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**Exam** : **1z0-027**

**Title** : Oracle Exadata Database  
Machine Administration,  
Software Release 11.x

**Vendor** : Oracle

**Version** : DEMO

NO.1 Which two are Oracle recommendations for media based backups performed for a database running on a Database Machine?

- A. Allocate equivalent number of channels and instances per tape drive.
- B. Perform periodic level 0 backups and daily cumulative level-1 backups.
- C. Use the InfiniBand network between the database server and media server.
- D. Configure Recovery Manager (RMAN) channels to connect to the least loaded instances.
- E. Use InfiniBand network between the media server and the storage servers.

**Answer:** A, C

Explanation:

A: Configure one RMAN channel per tape drive and add tape drives to scale backup rates.

C: Configure the Preferred Network Interface (PNI) to direct the Oracle Secure Backup traffic over the InfiniBand network interface.

Example:

```
ob> lspni (List Preferred Network Interface)
```

```
mediaserver1:
```

```
PNI 1:
```

```
interface: mediaserver1-ib
```

```
clients: dbnode1, dbnode2, dbnode3, dbnode4,  
dbnode5, dbnode6, dbnode7, dbnode8
```

```
PNI 2:
```

```
interface: mediaserver1
```

```
clients: adminserver
```

```
dbnode1:
```

```
PNI 1:
```

```
interface: dbnode1-ib
```

```
clients: mediaserver1
```

Note:

\* Using the Sun ZFS Backup Appliance as an Oracle RMAN backup target for an Oracle Exadata system delivers much

faster backup and recovery, enabling organizations to achieve shorter recovery time objectives and shrink backup

windows. The appliance is designed for high sustained read and write I/O performance, and it is connected to the

Oracle Exadata system via a high-throughput InfiniBand network fabric.

\* As the only unified storage vendor to support InfiniBand as a storage network for backup and restore operations,

Oracle is leading the way with native high-bandwidth interconnects.

\* The InfiniBand network provides 40 Gb of bandwidth per port between the database servers, storage cells, and the

Sun ZFS Backup Appliance. Backup and restore operations can be automatically parallelized across all database nodes,

Oracle Exadata storage cells, Sun ZFS Backup Appliance channels, and controllers.

NO.2 Your customer wants you to partition the database and storage grids in his X3-2 full rack, creating database clusters and two storage grids.

One cluster will be used for production and should consist of 6 database servers and 11 cells from

the first storage grid.

The other cluster will be used for test and development, and should consist of 2 database servers and 3 cells from the second storage grid.

The storage must be partitioned so that the cells are visible only to the appropriate database servers based on the description above.

What must be done to achieve this?

- A. Configure Exadata realms using Oracle ASM scoped security mode.
- B. Configure Exadata realms using Database scoped security mode.
- C. Edit the CELLIP.ORA file on each database server to contain IP addresses of cells in the storage grid associated with cluster to which that database server belongs.
- D. Edit the CELLINIT.ORA file on each database server to contain IP addresses of cells in the storage grid associated with the cluster to which that database server belongs.
- E. Edit the CELLIP.ORA file on each database server to contain IP addresses of database servers which are allowed access to specific cells in the same storage grid.
- F. Edit the CELLIP.ORA file on each cell to contain IP addresses of database servers in the database server grid that are associated with the storage grid to which that cell belongs.

**Answer:** C

Explanation:

cellip.ora

The cellip.ora is the configuration file, on every compute node, that tells ASM instances which cells are available to this cluster.

Here is a content of a typical cellip.ora file for a quarter rack system:

```
$ cat /etc/oracle/cell/network-config/cellip.ora
```

```
cell="192.168.10.3"
```

```
cell="192.168.10.4"
```

```
cell="192.168.10.5"
```

Now that we see what is in the cellip.ora, the grid disk path, in the examples above, should make more sense.

Note:

- \* cellinit.ora decides which network takes storage traffic.
- \* cellip.ora - list of cells, new cells can be added dynamically without shutdown

NO.3 You plan to migrate an Oracle database that supports an online transaction processing (OLTP) workload to your

Database Machine.

Following are details for the source database:

Database version: 10.2.0

Byte order: Big Endian HP-UX (64-bit)

Database size: 24 TB

Storage: ASM with 1 MB allocation unit size

Which two are supported migration methods?

- A. Physical migration using ASM online Migration
- B. Physical migration using Transportable Database
- C. Logical migration using Oracle Streams
- D. Local migration using Oracle Streams

E. Logical migration using logical standby

**Answer:** CE

Explanation:

There are several techniques for migrating data to a Database Machine. Migration can be done using Oracle Recovery Manager (RMAN) to backup from traditional storage and restore the data onto Exadata. Oracle Data Guard can also be used to facilitate a migration. This is done by first creating a standby database based on Exadata storage. The standby can be using Exadata storage and the production database can be on traditional storage. By executing a fast switchover, taking just seconds, you can transform the standby database into the production database. This provides a built-in safety net as you can undo the migration very gracefully if unforeseen issues arise. Transportable Tablespaces (B) and Data Pump may also be used to migrate to Exadata. Any technique used to move data between Oracle Databases can be used with Exadata.

NO.4 Which two statements are true about the use of direct path loads when selecting from external tables in a database on a Database Machine?

- A. INSERT INTO . . . SELECT FROM statements, executed serially, which select from external tables, require the APPEND hint to use direct path loading.
- B. CREATE TABLE . . . AS SELECT statements, which select from external tables, attempt to use in direct path loading automatically.
- C. CREATE TABLE . . . AS SELECT statements, which select from external tables, require the APPEND hint to use direct path loading.
- D. INSERT INTO . . . SELECT FROM statements, executed serially, which select from external tables, are unable to use direct path loading.

**Answer:** A, B

Explanation:

A CTAS (Create table as select) will always use direct path (B, not C) load but IAS (Insert as select) statement will not.

In order to achieve direct path load with an IAS statement you must add the APPEND hint to the command (A, not D).

Direct path loads can also run in parallel. You can set the parallel degree for a direct path load either by adding the PARALLEL hint to the CTAS or IAS statement or by setting the PARALLEL clause on both the external table and the table into which the data will be loaded. Once the parallel degree has been set at CTAS will automatically do direct path load in parallel but an IAS will not. In order to enable an IAS to do direct path load in parallel you must alter the session to enable parallel DML.

Note:

\* Parallel Direct Path Load

The key to good load performance is to use direct path loads wherever possible. A direct path load parses the input data according to the description given in the external table definition, converts the data for each input field to its corresponding Oracle data type, then builds a column array structure for the data. These column array structures are used to format Oracle data blocks

and build index keys. The newly formatted database blocks are then written directly to the database, bypassing the standard SQL processing engine and the database buffer cache.  
Reference: Best Practices for Implementing a Data Warehouse on the Oracle Exadata Database Machine; Using CTAS & Exchange Partition Replace IAS for Copying Partition on Exadata

NO.5 Which two are true about Smart Scan?

- A. a query rewrite may occur to a container table stored in Exadata but will never benefit from Smart scan.
- B. Column projection does not contribute to the performance benefit of Smart Scan
- C. It is possible to offload single row functions to the storage servers.
- D. Some joins can be offloaded to the storage servers.
- E. A query rewrite may occur to a container table stored Exadata, and it will always benefit from Smart Scan.
- F. All joins can be offloaded to the storage servers.

**Answer:** C, D

Explanation:

C: With Exadata storage, database operations are handled much more efficiently. Queries that perform table scans

can be processed within Exadata storage with only the required subset of data returned to the database server. Row

filtering, column filtering and some join processing (among other functions) are performed within the Exadata storage

cells. When this takes place only the relevant and required data is returned to the database server.

D (not F):

\* Exadata performs joins between large tables and small lookup tables, a very common scenario for data warehouses

with star schemas. Joining large tables and small lookup tables is implemented using Bloom Filters, which are a very

efficient probabilistic method to determine whether a row is a member of the desired result set.

\* If storage indexes are so great, why doesn't Oracle Exadata use them all the time? The short answer is that they are

created and used only when they will be beneficial.

\* To use storage indexes, Oracle Exadata queries must use smart scans, so not all types of applications can benefit

from storage indexes. Applications with queries that include predicates and perform a lot of full table scans or fast full

scans of indexes-typically those used in data warehousing environments-will benefit greatly from storage indexes.

Online transaction processing (OLTP) applications, on the other hand, typically access a small number of rows through

standard indexes and do not perform full table scans, so they may not benefit from storage indexes

.

Note:

\* Storage indexes reside in the memory of the storage servers-also called storage cells-and significantly reduce

unnecessary I/O by excluding irrelevant database blocks in the storage cells.

\* To use storage indexes, Oracle Exadata queries must use smart scans, so not all types of applications can benefit from storage indexes.

Incorrect:

Not B: Exadata provides column filtering, also called column projection, for table scans. Only the columns requested

are returned to the database server rather than all columns in a table. For example, when the following SQL is issued,

only the employee\_name and employee\_number columns are returned from Exadata to the database kernel.

```
SELECT employee_name, employee_number FROM employee_table.
```

For tables with many columns, or columns containing LOBs (Large Objects), the I/O bandwidth saved can be very

large. Using both predicate and column filtering dramatically improves performance and reduces I/O bandwidth

consumption. In addition, column filtering also applies to indexes, allowing for even faster query performance.

Reference: Oracle Communications Data Model Implementation and Operations Guide, Exadata Smart Scan

Processing and Storage Index

NO.6 Which two are true about the use of DBFS in a Database Machine environment?

A. DBFS must be used to bulk load data into a database on the Database Machine if the staging area requires Exadata based shared storage.

B. DBFS must be used to have a POSIX compliant shared storage solution that is accessible from the database servers on a Database Machine.

C. DBFS must be used to bulk load data into a production database on the Database Machine.

D. DBFS must use the DBFS\_DG diskgroup for any DBFS store.

E. DBFS must be used to have a POSIX-compliant Exadata-based shared storage solution.

**Answer:** CD