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Question No : 1

When designing a storage platform, which of the following should be considered as part of the overall design?

- A. Capacity
- B. I/O requirements of the applications to be supported
- C. Disk latency tolerance
- D. Growth rate
- E. All of the above

Answer: E

Explanation:

A storage platform logical design requires in-depth analysis of factors that can affect applications.

In the case of storage, aspects that relate to the physical layer—such as the amount of usable space required for services; the size, number, and speed of disks; and how fast the data is being produced—could have a substantial impact to the storage platform.

Chapter 4, Storage Design - The Logical & Physical Approaches

Question No : 2

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- R5. Applications should support existing and developing workloads for the next 3 years' growth.

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Which of the following could be tried to help in this situation, from a vSphere perspective? (Choose two)

- A. Redevelop the application for a virtual platform
- B. Place the application into a single-vApp network
- C. Add DRS rules to keep network traffic within the same host, where possible
- D. Configure network I/O control

Answer: B,D

Explanation:

If you limit the application traffic to a specific dedicated network (that is, a separate VLAN) and using enforced DRS affinity rules, the application traffic will not traverse the ESXi host's physical network interfaces. This will ensure that the impact of the application is minimized, while also ensuring that the application itself is not limited.

The application servers already have vCPU settings. This suggests that the system has already been virtualized in both types of environments. Network I/O control could be useful in the event of contention, but the role of a designer would be to plan to prevent contention where possible; other options would be more beneficial. In addition, Requirement 5 specifies that the system should work with workloads over the next 3 years. Network I/O control would suggest contention very early in the platform history.

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what storage protocol is unsuitable?

- A. NFS
- B. iSCSI
- C. FC

Answer: A

Explanation:

The requirements state that the application uptime requirements would not be met if using vSphere HA alone. vSphere HA would invoke a restart of guest virtual machines after at least 10 seconds.

VMware fault tolerance would meet the uptime requirements; a failover would result in zero downtime of the application. This technology can be used only with VMFS; therefore, NFS cannot be used in this design.

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which type of data store would be required?

- A. VMFS
- B. NFS

Answer: A

Explanation:

Because fault tolerance would be the only VMware technology that would meet the technical requirements, VMFS is the only choice here.

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Which of the following vSphere cluster technologies would meet the application requirements specified in the high-level design?

- A. FT
- B. HA

Answer: A

Explanation:

vSphere HA would need to wait at least 10 seconds before a restart would be possible. This would not meet requirements. In the event of a restart, it could be possible to be without the application feed database for about 15 minutes. VMware FT would enable the service to be provided without additional redevelopment.

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Question No : 6

A project requirement _____

- A. must be achieved
- B. can be set as aspirational but may never be achieved

Answer: A

Explanation:

A project requirement is a specific deliverable that the business has said must be provided at the end of a project. It must always be achieved.

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Question No : 7

A logical diagram shows vendor-specific information.

- A. True
- B. False

Answer: B

Explanation:

A logical diagram shows the high-level components of a design or platform. It may include descriptions such as data flow and entity relationships. However, it does not show specific vendors (such as Dell or HP).

Chapter 2, Creating the design

Question No : 8

Storage DRS is enabled by default.

- A. True
- B. False

Answer: B

Explanation:

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Question No : 9

Storage DRS can be enabled and can balance I/O levels based on _____

- A. real-time stats
- B. historical stats

Answer: B

Explanation:

Storage DRS can balance I/O by using storage vMotion. This would be based on historical values for a period of time. Storage DRS would make decisions based on these figures. If the system were using realtime stats, the machines could potentially migrate a lot more. This could have an effect on the latency figures for some systems. The larger historical sampling in storage DRS allows the system to make a decision with limited risk of impacting I/O—unlike moving a virtual machine over and over again.

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Question No : 10

The vCenter database is powered off ungracefully, along with a three cluster nodes in a separate cluster. Will the failed existing ESXi host nodes restart correctly using Auto Deploy?

- A. Yes
- B. No

Answer: A

Explanation:

Auto Deploy enables an untrained IT professional to increase capacity while ensuring quality and consistency within a cluster. However, there is a dependency on the vCenter server and Auto Deploy server roles at different times. In this case, the ESXi hosts have already booted successfully. This means that all subsequent reboots will be controlled using configuration from the Auto Deploy server, not vCenter. If the vCenter database is impacted, the ESXi hosts will automatically restore. Even in the event of no vCenter availability, hosts will use the last-known copy of a distributed switch or the configured vSphere switch.

Chapter X, Putting it all together

Question No : 11

A best practice can change over time.

- A. True
- B. False

Answer: A

Explanation:

A best practice is based on experience with delivering a solution. A new product will have limited best-practice information except for vendor- or vendor-partner-based recommendations. The longer a technology is used in a community, the more potential success; therefore, best practices can change over time.

Chapter 6, Validation, Thoughts, and Processes

Question No : 12

Only a software vendor develops a standard process or configuration.

- A. True
- B. False

Answer: B

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Chapter 6, Validation, Thoughts, and Processes

Question No : 13

A logical design can contain which of the following? (Choose three)

- A. BIOS settings
- B. Data flow
- C. Key component relationships