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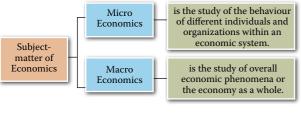
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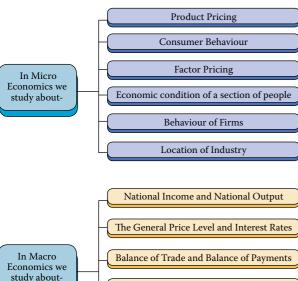
- Economics deals with problems and questions that affect all kinds of individuals in their capacities as consumers and producers. Therefore, economic literacy is essential for everyone. Business Economics, which is being taught at the Foundation level,has been developed keeping in mind the fact that CAs now a days have to take up the role of not merely an accountant or auditor, but also as a business solution provider.
- Business Economics integrates economic theory with business practices and help business in the process of decision making.
- You are advised to read and understand the study material for a thorough understanding of the topic. This capsule on Foundation Paper 4, Part I is intended to assist you in the process of revision of concepts discussed in the study material.

Economics Economics is the study of processes by which the relatively scarce resources are allocated to satisfy the competing unlimited wants of human beings in a society. An economy exists because of two facts Resources are scarce

Subject -matter of Economics

Economics is broadly divided into two major parts- Micro Economics and Macro Economics





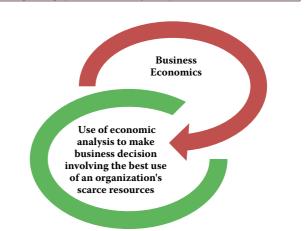
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The Level of Employment and Rate of Economic Growth

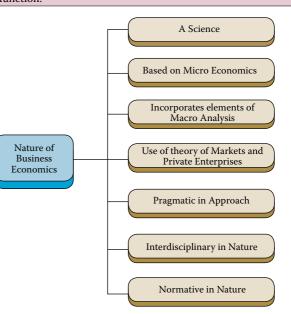
Business Economics

enables application of economic logic and analytical tools to bridge the gap between theory and practice.



Nature of Business Economics

Business Economics is basically concerned with micro economics. However, macro economic analysis has got an important role to play in business economics. Macroeconomics analyzes the environment in which the business has to function.



Scope of Business Economics

The scope of Business Economics is quite wide. It covers most of the practical problems a manager or a firm faces.

Micro **Business Economics makes Economics** use of microeconomic applied to analysis such as, demand Operational analysis and forecasting, or Internal production and cost Issues. analysis. inventory management, market structure and pricing policies, resource Categories theory of allocation. capital and of Business investment Issues to decisions, profit analysis which and risk and uncertainty economic analysis. theories can be applied Business Economics also considers macroeconomics related economic Macro systems, business **Economics** cycles, national income, applied to employment, prices, saving and investment, Environmental or External Government's economic policies and working of Issues financial sector and capital

Central Economic Problems

What to Produce?

Since the resources are limited. every society has to decide which goods and services should be produced and how many units of each good (or service) should produced

How to Produce?

It has to decide whether or The on availability of factors and relative prices.

Produce?

use labourintensive techniques capital intensive techniques. choice would depend the different of production their

For whom to

market.

How the goods society (and services) has to decide should how much distributed saving investment among the members of (i.e. much sacrifice the society. of current consumption) s h o u l d be future for progress.

What Provisions are

to be made

for Economic

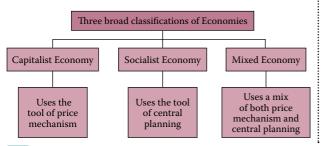
Growth?

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The basic economic problems of what, how and for whom to produce are solved by differnt economies in different ways.

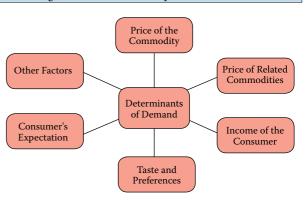


Meaning of Demand

Demand means desire or wish to buy and consume a commodity or service backed by adequate ability to pay and willingness to pay.

Determinants of Demand

Demand for a product depends on a number of determinants / variables. The study of relationship between demand and its determinants is essential for a business firm. It helps in estimating market demand for its product.

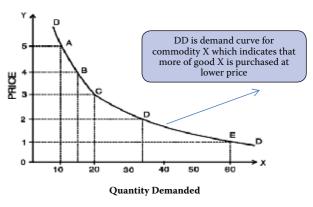


Demand Function

- it states the relationship between the demand for a product and its determinants . It may be expressed as follows-
- $D_x = f(P_x, M, P_y, P_c, T, A)$
- where Dx is the quantity demanded of product
- P_v is the price of the commodity
- · M is the money income of the consumer
- P_v is the price of its substitutes
- P_C is the price of its complementary goods
- · T is consumer tastes, and
- A is advertisement expenditure

Law of Demand

According to the law of demand, other things being equal, if the price of a commodity falls, the quantity demanded of it will rise and if the price of a commodity rises, its quantity demanded will decline. Thus, there is an inverse relationship between price and quantity demanded, ceteris paribus.



Demand Curve for Commodity X

Movement along the Demand Curve

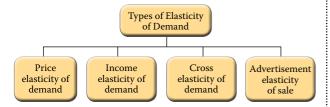
- Contraction of Demand Other things being equal, when the price rises and as a response, the quantity demanded decreases, it is a contraction of demand or an upward movement along the same demand curve.
- ♦ Expansion of Demand -When the price falls and the quantity demanded increases it is an extension of demand or a downward movement on the same demand curve.

Shift of the Demand Curve

◆ The demand curve will shift to the right when there is a rise in income (unless the good is an inferior one), a rise in the price of a substitute, a fall in the price of a complement, a rise in population and a change in tastes in favour of commodity. The opposite changes will shift the demand curve to the left.

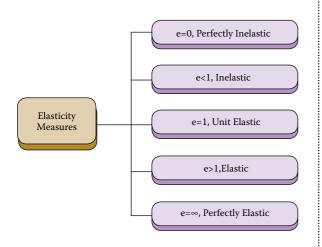
Elasticity of Demand

Elasticity of demand is defined as the responsiveness of the quantity demanded of a good to changes in one of the variables on which demand depends. More precisely, elasticity of demand is the percentage change in quantity demanded divided by the percentage change in one of the variables on which demand depends.



Price Elasticity of Demand

- Price Elasticity of Demand refers to the percentage change in quantity demanded of a commodity as a result of a percentage change in price of that commodity.
- As demand curve slopes downwards to the right, the sign of price elasticity is negative.
- We normally ignore the sign of elasticity and concentrate on the coefficient. Greater the absolute coefficient, greater is the price elasticity.
- ◆ In symbolic form, price elasticity= Ep= % change in quantity demanded / % change in price.

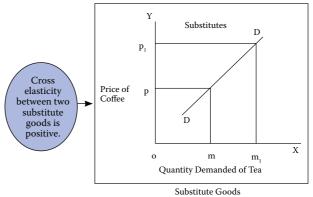


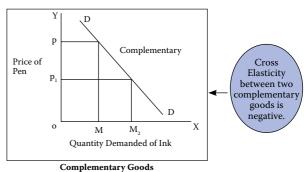
Income Elasticity of Demand

- ♦ Income elasticity of demand is the degree of responsiveness of quantity demanded of a good to changes in the income of consumers. In symbolic form, percentage change in demand / percentage change in income.
- For all normal goods, income elasticity is positive, on the other hand, goods having negative income elasticity are known as inferior goods
- ♦ If the income elasticity for a good is greater than one, such goods are called luxury goods. On the other hand, if the income elasticity is less than one, it is a necessity.

Cross Elasticity of Demand

♦ The cross elasticity of demand is the percentage change in the quantity demanded of commodity X as a result of a percentage change in the price of some related commodity Y.



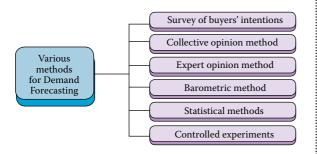


Advertisement Elasticity of Sale

- Advertisement elasticity of sales or promotional elasticity of demand is the responsiveness of a good's demand to changes in firm's spending on advertising.
- ♦ The advertising elasticity of demand measures the percentage change in demand that occurs given a one percent change in advertising expenditure.
- ♦ Advertising elasticity measures the effectiveness of an advertisement campaign in bringing about new sales.
- Advertising elasticity of demand is typically positive. Higher the value of advertising elasticity greater will be the responsiveness of demand to change in advertisement. Advertisement elasticity varies between zero and infinity.
- ♦ It is measured by % change in demand divided by % change in spending on advertising.

Demand Forecasting

Forecasting of demand is the art and science of predicting the probable demand for a product or a service at some future date on the basis of certain past behaviour patterns of some related events and the prevailing trends in the present.



Meaning of Utility It refers to the want satisfying power of goods and services. It is not absolute but relative. It is a subjective concept and it depends upon the mental attitude of people.

Law of Diminishing Marginal Utility

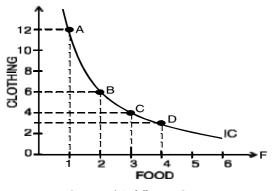
It states that as a consumer increases the consumption of a commodity, every successive unit of the commodity gives lesser and lesser satisfaction to the consumer.

Total Utility $TU=MU_1+MU_2+....+MU_n$ Marginal Utility $MU_n = TU_n - TU_{n-1}$

Consumer's
Surplus

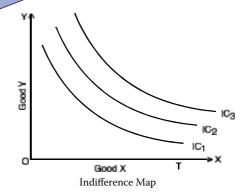
What a consumer is ready to pay - What he actually pays

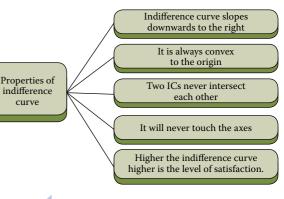
Indifference Curve is a curve which represents all those combinations of two goods which give same satisfaction to the consumer. Since all the combinations on an indifference curve give equal satisfaction to the consumer, the consumer is indifferent among them.



Consumer's Indifference Curve

An Indifference Map represents a collection of many indifference curves where each curve represents a certain level of satisfaction.





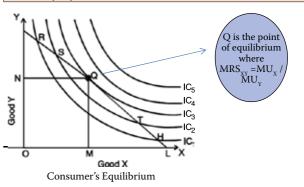
Marginal rate of Substitution

 $MRS_{xy} = MU_x / MU_y$

Budget Line/ Price Line Budget line or price line shows all those combinations of two goods which the consumer can buy spending his given money income on the two goods at their given prices.

Consumer's Equilibrium

- A consumer is said to be in equilibrium when he is deriving maximum possible satisfaction from the goods and is in no position to rearrange his purchase of goods.
 The consumer attains equilibrium at the point where the
- The consumer attains equilibrium at the point where the budget line is tangent to the indifference curve and MUx / Px =MUy /Py = MUz /Pz

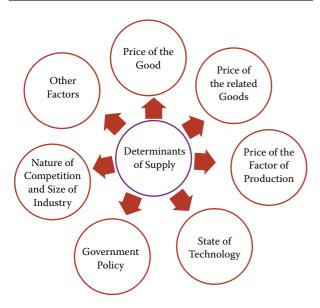


Supply

It refers to the amount of a good or service that the producers are willing and able to offer to the market at various prices during a given period of time.

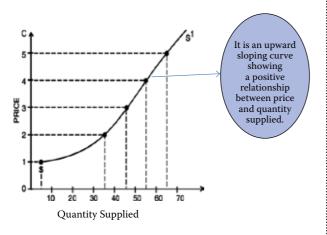
Determinants of Supply

Although price is an important consideration in determining the willingness and desire to part with commodities, there are many other factors which determine the supply of a product or a service.



Law of Supply

- It states that when the price of the good rises, the corresponding quantity supplied increases and when the price reduces, the quantity supplied also reduces.
- There is a direct relationship between price and quantity supplied.



Movement on the Supply Curve

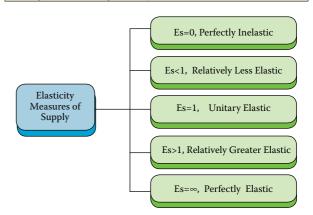
When the quantity supplied of a good increases as a result of an increase in its price then there is an upward movement on the supply curve. The reverse is the case when there is a fall in the price of the good.

Shift in Supply Curve

When the supply curve bodily shifts towards the right as a result of a change in one of the factors that influence the quantity supplied other than the commodity's own price, we say there is an increase in supply. When these factors cause the supply curve to shift to the left, we call it decrease in supply.

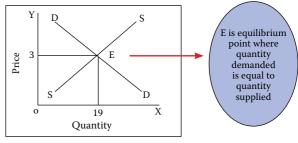
Elasticity of Supply

 It measures the responsiveness of the quantity supplied of a good to a change in its price.



Equilibrium Price

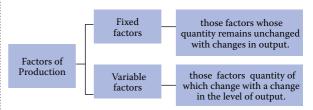
♦ Equilibrium price is one at which the wishes of both the buyers and the sellers are satisfied. At this price, the amount that buyers want to buy and sellers want to sell will be equal.



Equilibrium price

Production

Production is the outcome of the combined activity of the four factors of production viz, land, labour, capital and organization. In simple terms production, means 'creation of utility'. i.e. Utility of form, utility of place, utility of time and personal utility.



Production Function

- ♦ The production function is a statement of the relationship between a firm's scarce resources (i.e. its inputs) and the output that results from the use of these resources.
- The production function can be algebraically expressed in the form of an equation in which the output is the dependent variable and inputs are the independent variables.
- ♦ The equation is: Q = f (a, b, c, dn) Where 'Q' stands for the rate of output of given commodity and a, b, c, d.....n, are the different factors (inputs) and services used per unit of time.

Short-Run Vs Long-Run Production Function

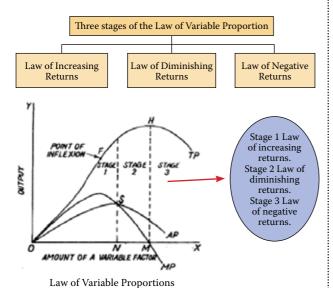
- 1. The short-run is a period of time in which at least one of the inputs used remains unchanged during that period.
- 2. In the short run, a firm cannot install a new capital equipment to increase production.
- 3. The behaviour of production is the subject matter of the law of variable proportion.
- 1. The long run is a period of time in which all factors of production are variable.
- 2. It is a time period when the firm will be able to install new machines and capital equipments apart from increasing the variable factors of production.
- 3. The behaviour of production is the subject matter of the law of returns to scale.

Cobb-Douglas Production Function

- ♦ It stated as Q= KL^aC^(1-a)
- where Q is output, L the quantity of labour, C quantity of capital ,K and a are positive constants

Law of Variable Proportions

The law of variable proportion or the law of diminishing returns is relevant when some factors are kept fixed and others are varied. It is applicable to the short-run.



Returns to Scale

It describes the relationship between inputs and output in the long run when all inputs are changed in the same proportion.



Constant returns to scale

• It occurs when the inputs increase by some proportion and the output also increases by the same proportion. It is also called linear homogeneous production

Increasing returns to scale

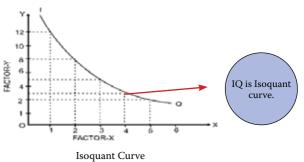
 It occurs when the inputs increase by some proportion and the output i n c r e a s e s more than proportionately.

Decreasing returns to scale

• It occurs when the inputs increase by some proportion and the output increase than proportionately.

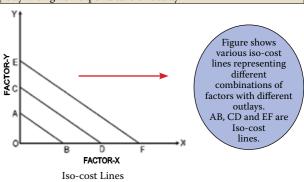
Isoquants

Isoquants or product indifference curves show all those combinations of different factors of production which give the same output to the producer.



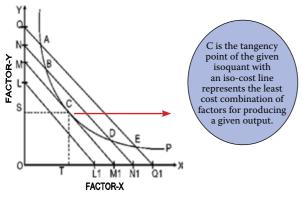
Iso-cost Lines

It show various combinations of two factors which the firm can buy with given expenditure or outlay.



Least Cost Combination

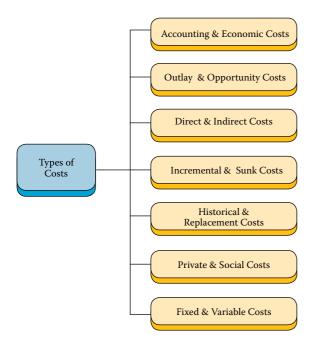
For producing a given output, the tangency point of the relevant isoquant (representing the output) with an iso-cost line represents the least cost combination of factors.



Least-cost Combination of Factors: Producer's Equilibrium

Cost Analysis

It refers to the study of behaviour of cost in relation to one or more production criteria. It concerned with the financial aspects of production.



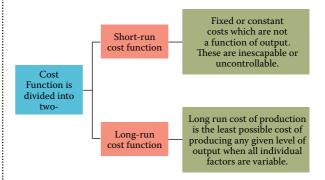
Cost concepts

- Accounting costs are explicit costs and includes all the payments and charges made by the entrepreneur to the suppliers of various productive factors.
- Economic costs take into account explicit costs as well as implicit costs. A firm has to cover its economic cost if it wants to earn normal profits.
- ♦ Outlay costs involve actual expenditure of funds.
- Opportunity cost is concerned with the cost of the next best alternative opportunity which was foregone in order to pursue a certain action.
- Direct costs are those which have direct relationship with a component of operation. They are readily identified and are traceable to a particular product, operation or plant.

- Indirect costs are those which cannot be easily and definitely identifiable in relation to a plant, product, process or department. They not visibly traceable to any specific goods, services, processes, departments or operations.
- Incremental cost refers to the additional cost incurred by a firm as a result of a business decision.
- Sunk costs are already incurred once and for all, and cannot be recovered.
- Historical cost refers to the cost incurred in the past on the acquisition of a productive asset.
- Replacement cost is the money expenditure that has to be incurred for replacing an old asset.
- Private costs are costs actually incurred or provided for by firms and are either explicit or implicit.
- Social cost, on the other hand, refers to the total cost borne by the society on account of a business activity and includes private cost and external cost.

Cost Function

The cost function refers to the mathematical relation between cost and the various determinants of cost. It expresses the relationship between cost and output. Economists are generally interested in two types of cost functions; the short run cost function and the long run cost function.

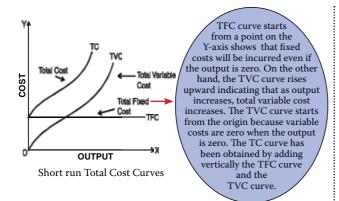


Types of Cost

- Total cost of a business is defined as the actual cost that must be incurred for producing a given quantity of output.
- AFC is obtained by dividing the total fixed cost by the number of units of output produced.
- Average variable cost is found out by dividing the total variable cost by the number of units of output produced.
- Average total cost is the sum of average fixed cost and average variable cost.
- Marginal cost is the addition made to the total cost by the production of an additional unit of output.
- Long run cost of production is the least possible cost of producing any given level of output when all individual factors are variable.

Short Run Total Cost

- The short run total cost is composed of two major elements namely, total fixed cost and total variable cost.
- ♦ Symbolically TC = TFC + TVC

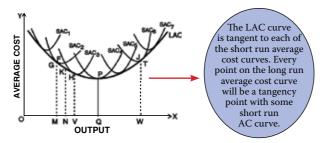


Relationship between Average Cost and Marginal Cost

- ♦ When average cost falls as a result of an increase in output, marginal cost is less than average cost.
- When average cost rises as a result of an increase in output, marginal cost is more than average cost.
- ♦ When average cost is minimum, marginal cost is equal to the average cost. In other words, marginal cost curve cuts average cost curve at its minimum point (i.e. optimum point).

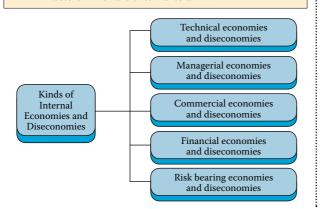
Long run Average Cost Curve(LAC)

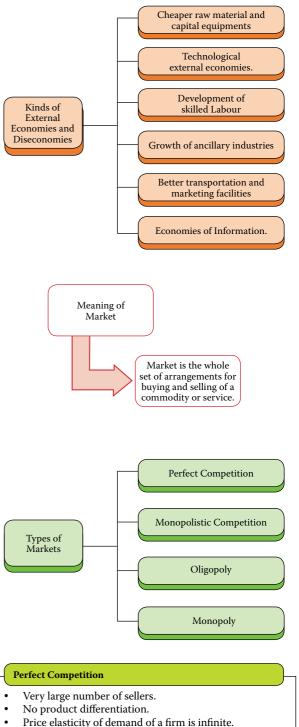
The long run average cost curve, often called a planning curve, is so drawn as to be tangent to each of the short run average cost curves.



Economies of Scale and Diseconomies of Scale

- When increase in scale is upto optimum level, then it is economies of scale. On the other hand, increase in scale beyond the optimum level, results in diseconomies of scale.
- Economies of scale is of two types-
 - Internal economies of scale which accrue to a firm when it engages in large scale production.
 - External economies of scale accrue to a firm due to factors which are external to a firm.





- No degree of control over price.

Monopolistic Competition

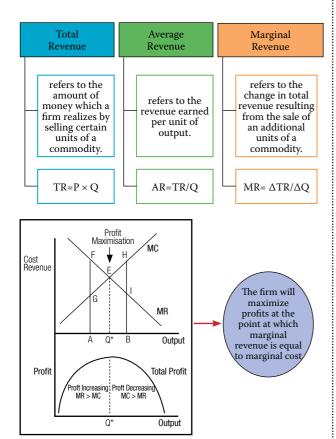
- Large number of Sellers.
- Slight product differentiation.
- Price elasticity of a firm is large.
- Some degree of control over price.

Oligopoly

- Small numbers of sellers.
- Price elasticity of demand of a firm is small.
- Some degree of control over price.
- Product differentiation is none to substantial.

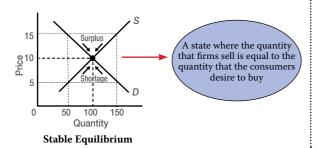
Monopoly

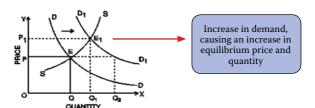
- Only single seller.
- Extreme product differentiation.
- Price elasticity of a firm is small.
- Degree of control over price is very considerable.

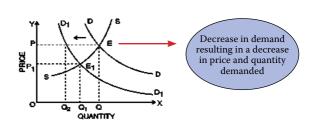


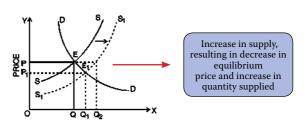
Equilibrium price or market clearing price

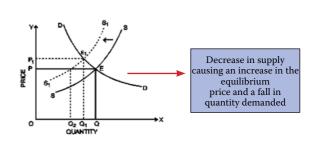
 It is the price at which the quantity demanded of a commodity equals the quantity supplied of the commodity there is no unsold stock or no unsupplied demand.



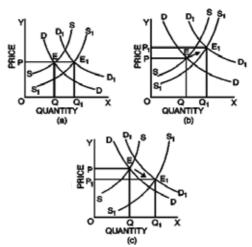




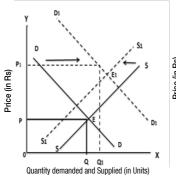


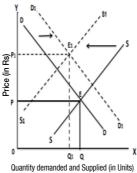


There can be simultaneous changes in both demand and supply and the equilibrium price will change according to the proportionate change in demand and supply.

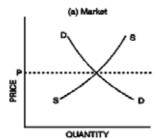


Simultaneous Change in Demand and Supply



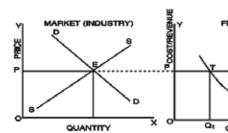


Effect on Equilibrium Price and Quantity When Demand and Supply Curves Shift in Opposite Directions



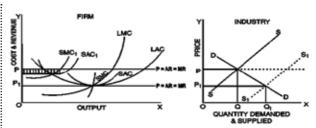


The Firm's Demand Curve under Perfect Competition



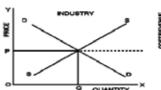
Equilibrium position of a Firm under Perfect Competition

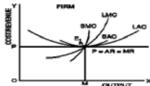
 In the short run, firms may be earning normal profits, supernormal profits or making losses at the equilibrium price.



Long run Equilibrium of the Firm in a Perfectly Competitive Market

In the long-run all the supernormal profits or losses get wiped away with entry or exit of the firms from the industry and all firms earn only normal profit.

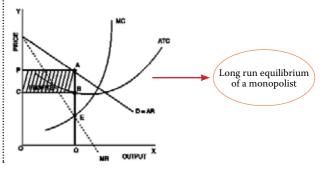


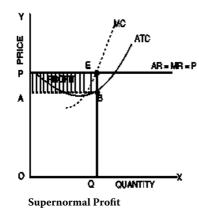


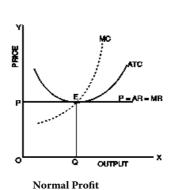
Long run Equilibrium of a Competitive Industry and its Firms

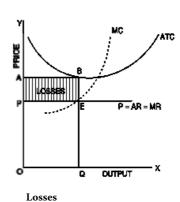
Monopoly

- The fundamental cause of monopoly is barriers to entry; in effect other firms cannot enter the market.
- In the long-run, the supernormal profit will be continued because entry is restricted.









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This capsule on Foundation Paper 4 part II: Business and Commercial Knowledge broadly covers the companies discussed in detail in Chapter 3 of the Study Material. To facilitate easy understanding of the significant changes in the year 2019, an attempt has been made to give an overview of the significant changes in the companies in tabulated form.

It may be kept in mind that the capsule is not the replacement of the Study Material. Reading of Study Material is absolute essential. This capsule is intended to assist you in the process of quick revision. Students are also advised to remain update with current news concerning business organisations.

A. AN OVERVIEW OF SELECTED INDIAN COMPANIES

S.No	Company's Name	Incorporation year	Headquarters	Chairman	Present Managing Director	Chief Executive Officer	Chief Financial Officer	Ranking in Forbes World's Largest Public Corporations List 2019	Ranking in Forbes World's Best Employer's List 2019
1	Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd.	1998	Ahmedabad, Gujrat, India		Gautambhai Shantilal Adani	Karan Gautambhai Adani	Deepak Maheshwari	1706 th	276 th
2	Asian Paints Ltd.	1942	Mumbai, Maharashtra, India		K B S Anand	K B S Anand	Jayesh Merchant	1832 nd	232 nd
3	Axis Bank Ltd.	1993	Mumbai, Maharashtra, India		Amitabh Chaudhry	Amitabh Chaudhry	Jairam Sridharan	741st	283 rd
4	Bajaj Auto Ltd.	1945	Pune, Maharashtra, India	Rahul Bajaj	Rajiv Bajaj	Rajiv Bajaj	Soumen Ray	1503 rd	448 th
5	Bharti Airtel Ltd.	1995	New Delhi, India	Sunil Bharti Mittal	Gopal Vittal	Gopal Vittal	Badal Bagri	852 nd	
6	Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd.	1952	Mumbai, Maharashtra, India	D Rajkumar	D Rajkumar	D Rajkumar	Neelakantapillai Vijayagopal	628 th	
7	Cipla Ltd.	1935	Mumbai, Maharashtra, India	Y K Hamied	Umang Vohra	Umang Vohra	Kedar Upadhey		
8	Coal India Ltd.	1975	Kolkata, West Bengal, India		Anil Kumar Jha		S Sarkar	583 rd	
9	Dr. Reddy's Lab. Ltd.	1984	Hyderabad, Telangana, India	Kallam Satish Reddy		Erez Israeli	Saumen Chakraborty		
10	GAIL (India) Ltd	1984	New Delhi, India	Ashutosh Karnatak	Ashutosh Karnatak	Ashutosh Karnatak	A K Tiwari	1186 th	290 th
11	HDFC Bank Ltd.	1994	Mumbai, Maharashtra, India	Deepak S Parek	Aditya Puri	Kurnutuk	Srinivasan Vaidyanathan	209 th	119 th
12	ICICI Bank Ltd.	1994	Mumbai, Maharashtra, India	Girish Chandra Chaturvedi	Sandeep Bakshi	Sandeep Bakshi	Rakesh Jha	400 th	
13	Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.	1959	New Delhi, India	Sanjiv Singh	Sanjiv Singh		Sandeep Kumar Gupta	288th	
14	Infosys Ltd.	1981	Bengaluru, Karnataka, India	Nandan Nilekani	Salil Parekh	Salil Parekh	Nilanjan Roy	643 rd	
15	ITC Ltd.	1910	Kolkata, West Bengal, India	Sanjiv Puri	Sanjiv Puri	Sanjiv Puri	Rajiv Tandon	806 th	117 th
16	Larsen & Toubro Ltd.	1938	Mumbai, Maharashtra, India	Anil Manibhai Naik	S. N. Subrahmanyan	S. N. Subrahmanyan	Shankar Raman	438 th	29 th
17	NTPC Ltd.	1975	New Delhi, India	Gurdeep Singh		Gurdeep Singh	Anil Kumar Gautam	492 nd	288 th
18	Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.	1956	Uttarakhand, India	Shashi Shankar	Shashi Shankar		Subhash Kumar	220 th	
19	Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd.	1989	Gurugram, Haryana, India	Sreekant Kandikuppa (K. Sreekant)	Sreekant Kandikuppa (K. Sreekant)		Sriramchandra Murty Kocherlakota (KSR Murty)	865 th	341st
20	Reliance Industries Ltd.	1966	Mumbai, Maharashtra, India	Mukesh Ambani	Mukesh Ambani	Mukesh Ambani	Srikanth Venkatchari	71 st	
21	State Bank of India	1806	Mumbai, Maharashtra, India	Rajnish Kumar	Rajnish Kumar		Prashant Kumar	460 th	385 th
22	Tata Sons Private Ltd.	1868	Bombay House, Mumbai, Maharashtra,	Natarjan Chandrasekaran	Natarjan Chandrasekaran		Eruch Noshir Kapadia	Tata Motors- 769 th TCS – 374 th	Tata Motors - 304 th
			India					Tata Steel – 552 nd	Tata Steel – 391st
23	Wipro Ltd.	1945	Bengaluru, Karnataka, India	Azim Premji	Azim Premji	Abidali Neemuchwala	Jatin Dalal	857 th	193 rd

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B. AN OVERVIEW OF SELECTED GLOBAL COMPANIES

S.No	Company's Name	Incorporation year	Headquarters	Chairman	Chief Executive Officer	Chief Financial Officer	Ranking in Forbes World's Largest Public Corporations List 2019	Ranking in Forbes World's Best Employer's List 2019	Ranking in Fortune 500 Companies List 2019
1	Deutsche Bank	1870	Frankfurt, Germany	Paul Achleitner	Christian Sewing	Frank Kuhuke	547 th		
2	American Express	1850	New York, United States of America	Stephen Squeri	Stephen Squeri	Jeffery C Campbell	83 rd	43 rd	72 nd
3	Nestle	1866	Vevey, Switzerland	Paul Bulcke	Ulf Mark Schneider	Francois- Xavier Roger	42 nd	79th	
4	Microsoft Corporation	1975	Washington, United States of America	John Thompson	Satya Nadella	Amy Hood	16 th	2 nd	26 th
5	IBM Corporation	1911	New York, United States of America	Ginni Rometty	Ginni Rometty	James J. Kovnaugh	60 th	11 th	38 th
6	Intel Corporation	1968	California, United States of America	Andy D. Bryant	Bob Swan	George Davis	44 th	64 th	43 rd
7	HP Inc.	1939	California, United States of America	Chip Bergh	Enrique Lores	Steve Fieler	279 th	393 rd	55 th
8	Apple	1977	California, United States of America		Tim Cook	Luca Maestri	6 th	4 th	3 rd
9	Walmart	1969	Arkansas, United States of America	Greg Penner	Dough McMillon	Bret Biggs	29 th		1 st