

✓ 1. How do you test methods that call external APIs and databases but must remain unit tests?

Answer:

Mock the API call (e.g., using `RestTemplate`) and the database call (e.g., using a mocked `JpaRepository`). Keep the test isolated and avoid loading Spring context.

✓ 2. What are test doubles? Name different types.

Answer:

Test doubles are generalized fake objects used in testing. Types:

- **Dummy:** Passed but not used
- **Stub:** Returns pre-set values
- **Mock:** Verifies interaction
- **Spy:** Partial mock
- **Fake:** Working but simplified implementation (e.g., in-memory DB)

✓ 3. How to unit test code that depends on `System.currentTimeMillis()` or `LocalDateTime.now()`?

Answer:

Extract the time logic to a separate `TimeProvider` bean and mock it during tests.

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```
when(timeProvider.now()).thenReturn(LocalDate.of(2024, 1, 1, 10, 0));
```

✓ 4. How to handle testing multithreaded code?

Answer:

Use `CountDownLatch`, `ExecutorService`, or `Awaitility` to synchronize threads during testing. Also, test for race conditions or data inconsistency.

✓ 5. What is Test-Driven Development (TDD)? How do you apply it?

Answer:

TDD is writing tests **before** writing the actual code. Cycle:

1. Write failing test
2. Write minimal code to pass test
3. Refactor

It encourages better design and high test coverage.

✓ 6. How to test private methods without reflection?

Answer:

Refactor logic into smaller, public methods or move it to a new testable class. Test via the public interface instead.

✓ 7. How do you handle unit tests in microservices architecture?

Answer:

- Test business logic in isolation using mocks.
- Avoid calling actual HTTP endpoints; mock Feign clients or `RestTemplate`.
- Use contract testing (e.g., **Spring Cloud Contract**) for API boundaries.

✓ 8. How do you ensure your mocks don't become tightly coupled to implementation?

Answer:

Mock behavior, not structure. Test **what** the service does (e.g., a method is called), not **how** it's implemented.

✓ 9. How can you verify that no unexpected method was called in a test?

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verifyNoMoreInteractions(mock1, mock2);
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10. How do you mock void methods that throw exceptions?

Answer:

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doThrow(new RuntimeException("Error")).when(emailService).sendEmail(any());
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11. How do you test code using `@Transactional` or DB rollback logic?

Answer:

Test only the logic that should run **before rollback**. For integration testing, use an embedded DB (like H2) and assert rollback behavior using `@Transactional`.



12. What is the difference between `@WebMvcTest`, `@SpringBootTest`, and `@DataJpaTest`?

Answer:

- `@WebMvcTest` : Loads only web layer (controllers + MVC config)
- `@SpringBootTest` : Loads full Spring context
- `@DataJpaTest` : Loads only JPA layer with embedded DB



13. How do you write tests that simulate retry logic or timeout handling?

Answer:

Use a mock that throws exceptions on first few calls, then returns success:

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```
when(api.call()) .thenThrow(new TimeoutException()) .thenReturn("Success");
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14. What are parameter resolvers in JUnit 5?

Answer:

Custom resolvers to inject complex objects into test methods dynamically (like mocks, test data, etc.)

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```
@ExtendWith(MyParameterResolver.class)
```



15. How do you test the behavior of circuit breakers (e.g., Resilience4j)?

Answer:

- Inject a `CircuitBreakerRegistry`
- Configure test properties with low failure thresholds
- Mock external calls and assert `CallNotPermittedException` is thrown