# 1. How does Power BI handle large datasets in the Online Service, and what is the role of Premium Capacity?

- In the **Online Service**, datasets are limited in size depending on the license.
- **Pro users**: Dataset size limited to 1 GB, storage up to 10 GB per user.
- **Premium Capacity**: Allows much larger datasets (up to 400 GB per dataset with compression, depending on SKU). It also provides dedicated resources (more memory, faster performance, higher refresh rates).

### 2. Differences between Import mode, DirectQuery, and Live Connection in Power BI Service

- **Import**: Data is copied into Power BI's in-memory model. Very fast, but refreshes are required.
- **DirectQuery**: Data stays in the source system. Queries are sent live every time. Slower, but always up-to-date.
- **Live Connection**: Connects directly to an Analysis Services model or Power BI dataset (no data stored in the report).

## 3. Explain deployment pipelines in Power BI Online. What stages do they include?

- **Deployment pipelines** help manage report lifecycle (dev  $\rightarrow$  test  $\rightarrow$  prod).
- Stages:
  - o **Development** Build and design reports.
  - o **Test** Validate data, check RLS, and formatting.
  - o **Production** Publish for end-users.

## 4. How can Power BI Service integrate with Microsoft Teams or SharePoint for collaboration?

- Power BI reports can be **embedded into Teams channels** (using the Power BI app).
- Reports and dashboards can also be embedded into SharePoint Online pages, allowing seamless collaboration.

# 5. What is the XMLA endpoint in Premium and how does it benefit developers or enterprise BI teams?

- **XMLA endpoint** (available in Premium and Premium per User) lets BI teams connect to datasets as if they were SQL Server Analysis Services models.
- Benefits: Advanced scripting (DAX, Tabular Editor), external tools integration, automation, and enterprise-level governance.

#### 6. Describe how usage metrics and audit logs work in Power BI Service

- **Usage metrics**: Show report usage stats (views, unique users, most popular pages). Useful for monitoring adoption.
- **Audit logs**: Captured in Microsoft 365 compliance center. Show detailed actions (who viewed, exported, shared reports, etc.) for governance and security.

### 7. How do you manage workspace access and permissions for different users?

- In each workspace, users can be assigned roles:
  - o Viewer: Read-only access.
  - o Contributor: Can edit and publish content.
  - o **Member**: Manage content, permissions.
  - o **Admin**: Full control of the workspace.

#### 8. How can data governance be enforced in Power BI Service?

- Through **sensitivity labels** (classify data as Confidential, Public, etc.).
- RLS and Object-Level Security to limit access.
- Audit logs and monitoring.
- **Deployment pipelines** to control promotion of content.

## 9. What are the limitations of Row-Level Security when using DirectQuery or Live Connection?

- Performance may be slower because filters are applied at the source level.
- Complexity increases with large queries.
- Some sources don't fully support RLS in DirectQuery mode.
- With Live Connection to SSAS, RLS must be managed in the source model (not Power BI).

### 10. Explain how you can refresh a dataset via Power Automate or REST API

- **Power Automate**: Create a flow that triggers dataset refresh (manual button, schedule, or event-driven).
- **REST API**: Use POST /refreshes endpoint for programmatic control, allowing automation scripts to refresh datasets.