

- ① Porter's five forces help to identify where power lies in a business situation.

Five forces are :

- ① Supplier Power → driven by no. of suppliers of each essential input, uniqueness of the product and cost of switching.
- ② Buyer Power → driven by no. of buyers, importance of an individual to organisation, cost to buyer of switching from suppliers.
- ③ Competitive Rivalry → number and capability of competitors in the market drives it. Many competitors, offering undifferentiated products and services, reduce market.
- ④ Threat of Substitution → it increases the likelihood of customers switching to alternative in response to price increases. This reduces both power of suppliers and market attractiveness.
- ⑤ Threat of New Entry → profitable markets attract new entrants, which erodes profitability. It declines to a competitive state unless incumbents have strong and durable barriers.

② Capital budgeting can be evaluated by :

a) Urgency Method → It provides suggestions about ad-hoc decisions. There are some projects or tasks that require immediate decisions, whereas others are postponed.

b) Payback-Period Method → also known as replacement-period method, where a number of years are required to cover the original investment, and as capital expenditure paying itself back.

$$\text{Payback Period} = \frac{\text{original investment}}{\text{Annual cash inflow}}$$

c) Uniform Cash Flow → (ARR)

Unadjusted Rate of Return Method → accounting investments are used to measure project profitability. various proposals are ranked in order of their earnings, project with higher rate of return is selected.

d) Time-Adjusted Method → or cash-flow methods, take into account both profitability and the time

value of money. (NPV)

↳ net-present (on different investments)

↳ internal rate of return (profitability)

↳ profitability index

$$= \frac{\text{Present value of future cashflow}}{\text{initial investment}}$$