

Chapter 8 – Producer’s Equilibrium

Question 1

What is a Profit?

Ans: Profit refers to the excess of receipts from the sale of goods over the expenditure incurred on producing them.

Question 2

Define Producer’s Equilibrium.

Ans: Producer’s Equilibrium refers to that price and output combination which brings maximum profit to the producer and profit declines as more is produced.

Question 3

On the basis of the data given below, determine the level of output at which the producer will be in equilibrium. Use the marginal cost-marginal revenue approach.

| Output (Units) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|---------------------|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Average Revenue (₹) | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| Total Cost (₹) | 8 | 15 | 22 | 28 | 33 | 40 | 48 |

Solution:

| Output (Q) (in units) | AR (₹) | TC (₹) | MC (₹) $MC_n = TC_n - TC_{n-1}$ | MR (₹) $MR_n = TR_n - TR_{n-1}$ |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 7 |
| 2 | 7 | 15 | 7 | 7 |
| 3 | 7 | 22 | 7 | 7 |
| 4 | 7 | 28 | 6 | 7 |
| 5 | 7 | 33 | 5 | 7 |
| 6 | 7 | 40 | 7 | 7 |
| 7 | 7 | 48 | 8 | 7 |

Question 4

What are the 2 methods for determination of Producer's Equilibrium?

Ans: The 2 methods for determination of producer's equilibrium are,

- Total Revenue and Total Cost Approach (TR – TC Approach)
- Marginal Revenue and Marginal Cost Approach (MR – MC Approach)

Question 5

What are the conditions needed for the Producer's Equilibrium?

Ans: The conditions needed for the producer's equilibrium are,

- $MC=MR$
- MC is greater than MR after the $MC = MR$ output level