



Daily Article (Bharath's Reading list) - Answers and Explanations 12.06.2023

Article link : <https://bit.ly/42zfPAT> (A Confession Exposes India's Secret Hacking Industry)

1. The article mentions all the following reasons why the hacking-for-hire business has prospered in India except:

- A. The availability of an abundance of inexpensive skilled labor
- B. Laws on cybercrime being outdated in India
- C. India being an open marketplace readily accessible to Western clients
- D. Indian companies 'moonlighting' by engaging in hacks for personal profit alongside their work for the government

Explanation : B

There is no mention of cybercrime laws in India in the article.

2. Sending a bogus message to trick a recipient into providing access to personal data is called :

- A. Spear phishing
- B. Catfishing
- C. White hat hacking
- D. None of the above

Explanation: A

Refer to the line, 'Researchers at Citizen Lab had learned of BellTroX's activities from someone that the company had tried to trick with "spear phishing"—sending a bogus message to trick a recipient into providing access to personal data.'

3. According to the article, Indian hackers are different from their counterparts in Russia, Iran, and North Korea as unlike the latter, the former:

- A. Do not advertise
- B. Have a tacit alliance with their government
- C. Publicly tout ethical hacking services
- D. Operate in large numbers

Explanation: C

Note the lines, 'But Indian hackers are also unusually brazen, with competing firms publicly touting "ethical" or "white hat" hacking services, and individual hackers bragging on LinkedIn about their spear phishing. In authoritarian havens such as Russia, Iran, and North Korea, cybercriminals do not advertise.'