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**Module**: **Oracle Database** **administration**

**Q1. Describe oracle memory structures and background process.**

1. **System Global Area (SGA):** this is a group shared memory structures and control information for one oracle database instance. It comprises several components such as:

1. Buffer cashe for data blocks
2. Shared pool for SQL and PL/SQL Statement
3. Redo log buffer for recording changes

2.**Program Global Area (PGA):**it is a nonshared memory region that contains data and control information exclusively for use by an oracle process.

Background processes: oracle employs various background processes to manage tasks such as recovery, locking, and I/O. there are same important includes:

1. DBWn(Database Writer): writes modified blocks from the database buffer cashe to data fles.
2. LGWR(log writer):writes redo log entries to disk, ensuring transaction durability.
3. ARCH(Archiver): copies redo log files to archival storage for backup and recovery.

**Q2. Describe oracle logical &physical storage structures**

**In part of logical storage structures, we have the following:**

1. Table: the primary logical storage structure is the table, which represents the stored data.
2. View: logical view is virtual table based on the result of a SELECT query. It does not store data it self but provides a way to present data from one or more table in a customized manner.
3. Index: are logical structures that provide a quick and efficient way to look up data based on values in one or more column.and it increase the performance of data retrieval.
4. Cluster:are group of one or more tables physically stored together.

**In a part of Physical storage structure, we have the following:**

1. Datafiles: Datafiles are physical files on the disk that store the actual data for an oracle database.
2. Tablespaces: are container for datafiles, providing an abstraction layer between the logical and physical storage
3. Segments: is set of extent that corresponds to specific logical storage structure (eg: table or index)
4. Extents: are contiguous blocks of data within a datafiles when segment requires more space it allocated in the form of extents.