**✅ Basic Comparison: MySQL vs Oracle**

**1. What is the difference between MySQL and Oracle?**

| **Feature** | **MySQL** | **Oracle** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| License | Open-source (GPL) | Commercial (Proprietary) |
| Cost | Free (with paid editions) | Requires licensing |
| Storage Engines | Supports multiple (InnoDB, MyISAM) | Uses tablespaces, segments, etc |
| ACID Compliance | With InnoDB | Full compliance |
| PL/SQL Support | Not available | Fully supports PL/SQL |
| Partitioning | Limited | Advanced |
| Replication | Master-slave, group | Advanced (GoldenGate, Streams) |
| Sharding | Manual/Group Replication | Oracle Sharding |

**✅ Architecture and Internals**

**2. What are the key components of MySQL architecture?**

* **Client Layer:** Handles connection/threading.
* **SQL Layer:** Query parsing, optimization.
* **Storage Engine Layer:** InnoDB, MyISAM, Memory, etc.
* **Buffer Pool / Caches:** InnoDB buffer pool, key cache.

**3. Describe Oracle DB architecture.**

* **Instance (SGA + Background Processes)**:
  + **SGA** (Shared Global Area): buffer cache, shared pool, redo log buffer.
  + **Background Processes**: DBWR, LGWR, SMON, PMON.
* **Database**: Consists of datafiles, control files, redo logs.

**✅ SQL/PLSQL Differences**

**4. Is PL/SQL supported in MySQL?**

No. MySQL uses stored procedures/functions but does **not support full PL/SQL**. Oracle has advanced exception handling, cursors, packages, triggers.

**5. Can you run recursive queries in both?**

* **MySQL**: Yes, using **CTE** (from v8.0+).
* **Oracle**: Yes, using **CONNECT BY** and **CTE (WITH RECURSIVE)**.

**✅ Performance Tuning**

**6. How does query optimization differ in MySQL vs Oracle?**

| **Feature** | **MySQL** | **Oracle** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Optimizer Hints | Limited | Extensive (/\*+ USE\_NL, etc. \*/) |
| Execution Plan Tool | EXPLAIN, EXPLAIN ANALYZE | EXPLAIN PLAN, AUTOTRACE |
| Cost-Based Optimization | Yes | Yes (with optimizer stats) |
| Parallel Query Support | Limited (InnoDB Cluster) | Advanced |

**7. What tools are used for performance tuning?**

* **MySQL**:
  + EXPLAIN, SHOW PROFILE, slow\_query\_log
  + Percona Toolkit
* **Oracle**:
  + AWR, ADDM, SQL Trace, TKPROF, OEM

**✅ Backup & Recovery**

**8. Backup techniques in MySQL?**

* mysqldump
* mysqlpump
* Binary logs (point-in-time recovery)
* Xtrabackup (Percona)

**9. Backup tools in Oracle?**

* RMAN (Recovery Manager)
* Data Pump (expdp/impdp)
* Flashback technology (table, database)

**✅ High Availability and Replication**

**10. How is replication handled in MySQL vs Oracle?**

| **Feature** | **MySQL** | **Oracle** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Replication | Native async, group replication | Data Guard, GoldenGate |
| Sharding | Manual or MySQL Fabric, InnoDB cluster | Oracle Sharding |
| Clustering | Galera, MySQL Cluster | RAC (Real Application Clusters) |
| Failover | MySQL Router or ProxySQL | Automatic with Oracle Clusterware |

**✅ Security**

**11. Security differences between MySQL and Oracle?**

| **Security Feature** | **MySQL** | **Oracle** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Authentication | Native, PAM, LDAP | OS, Kerberos, LDAP, External |
| Role-based Access | Yes (from v8) | Advanced Role + Profile Mgmt |
| Auditing | Limited (audit plugin) | Advanced (FGA, DBMS\_AUDIT, Unified Audit) |
| Data Masking | Manual | Advanced Security Option (ASO) |
| TDE (Encryption) | Yes (Enterprise) | Yes (Transparent Data Encryption) |

**✅ Cross Questions for Experienced Roles**

**12. How do you perform data migration between MySQL and Oracle?**

* Use **Oracle GoldenGate**, **SQL Developer**, or **Data Integrator (ODI)**.
* For MySQL → Oracle:
  + Dump schema/data (CSV/XML), then import.
  + Use ETL tools for transformation.

**✅ Scenario-Based Questions**

**13. How would you optimize a slow MySQL query with joins?**

* Check EXPLAIN output.
* Add missing indexes.
* Avoid SELECT \*.
* Use STRAIGHT\_JOIN to force join order.
* Break down complex joins with temporary tables.

**14. A user reports a locking issue in Oracle. How will you debug it?**

* Use:
  + V$LOCK, V$SESSION, DBA\_BLOCKERS, DBA\_WAITERS
  + ALTER SYSTEM KILL SESSION if needed
  + Identify and tune long-running queries

**✅ PL/SQL and Stored Procedure**

**15. How do stored procedures differ in MySQL vs Oracle?**

| **Feature** | **MySQL** | **Oracle** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Exception Handling | Limited (DECLARE CONTINUE) | Advanced (BEGIN ... EXCEPTION) |
| Packages | Not Supported | Fully supported |
| Cursors | Supported | Supported with advanced options |
| Trigger Timing | BEFORE/AFTER | BEFORE/AFTER/INSTEAD OF |

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A Quiz Format (MCQs)

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Here is a **MySQL vs Oracle Quiz (MCQ format)** – ideal for interviews and self-assessment. It includes 25 **multiple-choice questions** with **answers + explanations** where necessary.

**✅ MySQL vs Oracle: MCQ Quiz**

**1. Which of the following is true about MySQL?**

A. It's a proprietary database only  
B. It does not support replication  
C. It's open-source with pluggable storage engines  
D. It uses PL/SQL as its procedural language  
👉 **Answer:** C  
📘 **Explanation:** MySQL is open-source and supports various storage engines like InnoDB, MyISAM.

**2. Oracle uses which language for stored procedures?**

A. T-SQL  
B. PL/SQL  
C. SQL/PSM  
D. MySQL Script  
👉 **Answer:** B

**3. What is the default storage engine for MySQL 8.0+?**

A. MyISAM  
B. InnoDB  
C. MEMORY  
D. Archive  
👉 **Answer:** B

**4. Which Oracle feature allows rolling back to a point in time?**

A. Flashback  
B. Recycle Bin  
C. Redo Log  
D. Archive Log  
👉 **Answer:** A

**5. Which tool is used for backup in Oracle?**

A. mysqldump  
B. Xtrabackup  
C. RMAN  
D. expdp  
👉 **Answer:** C

**6. Which tool can be used for performance tuning in Oracle?**

A. ADDM  
B. EXPLAIN  
C. slow\_query\_log  
D. Percona Toolkit  
👉 **Answer:** A

**7. Which replication method is native to MySQL?**

A. GoldenGate  
B. Data Guard  
C. MySQL Replication  
D. Streams  
👉 **Answer:** C

**8. What’s used to monitor locking issues in Oracle?**

A. SHOW ENGINE STATUS  
B. V$LOCK  
C. processlist  
D. pg\_locks  
👉 **Answer:** B

**9. Which of the following supports full ACID compliance?**

A. MyISAM  
B. MEMORY  
C. InnoDB  
D. CSV  
👉 **Answer:** C

**10. Oracle RAC provides what feature?**

A. In-memory tables  
B. Row-level locks  
C. High Availability via clustering  
D. Parallel backup  
👉 **Answer:** C

**🔄 MySQL vs Oracle Features**

**11. Which MySQL version introduced Common Table Expressions (CTE)?**

A. 5.5  
B. 5.7  
C. 8.0  
D. 8.1  
👉 **Answer:** C

**12. Which storage engine supports full-text indexing in MySQL?**

A. MEMORY  
B. InnoDB (8+)  
C. MyISAM  
D. ARCHIVE  
👉 **Answer:** C

**13. Which optimizer hint syntax is correct in Oracle?**

A. /\*+ USE\_INDEX(table column) */  
B. -- OPTIMIZER USE\_INDEX  
C. /*+ INDEX(table index\_name) \*/  
D. #+ USE\_INDEX  
👉 **Answer:** C

**14. In Oracle, what is the purpose of SGA?**

A. Handles background jobs  
B. Stores control files  
C. Shared memory area for cache and buffers  
D. Manages redo logs  
👉 **Answer:** C

**15. MySQL does not support which feature natively (without plugins)?**

A. Foreign key constraints  
B. Triggers  
C. Transparent Data Encryption  
D. Views  
👉 **Answer:** C

**🧠 Advanced and Scenario-Based**

**16. Which tool supports hot backup in MySQL (InnoDB)?**

A. mysqldump  
B. mysqlpump  
C. Xtrabackup  
D. Oracle RMAN  
👉 **Answer:** C

**17. Which of the following is used for logical backups in Oracle?**

A. RMAN  
B. flashback  
C. expdp/impdp  
D. Data Guard  
👉 **Answer:** C

**18. Which query tool gives the execution plan in MySQL?**

A. tkprof  
B. autotrace  
C. EXPLAIN  
D. V$SQL\_PLAN  
👉 **Answer:** C

**19. In Oracle, which feature ensures data security at rest?**

A. DBMS\_CRYPTO  
B. Transparent Data Encryption (TDE)  
C. VPD  
D. Oracle Vault  
👉 **Answer:** B

**20. Which MySQL tool supports group replication?**

A. mysqlshell  
B. mysqldump  
C. mysqladmin  
D. mysqlimport  
👉 **Answer:** A

**🔒 Security & Admin**

**21. Which type of authentication is supported in Oracle?**

A. Native  
B. Kerberos  
C. LDAP  
D. All of the above  
👉 **Answer:** D

**22. In Oracle, what is a tablespace?**

A. A temporary table  
B. A logical storage container for segments  
C. An index  
D. A backup directory  
👉 **Answer:** B

**23. Which tool shows the slowest queries in MySQL?**

A. Oracle Grid Control  
B. EXPLAIN PLAN  
C. slow\_query\_log  
D. Oracle ADDM  
👉 **Answer:** C

**24. Which data type is NOT supported in Oracle?**

A. BLOB  
B. TEXT  
C. CLOB  
D. RAW  
👉 **Answer:** B  
📘 **Explanation:** TEXT is a MySQL-specific datatype. Oracle uses CLOB/BLOB.

**25. How do you enforce uniqueness in Oracle tables?**

A. Use INDEX  
B. Use VIEW  
C. Use UNIQUE constraint  
D. Use SEQUENCE  
👉 **Answer:** C

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✅ MySQL vs Oracle **Interview MCQs**  
✅ Corresponding **SQL Queries/Examples** for both **MySQL and Oracle**

**✅ MySQL vs Oracle: Quiz + Real SQL Queries**

**🔸 Q1. How do you fetch the top 5 highest salaries from an employee table?**

**MySQL:**

sql

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SELECT \* FROM employee ORDER BY salary DESC LIMIT 5;

**Oracle:**

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SELECT \* FROM (

SELECT \* FROM employee ORDER BY salary DESC

) WHERE ROWNUM <= 5;

**🔸 Q2. How do you get the second highest salary?**

**MySQL:**

sql

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SELECT MAX(salary) FROM employee

WHERE salary < (SELECT MAX(salary) FROM employee);

**Oracle (Oracle 12c+):**

sql

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SELECT salary FROM (

SELECT salary, DENSE\_RANK() OVER (ORDER BY salary DESC) AS rnk

FROM employee

) WHERE rnk = 2;

**🔸 Q3. Query to list employee count by department where count > 5**

**MySQL & Oracle:**

sql

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SELECT dept\_id, COUNT(\*) AS emp\_count

FROM employee

GROUP BY dept\_id

HAVING COUNT(\*) > 5;

**🔸 Q4. What’s the syntax for a LEFT JOIN?**

**MySQL & Oracle:**

sql

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SELECT e.name, d.name

FROM employee e

LEFT JOIN department d ON e.dept\_id = d.id;

**🔸 Q5. Create a view to show active employees**

**MySQL:**

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CREATE VIEW active\_employees AS

SELECT \* FROM employee WHERE status = 'ACTIVE';

**Oracle:**

sql

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CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW active\_employees AS

SELECT \* FROM employee WHERE status = 'ACTIVE';

**🔸 Q6. How to get table metadata?**

**MySQL:**

sql

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DESCRIBE employee;

-- or

SHOW COLUMNS FROM employee;

**Oracle:**

sql

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DESC employee;

-- or

SELECT column\_name, data\_type FROM user\_tab\_columns WHERE table\_name = 'EMPLOYEE';

**🔸 Q7. How do you add a column to a table?**

**MySQL & Oracle:**

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ALTER TABLE employee ADD email VARCHAR(100);

**🔸 Q8. How to get current date/time?**

**MySQL:**

sql

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SELECT NOW(); -- Current date and time

**Oracle:**

sql

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SELECT SYSDATE FROM dual;

**🔸 Q9. How to write a stored procedure that returns total employee count?**

**MySQL:**

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CREATE PROCEDURE get\_employee\_count()

BEGIN

SELECT COUNT(\*) AS total FROM employee;

END;

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**Oracle:**

sql

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CREATE OR REPLACE PROCEDURE get\_employee\_count(p\_count OUT NUMBER)

AS

BEGIN

SELECT COUNT(\*) INTO p\_count FROM employee;

END;

**🔸 Q10. How to paginate results (10 rows per page)?**

**MySQL (LIMIT OFFSET):**

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SELECT \* FROM employee LIMIT 10 OFFSET 20; -- Page 3

**Oracle (12c+ FETCH FIRST):**

sql

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SELECT \* FROM employee

OFFSET 20 ROWS FETCH NEXT 10 ROWS ONLY;

**🧠 Bonus: System & Admin Queries**

**🔹 Check current database version**

**MySQL:**

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SELECT VERSION();

**Oracle:**

sql

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SELECT \* FROM v$version;

**🔹 Check slow queries (MySQL)**

sql

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SHOW VARIABLES LIKE 'slow\_query\_log%';

SHOW FULL PROCESSLIST;

**🔹 Find blocking session in Oracle**

sql

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SELECT blocking\_session, sid, serial# FROM v$session WHERE blocking\_session IS NOT NULL;

**🔹 Get tablespace usage (Oracle)**

sql

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SELECT tablespace\_name, used\_space, tablespace\_size

FROM dba\_tablespace\_usage\_metrics;