What is the value of SQLAlchemy?

The value of SQLAlchemy is that it is database agnostic, meaning that you use the same commands, regardless of what relational database you're working with.

What is a model?

A model refers to not only the logical structure of a database, but also how the data is stored, managed, and processed within it. We interact with these models to issue SQL queries under the hood as opposed to the user writing SQL directly.

What is a view?

A view is a stored SQL query containing data from other tables. It is a virtual table, and doesn't actually hold data or exist physically in the database.