



# C|PENT V2 Exam Blueprint

**EC-Council**  
Building A Culture Of Security

Domain	Sub Domain	No of Questions	Weightage
1. Penetration Testing Methodologies, Scoping, and Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Principles and Objectives of Penetration Testing</li> <li>Penetration Testing Methodologies and Frameworks</li> <li>Best Practices and Guidelines for Penetration Testing</li> <li>Role of Artificial Intelligence in Penetration Testing</li> <li>Role of Penetration Testing in Compliance with Laws, Acts, and Standards</li> <li>Key Elements Required to Respond to Penetration Testing RFPs</li> <li>Drafting Effective Rules of Engagement (ROE)</li> <li>Legal and Regulatory Considerations Critical to Penetration Testing</li> <li>Resources and Tools for Successful Penetration Testing</li> <li>Strategies to Effectively Manage Scope Creep</li> </ul>	7	13%
2. Information Gathering and Attack Surface Mapping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collecting Open-source Intelligence (OSINT) on Target's Domain Name</li> <li>Collecting OSINT about Target Organization on the Web</li> <li>Perform OSINT on Target's Employees</li> <li>Open Source Intelligence (OSINT) using Automation Tools</li> <li>Attack Surface Mapping</li> <li>Social Engineering Penetration Testing Concepts</li> <li>Off-Site Social Engineering Penetration Testing</li> <li>On-Site Social Engineering Penetration Testing</li> <li>Document Findings with Countermeasure Recommendations</li> </ul>	7	13%
3. Web Application and API Penetration Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Techniques to Evaluate Firewall Security Implementations</li> <li>Techniques to Evaluate IDS Security Implementations</li> <li>Techniques to Evaluate the Security of Routers</li> <li>Techniques to Evaluate the Security of Switches</li> </ul>	7	14%

4. Perimeter Defense Evasion Techniques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Techniques to Evaluate Firewall Security Implementations</li> <li>• Techniques to Evaluate IDS Security Implementations</li> <li>• Techniques to Evaluate the Security of Routers</li> <li>• Techniques to Evaluate the Security of Switches</li> </ul>	6	12%
5. Endpoint Exploitation, Privilege Escalation, and Lateral Movement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Techniques to Perform Reconnaissance on a Windows Target</li> <li>• Techniques to Perform Vulnerability Assessment and Exploit Verification</li> <li>• Methods to Gain Initial Access to Windows Systems</li> <li>• Techniques to Perform Enumeration with User Privilege</li> <li>• Techniques to Perform Privilege Escalation</li> <li>• Post-Exploitation Activities</li> <li>• Architecture and Components of Active Directory</li> <li>• Active Directory Reconnaissance</li> <li>• Active Directory Enumeration</li> <li>• Exploit Identified Active Directory Vulnerabilities</li> <li>• Role of Artificial Intelligence in AD Penetration Testing Strategies</li> <li>• Linux Exploitation and Penetration Testing Methodologies</li> <li>• Linux Reconnaissance and Vulnerability Scanning</li> <li>• Techniques to Gain Initial Access to Linux Systems</li> <li>• Linux Privilege Escalation Techniques</li> <li>• Advanced Lateral Movement Techniques</li> <li>• Advanced Pivoting and Tunneling Techniques to Maintain Access</li> </ul>	7	13%
6. Reverse Engineering and Binary Exploitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concepts and Methodology for Analyzing Linux Binaries</li> <li>• Methodologies for Examining Windows Binaries</li> <li>• Buffer Overflow Attacks and Exploitation Methods</li> <li>• Concepts, Methodologies, and Tools for Application Fuzzing</li> </ul>	6	11%

7. IoT Penetration Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fundamental Concepts of IoT Pen Testing</li> <li>• Information Gathering and Attack Surface Mapping</li> <li>• Analyze IoT Device Firmware</li> <li>• In-depth Analysis of IoT Software</li> <li>• Assess the Security of IoT Networks and Protocols</li> <li>• Post-Exploitation Strategies and Persistence Techniques</li> <li>• Comprehensive Pen Testing Reports</li> </ul>	6	11%
8. Reporting and Post Testing Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purpose and Structure of a Penetration Testing Report</li> <li>• Essential Components of a Penetration Testing Report</li> <li>• Phases of a Pen Test Report Writing</li> <li>• Skills to Deliver a Penetration Testing Report Effectively</li> <li>• Post-Testing Actions for Organizations</li> </ul>	7	13%