Questions for assignment

1. Definitions and scope of material management.
2. Importance of material management. What are performance indicators of the supply chain, and How material management help to improve performance?
3. How an integrated approach of supply chain benefit to material management?
4. Discuss vertical and horizontal integration with suitable examples? Also, discuss the advantages and disadvantages of outsourcing with appropriate cases.
5. What is Just in Time? Discuss the significance of JIT with a suitable example.
6. Discuss how different functional areas of the organization such as finance, marketing, HR, etc. have linkages with material management.
7. Explain the role of Information technology in the development of the supply chain.
8. How can technology help to harmonize demand and supply?
9. Various forms of e-procurement with suitable examples.
10. Discuss small cases (at least 1) following best practices of the supply chain of your choice.
    1. Select any company
    2. Practices followed by a company or benchmark practice; for example, Toyota is known for the best quality and e-commerce companies for last-mile delivery.
    3. Discuss practices in detail.