1. Difference Between Full, Differential, and Transactional Backup

• Full Backup:

Copies the entire database (all data and objects).

Most complete, but takes time and space.

• Differential Backup:

Copies only data changed since the last full backup.

Faster than full; requires the last full backup to restore.

Transaction Log Backup:

Backs up all changes recorded in the transaction log since the last log backup.

Used for point-in-time recovery.

2. What is Permission? Difference Between GRANT and DENY

• Permission:

Controls what users can do (SELECT, INSERT, etc.) on database objects.

GRANT:

Gives a user permission to do an action (e.g., GRANT SELECT ON table TO user).

DENY:

Explicitly blocks a permission. It overrides GRANT.

Used on Levels:

- Server level (e.g., login access)
- o Database level (e.g., use database)
- Object level (e.g., table, view, proc)

3. What is SQL Profiler and When to Use It

• SQL Profiler:

A tool to monitor and capture SQL Server activities in real time.

Use Cases:

- Debug slow queries
- Audit user actions
- o Analyze performance
- Trace login issues

4. What is a Trigger, Why Use It, and How It's Different from Stored Procedure

• Trigger:

A special procedure that runs **automatically** after a specific event (INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE) on a table or view.

• Why Use It:

- Enforce business rules
- Automatically log changes
- Maintain data integrity

Levels:

o Table level (AFTER or INSTEAD OF actions)

• Difference from Stored Procedure:

- Trigger = auto-executed by events
- o Stored Procedure = manually called