### ****1. What is Proxmox VE, and how does it work?****

**Answer:**  
Proxmox Virtual Environment (Proxmox VE) is an open-source **server virtualization platform** that integrates **KVM-based virtual machines (VMs)** and **LXC containers**. It provides **a web-based management interface**, clustering, backup, and enterprise-grade features for virtualization.

### ****2. What are the key features of Proxmox VE?****

**Answer:**

* **KVM & LXC support** – Full virtualization and lightweight containers.
* **Web-based GUI** – Manage everything via a web interface.
* **Clustering & High Availability (HA)** – Cluster multiple Proxmox nodes.
* **Backup & Restore** – Proxmox Backup Server integration.
* **Storage flexibility** – Supports local, NFS, Ceph, iSCSI, and ZFS.

### ****3. What are the differences between KVM and LXC in Proxmox?****

**Answer:**

| Feature | KVM (Kernel-based Virtual Machine) | LXC (Linux Containers) |
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| Virtualization Type | Full Virtualization | OS-Level Virtualization |
| Performance | Lower due to full emulation | Higher (shares kernel) |
| Isolation | Strong (dedicated resources) | Weaker (shares host kernel) |
| Use Case | Running different OS (Windows, Linux) | Running Linux-based apps/services |

### ****4. How do you install Proxmox VE?****

**Answer:**

1. Download the **Proxmox VE ISO** from the official website.
2. Create a **bootable USB** using Rufus or dd command.
3. Boot the server from USB and follow the installation steps.
4. Configure networking and **login via the web interface** (default: https://<IP>:8006).

### ****5. What are the supported storage types in Proxmox VE?****

**Answer:**

* **Local Storage** – Ext4, XFS, ZFS
* **Network Storage** – NFS, iSCSI, CephFS
* **Object Storage** – Ceph RBD
* **Backup Storage** – Proxmox Backup Server

### ****6. How do you create and manage a VM in Proxmox?****

**Answer:**

1. Go to **Datacenter → Node → Virtual Machines → Create VM**.
2. Choose an **OS image (ISO)** and configure CPU, RAM, and storage.
3. Set up **networking** (bridged or NAT).
4. Start the VM and install the OS.

### ****7. What is High Availability (HA) in Proxmox?****

**Answer:**  
HA ensures that VMs automatically **failover** to another node in a **Proxmox cluster** if a node goes down. It requires:

* **A minimum of 3 nodes** in a cluster
* **Shared storage (Ceph, NFS, or iSCSI)**
* **Corosync and HA Manager** for node coordination

### ****8. How do you migrate a VM from one node to another in Proxmox?****

**Answer:**

1. Ensure both nodes are in a **Proxmox cluster**.
2. Go to **VM → Migrate** and select the target node.
3. Choose **live migration (for running VMs) or offline migration**.
4. Click **Migrate** to move the VM.

### ****9. How do you back up and restore a VM in Proxmox?****

**Answer:**

* **Backup:**
  1. Go to **Datacenter → Storage → Backup**.
  2. Choose the **VM, backup storage, and schedule**.
  3. Click **Start** to create a backup.
* **Restore:**
  1. Go to **Backup Storage** and select the backup file.
  2. Click **Restore** and choose a target node.

### ****10. What is Proxmox Cluster, and how do you create one?****

**Answer:**  
A **Proxmox Cluster** allows multiple nodes to be managed as a single entity. Steps to create a cluster:

1. On the first node, run:

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pvecm create <cluster-name>

1. On other nodes, run:

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pvecm add <IP-of-first-node>

1. Verify cluster status with:

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pvecm status

### ****11. How do you configure networking in Proxmox?****

**Answer:**  
Proxmox uses **Linux bridges** for networking. You can configure:

* **Bridged Networking** – Assigns VMs an IP from the LAN.
* **NAT Networking** – Uses Proxmox as a gateway for VMs.
* **VLANs** – Segregates traffic using VLAN IDs.

### ****12. What is Ceph Storage in Proxmox?****

**Answer:**  
Ceph is a **distributed storage** system used in Proxmox for scalable and highly available storage. It provides:

* **Ceph RBD** (for VM storage)
* **CephFS** (for file storage)
* **High availability & self-healing**

### ****13. How do you monitor Proxmox performance?****

**Answer:**

* **Web UI:** Shows CPU, RAM, and disk usage.
* **CLI tools:**

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top, htop, iostat, vmstat, pvestatd

* **Zabbix/Prometheus:** Can be integrated for advanced monitoring.

### ****14. How do you update Proxmox safely?****

**Answer:**

1. **Backup all VMs** before updating.
2. Update repositories:

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apt update && apt upgrade -y

1. Reboot the server if required.

### ****15. How do you troubleshoot a failed VM in Proxmox?****

**Answer:**

* **Check VM logs:**

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journalctl -xe

qm status <VMID>

* **Verify storage availability:**

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df -h

* **Check network settings** if VM isn’t reachable.