

SET-1

Fill in the Blanks

Answer appropriate word/term and fill in the blank:

- In the case of _____ period production function, factor ratio tends to change with change in the level of output. (short/long)
- Average Product = _____ $\left(\frac{TP}{L} / \frac{MP}{L}\right)$
- _____ can never be zero. (MP/AP)
- Diminishing MP implies _____ returns to a factor. (negative/diminishing)
- Relationship between physical inputs and physical output is called _____. (production function/technical function)
- In case of long period production function, output is increased by increasing the application of _____. (variable factor only/all factors)
- _____ MP implies that TP stops increasing. (Zero/Diminishing)
- Marginal product curve is _____ in nature. (U-shaped/inverse U-shaped)
- When MP is _____ AP, AP is at its highest point. (equal to/less than)
- When total product begins to fall, marginal product turns _____. (positive/negative)

SET-2

Multiple Choice

Choose the correct option:

- Labour is an example of:**
 - (a) a fixed factor
 - (b) a variable factor
 - (c) both (a) and (b)
 - (d) none of these
- Production is a process of:**
 - (a) consumption
 - (b) income generation
 - (c) value addition
 - (d) value deduction
- Physical product refers to production as measured in terms of:**
 - (a) physical units
 - (b) monetary units
 - (c) utility
 - (d) value
- Total Product =**
 - (a) Sum total of output of each unit of the variable factor
 - (b) Sum total of marginal product corresponding to each unit of the variable factor
 - (c) Per unit output of the variable factor
 - (d) Both (a) and (b)
- Marginal product is calculated as _____.**
 - (a) $MP = \frac{\Delta TP}{\Delta AP}$
 - (b) $MP = TP_{n+1} - TP_{n-2}$
 - (c) $MP = TP_n - TP_{n-1}$
 - (d) $MP = \frac{\Delta AP}{\Delta L}$

6. **When MP is zero:**
 (a) there is no addition to total product (b) total product is maximum
 (c) average product is zero (d) both (a) and (b)
7. **When average product is at its maximum:**
 (a) average product > marginal product (b) average product < marginal product
 (c) average product = marginal product (d) marginal product is also at its maximum
8. **Average product curve is:**
 (a) a positive straight line (b) a negative straight line
 (c) a U-shaped curve (d) an inverse U-shaped curve
9. **Diminishing MP implies:**
 (a) TP is increasing at an increasing rate (b) TP is increasing at a diminishing rate
 (c) TP is increasing at a constant rate (d) TP stops increasing
10. **Short run is a period of time when a firm can increase its output:**
 (a) only by increasing the application of a fixed factor
 (b) only by increasing the application of a variable factor
 (c) by increasing the application of all factors
 (d) none of these
11. **Diminishing returns to a factor is due to _____.**
 (a) fixity of the factor (b) poor coordination between the factors
 (c) better coordination between the factors (d) both (a) and (b)
12. **Law of variable proportions can be postponed through:**
 (a) new technology (b) discovery of the substitute of fixed factor
 (c) longer hours of work (d) both (a) and (b)
13. **In the first stage of production:**
 (a) total product is increasing at an increasing rate
 (b) marginal product is decreasing
 (c) marginal product is increasing
 (d) both (a) and (c)
14. **When the input of labour is increased from 4 to 6 units, output increases from 50 to 80, then marginal product is:**
 (a) 15 (b) 30
 (c) 130 (d) 1.6
15. **When TP of 1st unit of labour is 10 and MP of 2nd unit of labour is 15, then TP of 2 units of labour is:**
 (a) 10 (b) 15
 (c) 20 (d) 25



SET-3

True or False

State whether the following statements are True or False:

1. Both average product and marginal product can be negative. (True/False)
2. MP becomes zero in the second phase of law of variable proportions. (True/False)
3. A rational producer never stops in second stage of production. (True/False)

4. Production function establishes the relationship between technology and inputs at a given point of time. (True/False)
5. TP increases at a diminishing rate in the stage of diminishing returns. (True/False)
6. Variable factors of production become fixed in the long run. (True/False)
7. MP cuts AP at its maximum point. (True/False)
8. MP is greater than AP when AP rises. (True/False)
9. Short run production function leads to returns to scale. (True/False)
10. Scale of output changes in case of long run production function. (True/False)

SET-4

True-False Alternatives

In the following questions (1-5), two statements are given. Read the statements carefully and choose the correct alternative among those given below:

Alternatives:

- (a) Both the statements are true
 - (b) Both the statements are false
 - (c) Statement 1 is true and Statement 2 is false
 - (d) Statement 2 is true and Statement 1 is false
1. **Statement 1** : AP rises when MP is above it and falls when MP is below it.
Statement 2 : AP is at its minimum when $AP = MP$.
 2. **Statement 1** : When MP is zero, TP is also zero.
Statement 2 : TP determines the shape of MP.
 3. **Statement 1** : Average product is the addition made to the total output when one more unit is produced.
Statement 2 : Slope of a straight line MP curve is equal to zero.
 4. **Statement 1** : TP decreases when MP is negative.
Statement 2 : Variable factors of production can be changed in the short run.
 5. **Statement 1** : Average product can rise even when MP is falling.
Statement 2 : MP is the rate of change in TP.

SET-5

Choose the Correct Pair of Statements/Identify the Correct Sequence of Alternatives

1. From the set of statements given in Column I and Column II, choose the correct pair of statements:

Column I	Column II
A. Maximum TP	(i) Zero AP
B. Stage II of production	(ii) Negative MP
C. Short run production function	(iii) Scale of output remains constant
D. Constant MP	(iv) TP increases at an increasing rate

Alternatives:

- (a) A—(i)
- (b) B—(ii)
- (c) C—(iii)
- (d) D—(iv)

2. Identify the correct sequence of alternatives given in Column II by matching them with respective items in Column I:

Column I	Column II
A. Short run	(i) $\frac{\text{Total product}}{\text{Units of variable factor}}$
B. TP	(ii) TP increases at an increasing rate
C. Rising MP	(iii) ΣMP
D. AP	(iv) Only variable factors change

Alternatives:

- (a) A—(iv), B—(i), C—(ii), D—(iii)
 (b) A—(iv), B—(iii), C—(ii), D—(i)
 (c) A—(ii), B—(iv), C—(iii), D—(i)
 (d) A—(iii), B—(i), C—(ii), D—(iv)

SET-6

Assertion and Reasoning

In the following questions (1-5), a statement of Assertion (A) is followed by a statement of Reason (R). Choose the correct alternative among those given below:

Alternatives:

- (a) Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true and Reason (R) is the correct explanation of Assertion (A)
 (b) Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true and Reason (R) is not the correct explanation of Assertion (A)
 (c) Assertion (A) is true but Reason (R) is false
 (d) Assertion (A) is false but Reason (R) is true

- Assertion (A)** : Long run production function is also called constant proportions type production function.
Reason (R) : Factor ratio does not change with the change in the level of output in case of long run production function.
- Assertion (A)** : Diminishing MP implies negative returns to a factor.
Reason (R) : Diminishing MP is observed in stage II of the production.
- Assertion (A)** : Per unit output of the variable factor is called marginal product.
Reason (R) : TP falls when MP of the variable factor becomes negative.
- Assertion (A)** : Maximum production is attained when MP is zero.
Reason (R) : MP is the slope of TP.
- Assertion (A)** : Marginal product can be zero as well as negative.
Reason (R) : AP curve is generally U-shaped in nature.

ANSWERS

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1. short 2. $\frac{TP}{L}$ 3. AP 4. diminishing 5. production function
 6. all factors 7. Zero 8. inverse U-shaped 9. equal to
 10. negative

SET-2

1. (b) 2. (c) 3. (a) 4. (d) 5. (c) 6. (d) 7. (c) 8. (d) 9. (b) 10. (b)
11. (d) 12. (d) 13. (d) 14. (a) 15. (d)

SET-3

1. False 2. True 3. False 4. False 5. True 6. False 7. True 8. True 9. False 10. True

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1. (c) 2. (b) 3. (d) 4. (a) 5. (a)

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1. (c) 2. (b)

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1. (a) 2. (d) 3. (d) 4. (b) 5. (c)

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