## Suggested Answer_Syl12_Jun2014_Paper_10

INTERMEDIATE EXAMINATION GROUP II
(SYLLABUS 2012)

## SUGGESTED ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

JUNE 2014

## Paper- 10 : COST AND MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANCY

Time Allowed: 3 Hours
Full Marks : 100
The figures in the margin on the right side indicate full marks.
QUESTION 1, which is compulsory. Attempt all of them.
Section-A has three questions. Attempt any two of them.
Section-B has two questions. Attempt any one of them.
Section-C has three questions. Attempt any two of them.
Please: 1. Write answers to all parts of a question together.
2. Open a new page for answer to a new question.
3. Attempt the required number of questions only.

Where necessary, suitable assumptions may be made and disclosed by way of a Note.
Working notes should form part of the answer

1. Answer all questions:
(a) ASHEEKA LTD. has annual turnover of ₹ 200 lakh and an average $\mathrm{C} / \mathrm{S}$ Ratio of $\mathbf{4 0 \%}$. It makes $10 \%$ profit on sales before charging depreciation and interest which amount to ₹ 10 lakh and ₹ 15 lakh respectively. What will be the Fixed Cost of Asheeka Ltd.?
(b) In a factory of ZEE LTD., where Standard Costing is followed, the budgeted fixed overheads for a budgeted production of 4800 units is $₹ 24,000$. For a certain period actual (FOH) expenditure was ₹ 22,000 resulting in a fixed overhead volume variance of ₹ 3,000 (Adv.) Calculate the actual production of ZEE LTD. for the period.
(c) OPTIMA LTD. is committed to supply 24000 bearings per annum to BKT Ltd. on a steady basis. It is estimated that it costs ₹ 2.40 as inventory holding cost per bearing per annum and that the set-up cost per run of bearing manufacture is ₹ 648 . What would be the optimum run (batch) size for hearing manufacture?
(d) The total production cost of HORIZON LTD. for making 6000 units is ₹ 35,000 and the total production cost for making 15000 units is $₹ 69,000$. Once the production exceeds 10000 units additional fixed costs of ₹ 7,000 are incurred. What will be the full production cost per unit for making 12000 units?
(e) What are the limitations of Uniform Costing?
(f) The Compliance Report along with Annexures is to be signed by a Cost Accountant. Whether the Cost Accountant is responsible for the preparation of the Annexures?
$(\mathrm{g})$ "Turnover" is gross trunover whether includes excise duty or not-Clarify.

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(h) What is Temporary Monopoly?
(i) The cost function of a firm is given by the following equation:

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C=300 x-10 x^{2}+\frac{1}{3} x^{3}
$$

## Where C stands for Cost and X for output.

Calculate output at which marginal cost is minimum.

## Answer:

1. (a)

Profit Before depreciation and Interest : ₹20 Lakhs
Less: Depreciation and Interest
( 10 lakh +15 lakh) $: \quad$ ₹25 Lakhs
Loss : 5 Lakhs

Contribution $=$ Fixed cost + Profit
Or $40 \%$ ₹200 Lakh $=$ FC $+(-50$ or $\mathrm{FC}=80+5=85$
Fixed cost of Asheeka Itd. : ₹85 lakhs
(b) Fixed Overhead volume variance $=₹ 3,000$ (Adv) :

Budgeted Fixed overhead - Actual Production $\times$ Std. rate $=24,000-$ Actual
Production $\times(24,000 \div 4,800)$
Hence, 3,000 $(\mathrm{A})=24,000-$ Actual Production $\times 5$
Actual Production for the period : $(24,000-3,000) \div 5$

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=4,200 \text { units. }
$$

(c) EBQ

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\begin{aligned}
& =\text { Optimum production run (batch) size: } \\
& =\sqrt{\frac{2 \times \text { setup cost per batch } \times \text { Anual demand }}{\text { Annual cost of storing unit }}} \\
& =\sqrt{\frac{2 \times 2,4000 \times 648}{2.40}} \\
& =\sqrt{1,29,60,000} \\
& =3,600 \text { Bearings }
\end{aligned}
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(d) At 15,000 units total cost is ₹ $62,000 \quad[69,000-7,000]$

At 6,000 units total cost is ₹ 35,000
Variable cost per unit $=\frac{62,000-35,000}{15,000-6,000}=\frac{27,000}{9,000}=₹ 3.00$
Fixed cost $=₹ 35,000-(6,000 \times 3)=₹ 17,000$
Therefore, Total cost for marketing 12,000 units $=(12,000 \times 3+17,000+7,000)$

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\text { = ₹ } 60,000
$$

Cost per unit $=60,000 \div 12,000=₹ 5.00$

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(e) Limitation of Uniform Costing:

* Sometimes it is not possible to adopt uniform standard methods \& procedures of costing in different firm due to different circumstances in which they operate.
* Many firm do not wish to share their information with the competitors in the some industry.
* Small firm cannot afford it.
* It induces monopolistic trend in the business.
* The standard termology used in it, may not be understood properly by the members companies.
[Any four points should be awarded full marks].
(f) As per Rule 5, the Compliance Report and the annexures thereto are required to be certified by a "Cost Accountant" as defined under rule 2(c).
The company is responsible for maintenance of Cost Accounting Records. Hence the responsibility of preparation of the annexures also lies on the company.
(g) As per Rule 2(p) of Companies (Cost Accounting Records) rules 2011, Turnover means gross turnover made by the company from the sale or supply of all products or services during the financial year. It includes any turnover from job work or loan license operations but does not include any non-operational income. The term turnover exclude taxes and duties.
(h) This situation occurs more frequently. A firm invents a new products and places it on the market. For quite some time the demand will remain low, as consumers are not yet aware of the product. The firm will enjoy a de facto monopoly under the protection of its patents. Then, as the product enters into common usage, demand develops rapidly and additional firm try to enter the market. They develop new production methods. Gradually prices and production techniques tend to stabilize. So at the end, the market evolves towards an ordinary competitive one. A firm which invents a new product must determine a strategy relation to prices and production which leads to a maximum effective income.
(i) In the present case, Marginal cost is given by:
$M C=\frac{d c}{d x}=\frac{d\left(300 x-10 x^{2}+\frac{1}{3} x^{3}\right)}{d x}=300-20 x+x^{2}$
For the Marginal cost to be minimum at $x$,

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\begin{aligned}
& \quad \frac{d M C}{d x}=0 \text { and } \frac{d^{2} M C}{d x^{2}}>0 \\
& \therefore \frac{d M C}{d x}=-20+2 x, \frac{d M C}{d x}=0, \text { gives, }-20+2 x=0 \\
& \therefore x=10 \\
& \frac{d^{2} M C}{d x^{2}}=2(+v e)[\text { this being always positive remains to be positive for } x=10 \text { ] }
\end{aligned}
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Hence, Output at which marginal cost is minimum : 10 units.

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## Section A

Answer any two questions (Carrying 20 Marks each) from this Section.
2. (a) State the problems associated with Throughput Accounting.
(b) The share of total production and the cost-based fair price computed separately for each of the four units in industry are as follows:

| Units |  |  | (Amount in ₹) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | A | B | C | D |
| Share of Production (\%) | 40 | 25 | 20 | 15 |
| Direct Material | 300 | 360 | 340 | 380 |
| Direct Labour | 200 | 240 | 280 | 320 |
| Depreciation | 600 | 400 | 320 | 200 |
| Other Overheads | 600 | 600 | 560 | 480 |
|  | 1,700 | 1,600 | 1,500 | 1,380 |
| 20\% Return on Capital Employed | 1,260 | 860 | 700 | 460 |
| FAIR PRICE | 2,960 | 2,460 | 2,200 | 1,840 |
| Capital Employed per unit |  |  |  |  |
| Net Fixed Assets (₹ per unit) | 6,000 | 4,000 | 3,200 | 2,000 |
| Working Capital (₹ per unit) | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 |
| Total Capital (₹ per unit) | 6,300 | 4,300 | 3,500 | 2,300 |

## Required:

What should be the uniform price fixed for the product of the industry?
(c) MAGATRON LTD. produces and sells four products A, B, C and D. Details of the four products and relevant information are given below for week ended March 29, 2014:

| Products | A | B | C | D |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Output (units) | 120 | 100 | 80 | 120 |
| Cost per unit (₹) |  |  |  |  |
| Direct Material | 40 | 50 | 30 | 60 |
| Direct Labour | 28 | 21 | 14 | 21 |
| Machine-hours (per unit) | 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 |

The four products are similar and are usually produced in production runs of $\mathbf{2 0}$ units and sold in batches of 10 units.

The production overheads during the period are as follows:

| Particulars | $₹$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Factory works expenses | 20,860 |
| Set up costs | 10,500 |
| Stores receiving | 7,200 |
| Inspection/Quality control | 4,200 |
| Material handling and dispatch | 9,240 |

The production overhead is currently absorbed by using a Machine-hour rate and the company wishes to introduce Activity Based Costing (ABC) system and has identified major cost pools for production overheads and their associated cost drivers.
Information in these activity cost pools and their drivers is given below:

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| Activity Cost Pools | Cost Drivers |
| :--- | :--- |
| Factory Works Expenses | Machine-hours |
| Set up costs | Number of production runs |
| Stores receiving | Requisition raised |
| Inspection/Quality Control | Number of production runs |
| Material handling \& dispatch | Number of orders executed |

The number of requisitions-raised on the stores was 20 for each product and number of orders executed was 42, each order being for a batch of 10 of a product.
Requirements:
(i) Total cost of each product assuming the absorption of overhead on Machine-hour basis.
(ii) Total cost of each product assuming the absorption of overhead by using Activity Based Costing.
(iii) Show the differences between (i) and (ii) and Comment. $\quad(3+6+2+1)=12$

## Answer:

2. (a) Problems with throughput accounting:
(i) When throughput accounting is the driving force behind all production, scheduling, a customer that has already placed an order for a product, which will result in a suboptimal profit level for the manufacturing, may find that its order is never filled.
(ii) The company's ability to create the highest level of profitability is now dependent on the production scheduling staff, who decides, what products are to be manufactured and in what order.
(iii) Another issue is that all costs are totally variable in the long-run since the management then, has the time to adjust them to long-range production volumes.
(b) COMPUTATION OF UNIFORM PRICE FOR THE PRODUCT

| Units share of production |  | Total cost | Return on capital <br> employed | Selling price |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $(1)$ | $(2)$ | $(3)$ | $(2+3)$ |
| A | 0.40 | $1700 \times 0.40=680$ | $1260 \times 0.40=504$ | 1184 |
| B | 0.25 | $1600 \times 0.25=400$ | $860 \times 0.25=215$ | 615 |
| C | 0.20 | $1500 \times 0.20=300$ | $700 \times 0.20=140$ | 440 |
| D | 0.15 | $1380 \times 0.15=207$ | $460 \times 0.15=69$ | 276 |
|  | $=1587$ | $=928$ | 2515 |  |

Uniform price: ₹1,587 + ₹928 = ₹2,515
Hence, Uniform price for the product $=₹ 2,515$

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(c)

MAGATRON LTD.
(i) Statements showing total cost of different products assuming absorption overhead on a Machine Hour Rate basis.
(Figure in ₹)

| Particulars | PRODUCT |  |  |  | TOTAL |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | A | B | C | D |  |
| Output (units) | 120 | 100 | 80 | 120 | 420 |
| Direct Material | 40 | 50 | 30 | 60 | 180 |
| Direct Labour | 28 | 21 | 14 | 21 | 84 |
| Overheads @ 40/- per M/G hr | 160 | 120 | 80 | 120 | 480 |
| Total cost per unit | 228 | 191 | 124 | 201 |  |
| Total cost | 27360 | 19100 | 9920 | 24120 | 80500 |

Overhead rate $=\frac{52,000}{1,300}=40$ per Machine hour
[Total Machine hours $=(120 \times 4+100 \times 3+80 \times 2+120 \times 3)=1,300]$
(ii)

| Total Overheads |  | Drivers | No. | Cost/Unit of Drivers |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Factory works expenses | $₹ 20,860$ | Machine hrs | 1,300 | $20,860 / 1,300$ | $=₹ 16.05$ |
| Set up costs | $₹ 10,500$ | Production runs | 21 | $10,500 / 21$ | $=₹ 500.00$ |
| Stores receiving | $₹ 7,200$ | Requisitions | 80 | $7,200 / 80$ | $=₹ 90.00$ |
| Inspection/Quality control | $₹ 4,200$ | Productions runs | 21 | $4,200 / 21$ | $=₹ 200.00$ |
| Material handling \& dispatch | $₹ 9,240$ | orders | 42 | $9,240 / 42$ | $=₹ 220.00$ |
|  | $₹ 52,000$ |  |  |  |  |

Statement showing total cost of each product assuming activity based costing:

| Particulars | Product |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | A | B | C | D |
| Output (units) | 120 | 100 | 80 | 120 |
| No. of production runs | 6 | 5 | 4 | 6 |
| No. of stores requisitions | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| No. of sales orders | 12 | 10 | 8 | 12 |
| Machine hours per unit | 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| Direct materials (₹) | 40.00 | 50.00 | 30.00 | 60.00 |
| Direct labour (₹) | 28.00 | 21.00 | 14.00 | 21.00 |
| Factory Works Expenses ( $\mathrm{F}^{\text {) }}$ | 64.18 | 48.14 | 32.09 | 48.14 |
| Set ups (₹) | 25.00 | 25.00 | 25.00 | 25.00 |
| Store receiving (₹) | 15.00 | 18.00 | 22.50 | 15.00 |
| Inspection/quality control (₹) | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| Handling/dispatch (₹) | 22.00 | 22.00 | 22.00 | 22.00 |
| Unit cost ( $₹$ ) | 204.18 | 194.14 | 155.59 | 201.14 |
| Total cost (₹) | 24,501.60 | 19,414.00 | 12,447.20 | 21,136.80 |

(iii) Statement showing differences (in ₹)

| Particulars | Products |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | A | B | C | D |
| Cost per Unit under MHR (i) | 228.00 | 191.00 | 124.00 | 201.00 |
| Cost per Unit under ABC (ii) | 204.18 | 194.14 | 155.59 | 201.14 |
| Difference | 23.82 | $(3.14)$ | $(31.59)$ | $(0.14)$ |
| Total cost- MHR (i) | $27,360.00$ | $19,100.00$ | $9,920.00$ | $24,120.00$ |
| Total cost- ABC (ii) | $24,501.60$ | $19,414.00$ | $12,447.20$ | $24,136.80$ |
| Difference | $2,858.40$ | $(314.00)$ | $(2,527.20)$ | $(16.80)$ |

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## Comments:

Comparison of the $A B C$ cost with the original traditionally calculated cost reveals that product-A was significantly overcosted by the traditional system relative to the $A B C$ system, whilst product Byproduct $C$ and product D were seriously undercosted. Product A consumes comparatively more of machine hours than other three products, This result is therefore to be expected. $A B C$ reflects reality in its allocation of production overhead costs to the product. The traditional approach allocated all production overhead costs to products as if the overheads were driven by unit level activities i.e. the number of direct labour hours worked.
In the light of above criteria, it may be commented that $A B C$ gives a better insight into the cost of producing the products than traditional cost.
3. (a) AKASH LTD. operates a system of Standard Costing. The company has normal monthly machine-hour capacity of 100 machines working 8 hours per day for 25 working days in the month of April 2014.
(i) The standard time required to manufacture one unit of products is 4 hours. The Budgeted fixed overhead was ₹ $1,50,000$.
(ii) In the month of April 2014, the company actually worked for $\mathbf{2 4}$ days for average $\mathbf{7 5 0}$ machine-hours per day.
(iii) The Actual production was 4,500 units, and the actual fixed overhead was ₹ $1,60,000$.

You are required to compute:
(A) Fixed overhead efficiency variance
(B) Fixed overhead capacity variance
(C) Fixed overhead calender variance
(D) Fixed overhead expenditure variance
(E) Fixed overhead volume variance
(F) Fixed overhead cost variance

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1+2 \times 4+1=10
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(b) KOOTCHAR LTD. currently at $80 \%$ capacity has the following particulars:

|  | Particulars |
| :--- | ---: |
| Sales | $₹$ |
| Direct Materials | $48,00,000$ |
| Direct Labour | $15,00,000$ |
| Variable Overheads | $6,00,000$ |
| Fixed Overheads | $3,00,000$ |

An export order has been received that would utilize half ( $50 \%$ ) the capacity of the factory. The order cannot be split i.e. it both to be taken in full and executed at $10 \%$ below the normal domestic price or reject totally.
The alternatives available to the Management of the company are:
(i) Reject the order and continue with domestic sales only (as at present level of sales). Or,
(ii) Accept the order, split the capacity (100\%) between overseas and domestic sales and turn away excess domestic demand.

Or,
(iii) Increase capacity so as to accept the export order and maintain the present domestic sales by -
A. Buying an equipment that will increase capacity by $10 \%$. This will result in an increase of ₹ $1,50,000$ in fixed costs; and
B. Work overtime to meet balance of required capacity. In that case labour will be paid at one and a half ( $11 / 2$ ) times the normal wage rate.
You are required to prepare a comparative statement of profitability and suggest the
best alternative.
$6+2+2=10$

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## Answer:

3. (a)

Working Notes:
AKASH LTD.

|  |  | Budget | (Actual) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (i) | Fixed overhead for the month of Apr' 14 | ₹1,50,000 | ₹1,60,000 |
| (ii) | Working days for the month of Apr' 14 | 25 | 24 |
| (iii) | Working hours per month (April' 14) | 20,000 hrs | 18,000 hrs |
|  |  | $(100 \times 8 \times 25$ | (750 $\times 24$ days) |
| (iv) | Production units per month | days) | 4,500 |
|  |  | 5,000 |  |
| (v) | Standard hours for actual production during the month: |  |  |
|  | Actual production unit $\times$ standard hours per unit 4,500 $\times 4=18,000$ hours |  |  |
| (vi) | Standard fixed overhead rate per unit $=₹ 30.00$ |  |  |
| (vii) | Standard fixed overhead rate per hour $=₹ 7.50$ |  |  |
| (viii) | Standard fixed overhead rate per day = |  |  |

## Computation of fixed overhead cost variances:

(A) Fixed Overhead Efficiency Variance:
= Standard fixed overhead rate per hour $\times$ (Standard hours for actual production actual hours)
= ₹7.50 (18,000-18,000)
$=\mathrm{Nil}$
(B) Fixed Overhead Capacity Variance:
= Standards fixed overhead rate per hour x (Actual hours- Budgeted hours)
$=7.50\{18,000-$ ( 24 days $\times 100 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{c} \times 8$ hrs)
$=7.50(18,000-19,200)$
$=7.50 \times-1,200$
= ₹9,000 (Adverse)
(C) Fixed Overhead Calendar Variance:
$=$ Standard Fixed overhead rate per day $\times(24-25)$
$=₹ 6,000 \times(24-25)$
$=₹ 6,000$ (Adverse)
(D) Fixed Overhead Expenditure Variance:
= Budgeted fixed overhead - Actual fixed overhead
= ₹ $1,50,000$ - ₹ $1,60,000$
= ₹ 10,000 (Adverse)
(E) Fixed Overhead Volume Variance:
= Standard fixed overhead rate per unit $\times$ (Actual output - Budgeted output)
= ₹ 30 (4,500-5,000)
= ₹ 15,000 (Adverse)

## (F) Fixed Overhead Cost Variance:

= Fixed overhead recovered on actual output - Actual fixed overhead
$=(4,500 \times ₹ 30)-₹ 1,60,000$
= ₹ $1,35,000-₹ 1,60,000$

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= ₹ 25,000 (Adverse)

## Verification: -

(1) Fixed overhead cost variance = Expenses variance + volume variance ₹25,000 (Adverse) = ₹ 10,000 (Adverse) $+₹ 15,000$ (Adverse)
(2) Fixed overhead volume variance $=$ Efficiency variance + Capacity Variance + Calendar variance ₹ 15,000 (Adverse)
$=$ Nil $+₹ 9,000$ (Adverse) $+₹ 6,000$ (Adverse)

## (b) KOOTCHAR LTD

Statement of comparative profitability

| Alternatives:- | Current operations $80 \%$ domestic sales (1)80\% | 50\% capacity for domestic sales \& $50 \%$ capacity for export sales (2) 100\% | 80\% capacity for domestic sales and 50\% capacity for export sales (3) $130 \%$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sales domestic [W.N.-1 (a)] | 48,00,000 | 30,00,000 | 48,00,000 |
| Sales Export (W.N.1 (b)] |  | 27,00,000 | 27,00,000 |
| Total Sales (A) | 48,00,000 | 57,00,000 | 75,00,000 |
| Direct Materials (W.N.2) | 15,00,000 | 1875000 | 2437500 |
| Direct Labour (W.N. 3) | 6,00,000 | 750000 | 1050000 |
| Variable overhead (W.N.4) | 3,00,000 | 375000 | 487500 |
| Total variable cost (B) | 24,00,000 | 3000000 | 3975000 |
| Contribution: (A-B) | 2400000 | 2700000 | 3525000 |
| Less: Fixed overheads | 1900000 | 1900000 | 2050000 |
| Profit | 500000 | 800000 | 1475000 |

Suggestion: It reveals from the comparative analysis that altemative-3 i.e. $80 \%$ capacity for domestic sales \& $50 \%$ capacity for Export Sales is the best as it would give highest profits ( 14.75 lakhs)

## Working Notes:

1. (a) Sales revenue at $100 \%$ capacity $=\frac{48,00,000}{0.8}$

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=₹ 60,00,000
$$

Sales revenue at $50 \%$ capacity $=₹ 60,00,000 \times 0.5$
$=₹ 30,00,000$
(b) Sales revenue at $50 \%$ capacity for export sales:
$30,00,000 \times(1-0.10)=₹ 27,00,000$
2. Direct Materials of $100 \%$ capacity:

15,00,000/0.80 = ₹ $18,75,000$
At $130 \%$ capacity $=₹ 1,87,500 \times 1.30=₹ 24,37,500$
3. Direct labour at $100 \%$ capacity:

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\begin{array}{ll}
\text { 6,00,000/0.80 } & =7,50,000 \\
\text { At 110\% of capacity }=7,50,000 \times 1.10 & =₹ 8,25,000 \\
\text { Balance } 20 \% \text { of capacity }= & \\
\qquad(6,00,000 / 0.80) \times 0.20 \times 1.50 & =₹ 2,25,000 \\
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\end{array}
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## At $130 \%$ of Capacity

₹10,50,000
4. Variable overhead at $100 \%$ capacity
$=3,00,000 / 0.80=\quad ₹ 3,75,000$
At $130 \%$ of capacity $=3,75,000 \times 1.30=₹ 4,87,500$
Fixed overhead ₹19,00,000 + 1,50,000 = ₹20,50,000
At $130 \%$ of capacity
4. (a) Division- AY of STATUSLINE Ltd. is a profit centre which produces four products $M, N, O$ and P, Each product is sold in the external market also. Data for the products are:

| Particulars | M | N |  | P |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Market price per unit (₹) | 300 | 292 | 280 | 260 |
| Variable production cost per unit (₹) | 260 | 200 | 180 | 170 |
| Labour hours required per unit (hrs.) | 3 | 4 | 2 | 3 |

Product P can be transferred to Division- BZ , but the maximum quantity that may be required for transfer is 2,500 units of $P$.
The maximum sales in the external market are:
M-2800 Units; N-2500 Units; O-2300 Units; and P-1600 Units. Division-BZ can purchase the same product at a price of ₹ 250 per unit from outside instead of receiving transfer of product $P$ from division-AY.
Required:
What should be the transfer price for each unit for 2,500 units of P , if the total labour hours available in Division-AY are 20,000 hours?
(b) ANSTIM TRANSPORT LTD., a transport company has been given a twenty Kilometer long rout to ply a bus. The bus costs the company ₹ 10 lakh. It has been insured at $3 \%$ per annum. The annual road tax amounts to ₹ 20,000 . Garage rent is ₹ 4,000 per month. Annual repair is estimated to cost ₹ 23,600 and the bus is likely to last for five years.
The salary of the Driver and the Conductor is ₹ 6,000 and $₹ 2,000$ per month respectively in addition to $10 \%$ of the takings as commission to be shared equally by them. The Manager Salary is ₹ 14,000 per month and stationery will cost $₹ 1,000$ per month. Petrol and Oil will cost ₹ 500 per 1000 kilometers. The bus will make three round trips per day carrying on average 40 passengers in each trip.
Assuming $15 \%$ profit on takings and that the bus will ply on an average 25 days in a month.
Required:
Prepare Operating Cost statement on a full year basis and also calculate the bus fare to be charged from each passenger per kilometer. 6+2=8
(c) Briefly distinguish between the two Cost Control Techinques "Budgetary Control" and "Standard Costing".

## Answer:

4. (a)

STATUSLINE LTD.
Calculation of product wise contribution per labour hour (key factor)

| Particulars | $\mathbf{M}$ | $\mathbf{N}$ | O | $\mathbf{P}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\boldsymbol{F}$ | $₹$ | $₹$ | $₹$ |
| Market price | 300 | 292 | 280 | 260 |
| Less: Variable cost | 260 | 200 | 180 | 170 |

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| Contribution per unit | 40 | 92 | 100 | 90 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Labour hours required per unit | 3 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| Contribution per labour hour (₹) | 13.3333 | 23 | 50 | 30 |
| Ranking | IV | 1 III | I | 1 II |
| Maximum demand (units) | 2,800 | 2,500 | 2,300 | 1,600 |
| Total No. of hours required | 8400 | 10000 | 4,600 | 4,800 |
| Allocation of 20000 hours on the basis of <br> ranking | $* 600$ | 10,000 | 4,600 | 4,800 |

## *(Balancing figure)

Time required meeting the demand of 2500 units of product $P$ for division $B Z$ is 7500 hours. This requirement of time viz. 7500 hours for providing 2500 units of product $P$ for division BZ can be met by sacrificing 600 hours of product $M$ ( 200 units) and 6900 hours of product $N$ (1725 units)

Computation of Transfer price of product P : 2500 units
Variable cost @ 170 per unit
₹4,25,000
Add: Opportunity cost (contribution lost)
Product M-600 hours @ $13.3333=8,000$
Product N-6,900 hours @ $23=\underline{1,58,700}$
₹1,66,700
Total amount to be recovered (Total transfer price)
₹5,91,700
Hence, transfer price per unit of product $P=5,91,700 / 2,500=₹ 236.68$ per unit

## Answer. 4 (b)



## Calculation of bus fare to be charged:

A. Effective $\mathrm{km}(20 \mathrm{~km} \times 2 \times 3 \times 25 \times 12)=36,000 \mathrm{~km}$
B. Effective Passenger kilometers $(36,000 \mathrm{~km} \times 40)=14,40,000$ passenger km
C. Total Takings $=₹ 8,20,800$

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D. Rate to be charged per kilometer from each passenger ( $₹ 8,20,800 / 14,40,000)=0.57$

## Working note: Calculation of distance covered

$=20 \mathrm{~km} \times 2 \times 3 \times 25 \times 12=36,000 \mathrm{~km}$ per annum

## Calculation for Commission and Profit:

Let total taking be $x$.
Commission $10 \%=x / 10$, Profit is $15 \%$ of taking
Profit $=15 x / 100=3 x / 20$
Total Cost without Commission $=₹ 6,15,600$
$X=6,15,600+x / 10+3 x / 20$
Therefore, $x=₹ 8,20,800$
Commission = ₹82,080
Profit $=₹ 1,23,120$
(c) Both budgetary control and standard costing are cost control techniques making use of predetermined standards/targets to measure actual performance and to find out deviations. But they are some important differences between the two techniques, some of these are indicated below:

| Budgetary control | Standard costing system |
| :--- | :--- |
| A management technique in planning and <br> control | An engineering exercise and based on <br> engineering data |
| A financial measure of target and <br> achievement | A costing techniques |
| For each department or section, <br> analysis is made | For each product |
| Total idea for department/organization | Unit idea |
| Shows only expected costs and actual | Shows how cost should behave |
| Emphasizes cost levels that are not to be <br> exceeded | Shows level to which cost should be reduced |
| For organization as a whole | For manufacturing activities |
| Can operate without standard costing system | Standards are needed |
| Emphasis is more on excesses over budget | Any variance- adverse or favorable is <br> investigated |
| Helps in cost controls | Aids in cost reduction |

[Any four points should be awarded full marks.]

## Section B

Answer any one question (Carrying 16 Marks) from this Section.
5. (a) The following figures are extracted from the Accounts of FUSTON LTD., a single product manufacturing company:

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| Raw materials consumed | 798 | 682 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Direct wages | 25 | 19 |
| Power and fuel | 21 | 17 |
| Stores and spares | $\mathbf{4}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ |
| Depreciation charged to production cost centres | 11 | 9 |
| Factory overheads: |  |  |
| Salaries and wages | $\mathbf{4}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ |
| Depreciation | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ |
| Rates and Taxes | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ |
| Other overheads | $\mathbf{4}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ |
| Administrative overheads: | $\mathbf{7}$ |  |
| Salaries and wages | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ |
| Rates and Taxes | $\mathbf{1 1 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 4}$ |
| Other overheads |  |  |
| Selling and Distribution overheads: | $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{4}$ |
| Salaries and wages | $\mathbf{4}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ |
| Packing and Forwarding | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ |
| Depreciation | $\mathbf{8 7}$ | $\mathbf{7 5}$ |
| Other overheads | $\mathbf{6 0}$ | $\mathbf{4 7}$ |
| Interest | $\mathbf{8}$ | $\mathbf{6}$ |
| Bonus and Gratuity |  |  |

You are required to compute the following ratios as stipulated in PAR-9 of the Annexure to Cost Audit Report under the Companies (Cost Audit Report) Rules 2011 for the year ended March 31,2014 and 2013.
(i) Profit Before Tax (PBT) to Value Added.
(ii) Value Added to Net Sales.
(iii) Profit Before Tax (PBT) to Net Sales.
(b) FUTURA LTD. a Manufacturing Company is exporting $80 \%$ of its Sales and $20 \%$ is domestic sales. Can this company be exempted from the mandatory Cost Audit?

## Answer:

5. (a)

FUSTON LTD.

CALCULATION OF PEOFIT BEFORE TAX (PBT)

| Year ended March, 31: | $\mathbf{2 0 1 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 3}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
|  | (Amount in ₹ Million) |  |
| Gross Sales inclusive of Excise Duty | 1,428 | 1,312 |
| Less: Excise Duty | 206 | 185 |
| Net Sales | 1,222 | 1,127 |
|  | (A) |  |
| Cost of Sales: | 798 |  |
| Raw material consumed | 25 | 682 |
| Direct Wages | 21 | 19 |
| Power and Fuel | 217 |  |

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| Stores \& Spares | 4 | 2 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Depreciation charged to production centers | 11 | 9 |
|  |  | 11 |
| Factory overheads (including depreciation ): | 123 | 8 |
| Administration overheads: | 97 | 110 |
| Selling and Distribution overheads | 60 | 47 |
| (including depreciation) | 8 | 6 |
| Interest |  |  |
| Bonus and Gratuity | (B) | 1,158 |
| Total |  | 983 |
|  |  | 64 |

Calculation of Value Added:

| Year ended March, 31: | 2014 | 2013 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (Amount in ₹ Million) |  |
| Net Sales (A) | 1,222 | 1,127 |
| Less: Cost of Brought out of Inputs: |  |  |
| Direct materials consumed | 798 | 682 |
| Stores \& spares | 4 | 2 |
| Power and fuel | 21 | 17 |
| Overheads (exclusive salaries, wages, rates \& taxes | 210 | 185 |
| and depreciation, Interest, Bonus, Gratuity) |  |  |
| Total cost of Brought out of inputs (B) | 1,033 | 886 |
| Value Added (A-B) | 189 | 241 |

Note: "Value Addition" is defined in Para- 8 of the companies (cost audit report) Rules 2011 as the difference between Net output value (Net sales) and cost of boughout material and services for the product under reference"

| Year ended March, 31: |  | 2014 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
|  | (Amount in ₹ Million) |  |
| i) Profit before tax (PBT) to value added as (\%) | $(64 / 189) \times 100$ | $(144 / 241) \times 100$ |
| ii) Value added to net Sales as (\%) | $33.86 \%$ | $59.75 \%$ |
| iii) Profit before tax (PBT) to net sales as (\%) | $(189 / 1,222) \times 100$ | $(241 / 1,127) \times 100$ |
|  | $15.47 \%$ | $21.38 \%$ |

(b) The exemption from mandatory cost audit is available only to those $100 \%$ EOUs who are registered under the policy document as per the Foreign Trade Policy and which are functioning within the permissible approved limit as per the said Policy. The DTA (Domestic Tariff Area) sales should not exceed the permissible limits as per the policy in force.

If the percentage of domestic sales is within the DTA limit, the company will be exempted from mandatory cost audit. It may be noted that if DTA sales for any year exceeds the permissible limits, then the exemption from cost audit available to the unit shall be withdrawn and the unit will be subjected to cost audit in accordance with the provisions of applicable rules/orders starting with the year in which exemption stood withdrawn and for every subsequent year thereafter.

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6. (a) Whether a Cost Auditor can be appointed as internal auditor of the company. Whether there is any restriction on the Cost Auditor to accept assignments from a company where he is the Cost Auditor. $(3+1)=4$
(b) Whether Separate Form 23C is required to be filed by a Company having two or more different types of products covered under Cost Audit?
(c) The following Figures are extracted from the Financial Accounts of VIKAS TEXTILES LTD. manufacturing a standard product for the year ended March 31, 2014.

| Particulars | $₹$ | F |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sales (24,000 units) |  | 24,00,000 |
| Material Consumed |  | 10,96,000 |
| Wages |  | 6,04,000 |
| Factory Overheads |  | 3,32,000 |
| Administrative Overheads |  | 1,52,960 |
| Selling \& Distribution Overheads |  | 1,80,000 |
| Preliminary Expenses |  | 14,000 |
| Interest on Loan |  | 10,000 |
| Stock of Finished Goods (800 units) |  | 64,000 |
| Work- in- Progress as on 31.03.2014 |  |  |
| Materials | 33,600 |  |
| Wages | 14,400 |  |
| Factory overheads | 8,000 | 56,000 |
| Dividend received |  | 7,200 |

In the Cost Accounts, Factory overheads have been charged to the production at $20 \%$ on Prime Cost; Administrative Overhead at ₹6 per unit on total units produced.
Selling and distribution overheads at ₹8 per unit on total units sold.

## Required:

(i) Prepare Costing and Financial Profit and Loss Accounts for the year ended March 31, 2014 and
(ii) Reconcile the differences in the Profit in the two sets of accounts. $3+4+3=10$

## Answer:

6. (a) A cost Auditor cannot render any services to the company whether acting individually or through the same firm or through other groups firms where he or any partner has any common interest, relating to:
(i) Design and implementation of cost accounting system; or
(ii) The maintenance of cost accounting records, or
(iii)Act as internal auditor,

However, a cost auditor can certify the compliance report or provide any other services as may be assigned by the company, excluding the services mentioned above.
(b) The company would be required to file individual form 23C for each product under reference even if the same auditor is appointed for all the products.

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## (c)

VIKAS TEXTILE LTD.
Costing Profit \& Loss Account for the Year Ended March 31,2014

| Particulars | Amount(₹) | Particulars | Amount(₹) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| To Materials consumed Wages Prime cost: <br> To factory overheads (at 20\% of prime cost <br> Gross works cost: | 10,96,000 | By Sales | $24,00,000$ |
|  | 6,04,000 |  |  |
|  | 17,00000 |  |  |
|  | 3,40,000 |  |  |
|  | 20,40,000 |  |  |
| $\begin{array}{lr}\text { Less: Closing stock of WIP } & \\ \text { Materials } & 33,600 \\ \text { Wages } & 14,400 \\ \text { Factory Overhead } & 9600 \\ \text { (20\% of 48,000) } & \\ \text { Works cost } \\ \text { To Administrative overhead }\end{array}$ |  |  |  |
|  | $(57,600)$ |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | 19,82,400 |  |  |
| To Administrative overhead (24000+800) units $\times 6$ Cost of production | 1,48,800 |  |  |
|  | 21,31,200 |  |  |
| Less: Closing stock of finished goods (2131200/24800)× 800 Cost of Goods Sold | $(68,748)$ |  |  |
|  | 20,62,452 |  |  |
| To: Selling \& distribution overheads(24000x8) Cost of Sales | 1,92,000 |  |  |
|  | 22,54,452 |  |  |
| To Balance C/d (profit) | 1,45,548 |  |  |
|  | 24,00,000 |  | 24,00,000 |

Financial Profit \& Loss Account For The Year Ended March31, 2014

| Particulars | Amount <br> $₹$ | Particulars | Amount <br> $₹$ |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: |
| To Materials consumed | $10,96,000$ | By Sales (24,000 units) | $24,00,000$ |
| To Wages | $6,04,000$ | By Stock of finished goods | 64,000 |
| To Factory overheads | $3,32,000$ | (800 units) |  |
| To Administrative overheads | $1,52,960$ | Work in progress |  |
| To Selling \& distribution | $1,80,000$ | Materials 33,600 |  |
| Overheads |  | Wages 14,400 |  |
| To Preliminary expenses | 14,000 | Factory expenses 8,000 |  |
| To Interest on loan | 10,000 |  | 56,000 |
| To Balance c/d (net profit) | $1,38,240$ | By Dividend received | 7,200 |
|  | $25,27,200$ |  | $25,27,200$ |

Statement of Reconciliation As On March 31, 2014

| Particulars | Amount <br> $(₹)$ | Amount <br> $(₹)$ |
| :--- | ---: | :--- |
| Profit as per cost accounts <br> Add: Dividends received - excluded from cost A/cs <br> Add: Over-absorption of factory overheads in cost accounts <br> $[3,40,000-3,32,000]$ | 7,200 |  |

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| Add: Over-absorption of selling \& distribution overheads in <br> cost accounts [1,92,000-1,80,000] | $\underline{12,000}$ | 27,200 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Less: Preliminary expenses excluded from cost accounts <br> Less: Interest on loan-not included in cost accounts <br> Less: Under-absorption of Administrative overheads in cost | 14,000 |  |
| accounts [1,52,960-1,48,800] <br> Less: Over-valuation of closing stock of finished goods in cost | 4,160 |  |
| accounts [68,748-64,000] <br> Less: Over-valuation of closing stock of W.I.P. in cost accounts <br> [57,600 - 56,000] | 4,748 |  |
| Profit as per Financial Accounts |  | $(34,508)$ |

## Section C <br> Answer any two questions (Carrying 12 Marks each) from this Section.

7.(a) State the exception of Law of Demand.
(b) RIDHAM LTD. produces consumer goods. The cost function of the company is $C=\frac{1}{3} x^{3}+5 x^{2}+28 x+10$,
Where $C$ is the total cost and $x$ is the output. $A$ tax at the rate of $₹ 2$ per unit of imposed and the company adds it to the cost. If the demand function is given by $\mathrm{P}=2530-5 \mathrm{x}$. Where ₹P is the price per unit of output, find the profit maximizing output and the price at this level.
(c) ANUSA TRAVEL Ltd. a tour operator company charges ₹136 per passenger for 100 passengers with a discount of ₹4 for each 10 (Ten) passengers in excess of 100. Determine the number of passengers that will maximize the amount of money the Anusa Travel Ltd. receives.

## Answer:

7.(a) The following are the exceptions to the Law of Demand
(i) Giffen Paradox: According to Giffen, even though the price, for necessary goods rise, the demand for them will not decrease. These goods are called "Giffen Goods".
(ii) Prestigious goods: The law of demand will not operate in case of prestige goods like diamonds, cars etc., The demand for these does not decrease with the rise in the price, as these goods are attached with prestige.
(iii) Speculative Business: The law of demand does not operate in case of the speculative business. If people think that the prices of goods increase in the future, now they will buy more units of that commodity. This is against the law of demand.
(iv) Trade Cycles: The law of demand does not operate in periods of trade cycles. During the prosperity period, people may buy more goods at higher prices. In periods of depression, people buy fewer goods even though the prices are less.
(v) Ignorance of the Consumers: The law of demand is not applicable in case of the ignorant consumers. By ignorance, people think that high priced goods are qualitative goods. Therefore the consumers would buy the goods even at high price.

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(b)

## RIDHAM LTD.

Here the cost function $C=\frac{1}{3} x^{3}+5 x^{2}+28 x+10$.
Taking into account the tax aspect, total cost function becomes:
$C=\frac{1}{3} x^{3}-5 x^{2}+30 x+10, x$ being the output.
Total revenue $R$, due to sale of $x$ units is given by:
$R=p x=(2,530-5 x) x=2530 x-5 x^{2}$
If $P$ be the profit, then

$$
P=R-C:
$$

$$
=2,530 x-5 x^{2}-\left[\left(\frac{1}{3} x^{3}-5 x^{2}+30 x+10\right)\right]
$$

$$
P=2,500 x-\frac{1}{3} x^{3}-10
$$

Or, $\frac{d(P)}{d x}=\frac{d}{d x}\left(2,500 x-\frac{1}{3} x^{3}-10\right)=2,500-x^{2}$
If profit is maximum $\frac{d P}{d x}=0$ and $\frac{d^{2} p}{d x^{2}}=-v e$
Now, $\frac{d p}{d x}=0$ gives, $2,500-x^{2}=0$ or, $x^{2}=2,500$ i.e. $x= \pm 50[(-) 50$ is to be ignored]
$\frac{d^{2} p}{d x^{2}}=-2 x \rightarrow$ Which remains negative for $x=50$
Hence, Profit is maximum when the output is 50 units.
Required price is given by

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \quad|P|_{x=50}=|2530-5 x|_{x=50} \\
& =2530-5 \times 50 \\
& =2530-250 \\
& =₹ 2280
\end{aligned}
$$

(c)

ANUSA LTD
If $x$ be the required number of passengers, the revenue from each passenger is
$136-\frac{4}{10}(x-100)$ for $x \geq 100$
if $R$ be the totalRevenue, then

$$
\begin{aligned}
R=r x & =x\left\{136-\frac{4}{10}(x-100)\right\}=136 x-\frac{2}{5} x^{2}+40 x \\
& =176 x-\frac{2}{5} x^{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

For $R$ to be maximum, $\frac{d R}{d x}=0$, and $\frac{d^{2} R}{d x^{2}}=-v e$

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$\frac{d R}{d x}=0$, gives $\frac{d}{d x}\left(176 x-\frac{2}{5} x^{2}\right)=0$
or, $176-\frac{4}{5} x=0, \quad x=\frac{5 \times 176}{4}=220$
$\frac{d^{2} R}{d x^{2}}=-\frac{4}{5}=-$ ve for $x=220$
Thus $R$ is maximum for $x=220$
Hence Required number of passenger is 220.
8.(a) Demand functions for two Commodities
$x_{1}=\frac{4}{P_{1}{ }^{2} P_{2}}$ and $x_{2}=\frac{16}{P_{1} P_{2}^{2}}$
Where $x_{1}$ and $x_{2}$ are quantities of demand for two commodities respectively, $P_{1}$ and $P_{2}$ being their units' prices.
Examine whether the commodities are complementary or competitive.
4
(b) BATRON LTD. a monopolist aims at profit maximization. The fixed cost of the firm is ₹200 and the average variable cost of the firm is constant at ₹30 per unit. Batron Ltd. sells goods in Punjab \& Haryana and estimated demand function for the goods in Punjab \& Haryana are as under:
$P_{P}=40-2.5 Q_{P}$
$P_{H}=120-10 Q_{H}$
If the price discrimination is practicised by Batron Ltd., what will be the profit maximizing output?
(c) What are the assumptions of COURNOT'S SOLUTION to Duopoly pricing? 4

## Answer:

8. (a) Demand functions for two Commodities are

$$
\begin{aligned}
& x_{1}=\frac{4}{P_{1}^{2} P_{2}} \\
& \text { Or, } x_{1}=4\left(p_{1}^{-2} \cdot p_{2}^{-1}\right) \\
& \left.\frac{\partial x_{1}}{\partial p_{2}}=4 p_{1}^{-2}-\sqrt[l]{ } p_{2}\right)^{-2}=\frac{-4}{P_{1}^{2} \cdot P_{2}^{2}} \\
& x_{2}=\frac{16}{P_{1} P_{2}^{2}} \\
& \text { Or } x_{2}=16\left(p_{1}^{-1} \cdot p_{2}^{-2}\right) \\
& \frac{\partial x_{2}}{\partial p_{1}}=16 p^{-2} \cdot\left(-1 p_{1}^{-2}\right)=\frac{-16}{P_{1}^{2} \cdot P_{2}^{2}}
\end{aligned}
$$

Hence,
$=-\frac{16}{P_{1}{ }^{2} P_{2}{ }^{2}}<0$
Since $\frac{\delta \mathrm{x}_{1}}{\delta \mathrm{P}_{2}}$ and $\frac{\delta \mathrm{x}_{2}}{\delta \mathrm{P}_{1}}$ are $<0$, a decrease in either price corresponds to an increase in both the demands.
Hence the Commodities are complementary.

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(b) When price discrimination is practiced profit maximizing condition is

$$
\begin{array}{lll}
M R_{P}= & M C \quad \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots . . & \text { (1) for Punjab } \\
M R_{H}= & M C \quad \ldots \ldots \ldots . . & \text { (2) for Haryana } \\
\text { Now, } & P_{P}=40-2.5 Q_{P} & \\
& T R_{P}=40 Q_{P}-2.5 Q^{2} P \quad M R_{P}=\frac{d}{d Q_{P}}\left(40 Q_{P}-2.5 Q^{2}\right) \\
& M R_{P}=40-5 Q_{P} \\
\text { And } \quad & P_{H}=120-10 Q_{H} \\
& T R_{H}=120 Q_{H}-10 Q^{2} H \\
& M R_{H}=120-20 Q_{H} & M R_{H}=\frac{d}{d Q_{H}}\left(120 Q_{H}-10 Q^{2} H\right)
\end{array}
$$

Since average variable cost is constant at ₹30 per unit, then

$$
M C=30
$$

$$
40-5 Q_{P}=30
$$

$Q_{P}=2$ units \& $120-20 Q_{H}=30$
i. e. $Q_{H}=\frac{90}{20}=4.5$ units.

Thus profit maximizing output in Punjab will be 2 units and Haryana will be 4.5 units.
Thus profit maximizing output for the monopolist:
$2+4.5=6.5$ units.
(c) A. A. Cournot, a French economist was found solution to duopoly pricing in 1838.

His model is based on the following assumptions:
(i) Total output must be sold out.
(ii) Two sellers produce and sell a homogenous product.
(iii) The number of buyer is large.
(iv) Each seller knows the demand curve for his product.
(v) The cost of production is assume to be zero.
(vi) Each supplier takes the supply of his rival to be constant.
(vii) Each accepts the market demand for his product.
(viii) Each seller aims at maximum revenue.
9.(a) BURNET LTD. sells output in a perfectly Competitive Market. The average variable cost function of Burnet Ltd. is :
$A V C=300-40 Q+2 Q^{2}$
Burnet Ltd. has an obligation to pay ₹500 irrespective of the output produced. What is the price below which Burnet Ltd. has to shut down its operation in the short run?
(b) Discuss briefly the degree of price discrimination as distinguished by famous Economist Prof. Pigou.
(c) The demand and supply function under perfect competition are $y=50-x^{2}$ and $y=2\left(x^{2}+1\right)$ respectively. Find the price under Market Equilibrium and producer's Surplus.

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## Answer:

9. (a)

## BURNET LTD

Burnet Ltd. has to shut down its operation, if the price is less than average variable cost. Under perfect competition, Equilibrium
$P=M R$
i.e. Price is equal to marginal revenue. The firm will continue its operation under the short run so long as price is atleast equal to average variable cost. Therefore, the equilibrium price which the firm will shut down is the minimum AVC i.e. average variable cost.
$A V C=300-40 Q+2 Q^{2}$
$A V C$ is minimum where $d \frac{(A V C)}{d Q}=0$
i.e. $d \frac{(A \vee C)}{d Q}=-40+4 Q=0$
i.e. $Q=10$ units.

When the company is producing 10 units

$$
\begin{aligned}
A V C & =300-40 Q+2 Q^{2} \\
& =300-40(10)+2(10)^{2} \\
& =300-400+200=100
\end{aligned}
$$

If the price falls before ₹ 100 the company has to shut down its operation under short run.
(b) Prof. A. C. Pigou has distinguished the degree of price discrimination into 3 on the basis of the degree or extent or price discrimination.

- Under the first type of price discrimination the monopolist will not allow any consumer surplus to the consumers. This type of price discrimination is called perfect price discrimination.
- Second degree of price discrimination occurs where the monopolist is able to get a part of consumer surplus but not entire consumer surplus.
- In this third degree of price discrimination the monopolist divides the customer into two or more classes or groups or market and are divided on the basis of elasticity of demand. This type of discrimination is the most common one.
(c) For Market equilibrium, Demand $=$ Supply at $\mathrm{x}=$ quantity

Thus, $50-x^{2}=2\left(x^{2}+1\right)$ or, $48=3 x^{2} \quad$ or $x^{2}=16 \quad$ or $x= \pm 4$
But $\mathrm{x}=-4$ as negative impossible, $\quad \therefore \mathrm{x}=4$ units.
So price under market equilibrium: $2\left(x^{2}+1\right)=2(16+1)=34=(50-16)$ at $x=4$ units.
4
Producer's Surplus: $4 \times 34-\int_{0}^{4}\left(2 x^{2}+2\right) d x=136-\left[\frac{2 x^{3}}{3}+2 x\right]_{0}$
$=136-\left(\frac{128}{3}+8\right)=128-\frac{128}{3}$
$=\frac{256}{3}=85 \frac{1}{3}$ units

