size	Used	Available	Use%	Mounted on
/dev/sdb1	100G	50G	50G	50%	/oracle1

Which of the following commands should the administrator use to diagnose the issue?

- A. `df -i /oracle1`
- B. `fdisk -l /dev/sdb1`
- C. `lsblk /dev/sdb1`
- D. `du -sh /oracle1`

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The administrator should use the command `df -i /oracle1` to diagnose the issue of users being unable to write data to the `/oracle1` directory. This command will show the inode usage of the `/oracle1` filesystem, which indicates how many files and directories can be created on it. If the inode usage is 100%, it means that no more files or directories can be added, even if there is still free space on the disk. The administrator can then delete some unnecessary files or directories, or increase the inode limit of the filesystem, to resolve the issue. The other options are not correct commands for diagnosing this issue. The `fdisk -l /dev/sdb1` command will show the partition table of `/dev/sdb1`, which is not relevant to the inode usage. The `lsblk /dev/sdb1` command will show information about `/dev/sdb1` as a block device, such as its size, mount point, and type, but not its inode usage. The `du -sh /oracle1` command will show the disk usage of `/oracle1` in human-readable format, but not its inode usage. References: CompTIA Linux+ (XK0-005) Certification Study Guide, Chapter 7: Managing Disk Storage; How to Check Inode Usage in Linux - Fedingo

QUESTION 5

A Linux administrator is trying to start the database service on a Linux server but is not able to run it. The administrator executes a few commands and receives the following output: Which of the following should the administrator run to resolve this issue? (Select two).

```
#systemctl status mariadb
mariadb.service
   Loaded: masked (Reason: Unit mariadb.service is masked)
   Active: inactive (dead)

#systemctl enable mariadb
Failed to enable unit: ...

#systemctl start mariadb
Failed to start mariadb.service ...
```

- A. `systemctl unmask mariadb`
- B. `journalctl --g mariadb`



- C. dnf reinstall mariadb
- D. systemctl start mariadb
- E. chkconfig mariadb on
- F. service mariadb reload

Correct Answer: AD

These commands will unmask the mariadb service, which is currently prevented from starting, and then start it normally. The other commands are either not relevant, not valid, or not sufficient for this task. For more information on how to manage masked services with systemctl, you can refer to the web search result 1.

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