**Objective:** This assessment is designed to evaluate students' understanding of the ransomware simulation, their problem-solving skills, and their ability to think critically about cybersecurity issues. The multiple-choice questions focus on factual recall, while the open-ended questions encourage deeper reflection and application of the concepts learned.

# **Multiple Choice Questions:**

- 1. What type of cyber threat did << Enter School Name Here >> face in the simulation?
  - a) Phishing
  - b) Ransomware
  - c) Trojan Horse
  - d) Virus
- 2. What should be the first step in responding to a ransomware attack?
  - a) Pay the ransom
  - b) Disconnect infected systems from the network
  - c) Delete all files
  - d) Announce the attack on social media

### 3. Which team was responsible for managing internal and external communications?

- a) IT Team
- b) Administration Team
- c) Communications Team
- d) Crisis Management Team

# 4. What was one of the clues provided to identify the ransomware?

a) A note written in a foreign language

### b) A suspicious email in a staff member's inbox

- c) A random phone call
- d) A hidden message in a school announcement

# 5. What role did the Crisis Management Team play in the simulation?

- a) Organized the school prom
- b) Oversaw the overall response to the crisis
- c) Provided technical support
- d) Managed the school cafeteria

### 6. What should be included in a recovery plan for a ransomware attack?

### a) Steps for data and system restoration

b) A party to celebrate

- c) Plans for a school field trip
- d) A new school mascot design

## 7. Which of the following is not a typical vector for ransomware infection?

- a) Phishing emails
- b) Using outdated software
- c) Downloading from untrusted sources
- d) Secure websites

## 8. What action is crucial for mitigating the impact of a ransomware attack?

- a) Updating social media statuses
- b) Regularly backing up data
- c) Changing the wallpaper on all computers
- d) Unplugging the coffee machine

## 9. How should sensitive data leaks be handled in a ransomware situation?

- a) Ignored
- b) Shared on social media
- c) Reported to relevant authorities and stakeholders
- d) Deleted immediately
- 10. Why is regular cybersecurity training important for staff and students?
  - a) To fill up the school curriculum
  - b) To keep them aware of evolving cyber threats
  - c) To ensure they spend less time on social media
  - d) To prepare them for IT careers

# **Open-Ended Questions**

1. Describe the key steps your team would take immediately after discovering the ransomware attack.

### Possible responses may include:

- Isolate affected systems.
- Alert the IT and Crisis Management Teams.
- Secure backups and assess data loss.
- Begin documentation and communication protocols.
- 2. How would you approach the decision-making process regarding whether to pay the ransom or not?

# Possible responses may include:

- Assess the impact and likelihood of data recovery.
- Consider legal and ethical implications.
- Evaluate the credibility of the threat.
- Consult with cybersecurity experts and law enforcement.
- 3. Outline a basic recovery plan to restore systems and data following the ransomware attack.

Possible responses may include:

- Restore data from backups.
- Cleanse and secure the network.
- Update and patch systems.
- Review and enhance security protocols.
- 4. Discuss the importance of cybersecurity awareness and training in preventing future ransomware attacks.

Possible responses may include:

- Prevents potential breaches.
- Builds a culture of security.
- Helps in the early detection of threats.
- Minimizes the impact of attacks.
- 5. Reflect on the lessons learned from participating in the ransomware simulation and how they could be applied in real-life situations.

Possible responses may include:

- The importance of preparedness and response plans.
- The value of teamwork and clear communication.
- Understanding the evolving nature of cyber threats.
- The significance of regular updates and backups.