## Forms Of Market And Price Determination

## **Very Short Answer Type Questions (1Mark)**

#### 1. Define market.

**Ans.** Market is a system with the help of it the buyers and seller of a commodity or service come to contact with each other.

#### 2. What do you mean by homogenous product?

**Ans.** It means product produced by different firms is identical in all respect like quality, colour, size, weight etc. such products are perfect substitutes.

#### 3. How is price determined under perfect competition?

**Ans.** Price is determined by an industry by the forces of demand and supply.

### 4. What is the common feature shared by perfect and monopolistic competition?

Ans. (i) Free entry and exit of firms

(ii) Perfect mobility of factors.

# 5. If the firms are earning abnormal profits, how will the number of firms in the industry change?

Ans. The number of firms in the industry will increase.

## 6. **Define the monopoly market.**

**Ans.** It is a form of market under which there is a single seller, selling a product which does not have close substitutes.

### 7. Under which market there is no difference between firm and industry?

Ans. Monopoly.

#### 8. What is normal profit?

**Ans**. It is the minimum profit which a firm must get to stay in business.

#### 9. Under which form of market the firm is price taker.

Ans. Perfect competition.

#### 10. What is cartel?

**Ans**. A cartel is a group of firms which jointly set 'output and price' policy of its product in such a way so as to reap benefits of monopoly.

#### 11. What is the relationship between AR curve and demand curve in a

### monopoly market?

Ans. Both AR curve and demand curve are the same in a monopoly market.

#### 12. What do you mean by price discrimination?

**Ans**. Price discrimination is a policy under which a seller sells a similar product at different prices to different buyers.

### 13. Define oligopoly.

**Ans.** Oligopoly is a market structure where there are few firms competing for their homogenous or differentiated products.

#### 14. Define equilibrium price.

**Ans.** It is the price at which demand = supply.

### 15. When does the situation of excess supply arise?

**Ans.** When market price is more than equilibrium price and market supply is more than market demand.

# 16. What will be the effect on equilibrium price when increase in demand is than increase in supply?

**Ans.** When increase in demand is more than increase in supply, equilibrium price will increase.

# 17. Under what situation does the equilibrium price remains unaffected when there is simultaneous increase in demand and supply.

**Ans.** When increase demand is equal to increase in supply the equilibrium price will remain same.

## **Higher Order Thinking Skill**

# 1. What is the relation between average revenue curve and demand curve under monopolistic competition?

Ans. Both AR and MR curves have negative slope

## **Short Answer Type Questions (3-4 MARKS)**

- 1. Why is firm under perfect competition a price taker and under monopolistic competition is price maker. Explain?
- 2. How is the demand curve under monopolistic competition different from demand curve of a firm under perfect competition?
- 3. Why is a firm under perfect competition a price taker? Explain.

- 4. Explain three features of perfect competition.
- 5. Explain the implication of large number of seller feature of perfect competition.
- 6. What will happen if the price prevailing in the market is above the equilibrium price.
- 7. Distinguish between monopoly and oligopoly.
- 8. Explain the concept of excess demand with the help of diagram.
- 9. Differentiate between 'Collusive and non-collusive oligopoly.
- 10. Explain the determination of equilibrium price under perfect competition with the help of schedule.
- 11. Explain why is the equilibrium price determined only at the output level at which market demand and market supply are equal.

#### **Higher Order Thinking Skill**

- 1. MR = AR in perfect competition but MR < AR in monopoly and monopolistic competition why?
- 2. In which condition decrease in demand can not change the price of commodity?
- 3. Explain how firms are interdependent in an oligopoly market.
- 4. In which competition the availability of close substitutes is present? How does it effect the price?
- 5. Explain the implication of 'freedom of entry and exit to the firms' under perfect competition.

#### LONG ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS (6 MARKS)

- 1. Explain the characteristics of monopolistic competition.
- 2. Market for a good is in equilibrium. There is simultaneous increase both in demand and supply of the good. Explain its effect on market price.
- 3. Explain the term market equilibrium. Explain the series of changes that will take place if market price is higher than the equilibrium price.
- 4. How will a fall in the price of tea affect the equilibrium price of coffee. Explain the chain of effects.
- 5. Explain the following features of perfect competition.
  - i. Large number of firms or Sellers and Buyers
  - ii. Homogeneous Product.
- 6. Explain features of Oligopoly.

- 7. Explain how change in price of a substitute commodity would affect market equilibrium of the commodity X.
- 8. With the help of a diagram explain the effect of "decrease" in demand of a commodity on its equilibrium price and quantity.
- 9. There is simultaneous decrease in demand and supply of a commodity, when it result in
  - i. no change in equilibrium price
  - ii. a fall in equilibrium price.