## FOCUS QUESTIONS FOR DENIAL-OF-SERVICE ATTACKS

**1.** Write a paragraph explaining how a distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attack works.

**2.** Do you think countries should use cyberattacks during war? Why or why not?

- 3. What makes a DDoS attack different from a DoS attack?
  - **A.** A DDoS attack uses more than one computer.
  - **B.** A DDoS attack uses only one computer.
  - **C.** A DDoS attack is weaker than a DoS attack.
- **4.** How might a DDoS attack against a company change how people view the company?
  - **A.** People might trust the company more.
  - **B.** People might believe the company is not safe to use.
  - **C.** People might believe the company caused the attack.

### Answer Key for Denial-of-Service Attacks

- 1. Answers will vary
- 2. Answers will vary
- **3**. A
- **4.** B

# FOCUS QUESTIONS FOR **DISINFORMATION CAMPAIGNS**

**1.** Write a paragraph explaining the main ideas of Chapter 4.

**2.** Where do you get most of your information? How do you know whether the information is trustworthy?

- **3.** What is misinformation?
  - **A.** true information that people do not believe
  - **B.** a government-run effort to spread false information
  - C. the spread of false information by mistake
- **4.** Why did disinformation rise after YouTube weakened its rules in 2023?
  - **A.** The weaker rules let more videos with untrue facts be viewed and posted.
  - **B.** The weaker rules stopped as many videos with untrue facts from being viewed and posted.
  - **C.** The weaker rules made people stop watching videos on YouTube.

#### Answer Key for Disinformation Campaigns

- 1. Answers will vary
- 2. Answers will vary
- **3**. C
- **4**. A

## FOCUS QUESTIONS FOR

**1.** Write a paragraph explaining the main ideas of Chapter 3.

**2.** Do you think you need to decrease your digital footprint? Why or why not?

- **3.** What is one feature of a strong password?
  - **A.** The password is the same on every account.
  - **B.** The password is very short and simple.
  - **C.** The password is long and complicated.
- 4. What is one way people can avoid being doxed?
  - **A.** They can avoid sharing personal details online.
  - **B.** They can share images of themselves online.
  - **C.** They can use weaker privacy settings.

### Answer Key for Doxing

- 1. Answers will vary
- 2. Answers will vary
- **3.** C
- **4**. A

## FOCUS QUESTIONS FOR **PHISHING**

**1.** Write a paragraph explaining the main ideas of Chapter 3.

**2.** If you got a text that seemed like a phishing message, what would you do? Why?

- 3. What is one major way to help prevent phishing attacks?
  - A. weak passwords
  - **B.** phishing education
  - **C.** ransomware
- 4. Why might phishers pretend to be credit card companies?
  - A. so they can go to people's homes
  - **B.** so they can learn people's account details
  - **C.** so they can give away money

### **Answer Key for Phishing**

- 1. Answers will vary
- 2. Answers will vary
- **3.** B
- **4.** B

# FOCUS QUESTIONS FOR

**1.** Write a paragraph explaining why phishing is a common part of ransomware attacks.

2. What steps could you take to guard against ransomware?

- 3. What is the most common type of ransomware attack?
  - A. crypto-ransomware
  - **B.** locker ransomware
  - C. WannaCry attack
- 4. How does backing up data help protect against ransomware attacks?
  - **A.** It lets people buy new data that ransomware creates.
  - **B.** It stops ransomware from leaking private information.
  - **C.** It makes separate copies of files.

#### Answer Key for Ransomware

- 1. Answers will vary
- 2. Answers will vary
- **3**. A
- **4**. C

## FOCUS QUESTIONS FOR

**1.** Write a paragraph explaining the main ideas of Chapter 4.

2. Do you think all spyware should be banned? Why or why not?

- 3. When did Apple release Lockdown Mode?
  - **A.** 2001
  - **B.** 2014
  - **C.** 2022
- 4. What is the final step of a spyware attack?
  - **A.** gaining access to a device
  - **B.** gathering information on the device
  - C. sending information to the hacker

#### Answer Key for Spyware

- 1. Answers will vary
- 2. Answers will vary
- **3.** C
- **4.** C