1) Explain the concept of development corporation and discuss its approaches.
Ans:

2) Discuss the concept and functions of Development Corporations.
Ans: A corporate strategy department functions as a coordinating body, developing and implementing strategies that satisfy the objectives of individual departments as well as promoting overall corporate goals.

Development
A corporate strategy department surveys those responsible for company operations to gather information on challenges and objectives. It consolidates individual strategic aims into an overall approach and invites feedback from the departments concerned. If you are developing a corporate strategy, you have to achieve consensus on what obstacles the company faces and what strategic activities will be successful. Once there is broad agreement, you can communicate the final version of the corporate strategy and assign tasks required for carrying it out to the departments involved.

Implementation
To implement a strategy, the corporate strategy department has to first communicate the details of the work it expects each department to carry out. While the corporate strategy department is the overall leader, it has to rely on a department such as marketing to implement the strategic components that fall within its area of responsibility. For example, if the overall strategy includes the development of new products, marketing has to carry out a market survey to find out what features are needed, the design department has to create the product and production has to build it.

Coordination
A key function of the corporate strategy department is to coordinate the different initiatives that the strategy requires. The department has to schedule the work in the proper sequence and ensure that the required resources are available at the level of the department that is executing its particular strategic component. For example, for the development of new products, the responsible departments have to execute the marketing survey, design, production, product launch and promotion according to a schedule put in place by the corporate strategy department. The department then has to monitor progress and take corrective action if a department falls behind schedule.

3) Examine the scope of Development Administration
Ans: Developments administration is the administration of development and development of administration. Thus, it encompasses all such activities of the government which are initiated to accelerate the national development in the economic, social and political fields as well as administrative development.

To Riggs, the scope of development administration extends to all those areas in which a government makes efforts to carry out programmes designed to reshape its physical, human and cultural environment and also the struggle to enlarge a government’s capacity to engage in such programmes.

Fred W. Riggs, in fact is one of the most innovative advocates of the theory. He considers ‘development as a process of increasing autonomy (discretion) of social systems made possible by using level of distraction….’ Discretion according to him is the ability to choose among alternatives while diffraction refers to the degree of differentiation and integration in a social system.

To describe, the scope of development administration includes the following areas:
(i) Extension and Community Services:
These services constitute a form of partnership between the government agencies and the people. The government provides technical, institutional or financial services while the people through voluntary organisations provide active participation to make the operational services successful.
(ii) Programme Planning:
After the formulation of comprehensive social and economic policies, another main task of development administration is programme planning. This involves an accurate analysis of available supplies and inputs and their management in such a way as to obtain the optimum outputs.
(iii) Project Management:
Another area of development administration is project management. The present trend is towards high cost projects whether it is in the field of irrigation, power or energy, environmental pollution, and production of goods etc. The Tehri Dam Project, Kamal Refinery Project, Kavery Project, are some such examples.
(iv) Area Development:
By area development we mean the socio-economic development of a particular area like tribal area, hilly area or any backward area. Earlier it was assumed that the problems arising at area level can be adequately dealt with by focal people and institutions.
(v) Personnel Development:
It is also the responsibility of development administration to ensure availability of trained personnel at each level, organize training, make effective use of trained personnel and adopt improved methods of planning and management.

4) Write a note on the structure and functions of the State Planning Department.
Ans: The functions of State Planning Boards were outlined by the ARC which maintained that they should:
(1) Determine plan priorities of the state within the framework of the priorities of the national plan;