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1. What authentication mechanisms are supported by Azure API Management (APIM)?

- Subscription key
- OAuth 2.0 / OpenID Connect
- JWT validation
- Client certificates
- Managed identities

2. How do you secure APIs using subscription keys?

- Add APIs to a product.
- Require subscription on the product.
- Each caller must pass Ocp-Apim-Subscription-Key in header or query.

3. How do you configure OAuth 2.0 authentication with APIM?

- Register APIM as a client app in Microsoft Entra ID (or other provider).
- Configure OAuth 2.0 settings in APIM (under security tab).
- Set validate-jwt policy in inbound section of the API to enforce token validation.

4. What are the steps to configure a client application to call an APIM-secured API using a bearer token?

1. Register the client app in Entra ID.
2. Acquire token using MSAL or ADAL libraries.
3. Call the API with Authorization: Bearer <token> header.
4. Ensure APIM has a validate-jwt policy matching token settings.

5. How do you restrict API access using IP filtering in APIM?

- Use the check-header or check-ip policy in the inbound policy section.
- Example:

```
<check-header name="X-Forwarded-For" failed-check-httpcode="403" failed-check-error-message="Access denied">  
  <value>203.0.113.1</value>  
</check-header>
```

6. What is the role of policies in controlling access to APIs?

- Policies define request/response behavior at runtime.
 - Used to enforce security (e.g., validate-jwt, check-header), rate limits, IP restrictions, CORS, etc.
 - Applied at inbound, backend, outbound, or on error sections.
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7. How can you enforce rate limits and quotas per subscription in APIM?

- Use built-in rate-limit and quota policies.
 - Define policies in product or API scope.
 - Example:

```
<rate-limit calls="10" renewal-period="60" />
<quota calls="1000" renewal-period="604800" />
```
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8. How do you enable CORS in API Management?

- Add the cors policy in the inbound section.
 - Example:

```
<cors allow-credentials="true">
  <allowed-origins><origin>*</origin></allowed-origins>
  <allowed-methods><method>GET</method></allowed-methods>
</cors>
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9. What is the difference between product-level and API-level access control?

- Product-level: Controls who can access any API within the product using subscriptions.
 - API-level: Policies or restrictions applied to individual APIs regardless of product membership.
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10. How do you use managed identities to call APIs behind APIM securely?

- Enable system-assigned or user-assigned identity on APIM.
- Grant API backend (e.g., Azure Function) the necessary role (e.g., Function App Contributor).
- Use authentication-managed-identity policy in outbound call:

```
<authentication-managed-identity resource="https://<resource>" />
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