Cybersecurity History Essentials

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1. What was the name of the first computer worm to spread across the internet in 1988?

A) The Morris Worm
B) The Melissa Virus
C) The ILOVEYOU Worm
D) The Blaster Worm

2. In which decade was the first computer virus, Creeper, discovered on the ARPANET?

A) 1950s
B) 1970s
C) 1990s
D) 2000s

3. Which company released the first commercial antivirus software in 1987?

A) Microsoft
B) McAfee
C) G Data
D) Norton

4. What was the primary goal of the ARPANET Reaper program created in the 1970s?

A) To steal data
B) To delete the Creeper worm
C) To encrypt files
D) To create a backup

5. The 'ILOVEYOU' worm, which caused massive global disruption in 2000, was primarily spread via which method?

A) USB drives
B) Email attachments
C) Social media links
D) Software updates

6. Which famous cryptographer is known for cracking the Enigma code during World War II?

A) Charles Babbage
B) Alan Turing
C) Ada Lovelace
D) John von Neumann

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7. What is the name of the 1999 email-based worm that caused widespread damage by masquerading as an important document?

A) Melissa
B) Conficker
C) Stuxnet
D) WannaCry

8. Which protocol, developed in the 1990s, became the standard for secure web communication by encrypting data between a browser and a server?

A) HTTP
B) FTP
C) SSL
D) SMTP

9. What was the first known virus to specifically target Microsoft Word documents?

A) Concept
B) Nimda
C) SQL Slammer
D) Code Red

10. In 1998, a group of hackers known as the 'Cult of the Dead Cow' released which popular remote administration tool?

A) Back Orifice
B) NetBus
C) Sub7
D) DarkComet

11. Which international agency is responsible for the 'Common Criteria' for information technology security evaluation?

A) ISO
B) FBI
C) NASA
D) UNICEF

12. The Morris Worm was created by a student at which prestigious university?

A) Harvard
B) MIT
C) Cornell
D) Stanford

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13. Which operating system was the primary target of the 'Code Red' worm in 2001?

A) Windows Server/IIS
B) Linux
C) macOS
D) MS-DOS

14. What does the acronym 'RSA' stand for in the context of the famous public-key cryptosystem?

A) Rivest, Shamir, and Adleman
B) Rapid Security Access
C) Reliable System Authentication
D) Root Security Array

15. Which 1983 event was the first time a 'virus' was formally defined in an academic paper by Fred Cohen?

A) The birth of the first computer virus
B) The publication of 'Computer Viruses - Theory and Experiments'
C) The first firewall implementation
D) The invention of the mouse

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