

SOA-C02 Quick Summary

A fast 3-5 minute recap of the AWS SysOps Administrator patterns that show up most often.

BEST FOR Rapid refresh right before practice questions	FOCUS What to choose first under time pressure	USE WITH Cheat Sheet + Service Map
--	--	--

1. Observe first CloudWatch for metrics and alarms. CloudTrail for API history. Config for configuration drift. X-Ray when app tracing matters.	2. Recover safely Use Multi-AZ for local resilience. Use backups and snapshot retention. Know whether the question cares about RTO or RPO. Prefer tested failover over theory.
3. Automate operations CloudFormation for infrastructure consistency. Systems Manager for patching and remote ops. EventBridge plus Automation for event-driven remediation. Parameter Store or Secrets Manager for runtime values.	4. Fix network issues methodically Check route tables, SGs, NACLs, and DNS in order. Use VPC Flow Logs for blocked traffic clues. Use Reachability Analyzer for path validation. Remember SG stateful, NACL stateless.