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Question-10:

What are PPDU, PLCP, and PMD in the PHY layer?

1. PPDU (Physical Layer Protocol Data Unit)

- It is the actual data frame sent over the wireless channel
- It contains PLCP Preamble + PLCP Header + PSDU (MAC data)
- It enables proper synchronization, decoding, and reception of data

2. PLCP (Physical Layer Convergence Protocol)

- It is between MAC and PMD sublayers.
- It converts MAC layer's MPDU into a format suitable for transmission
- It adds Preamble and PHY header to create the PPDU

3. PMD (Physical Medium Dependent)

- It deals with the actual transmission and reception of bits over the wireless medium
- It is the lowest level, where data becomes electromagnetic signals that are transmitted through the air using antennas.