

Multiple Choice

1. What is the slope of **an isocost line** for a firm that faces $w = 28$ and $r = 7$, and has the production function $F(L, K) = L + \frac{K}{10}$
 - A. -4
 - B. 4
 - C. 1/4
 - D. -1/10
2. What type of return to scales does the function $F(L, K) = L^{0.8} \cdot K^{0.3}$ feature?
 - A. Decreasing
 - B. Constant
 - C. Increasing
 - D. Impossible to tell without a cost function
3. Currently, a firm with a cost function $C(Q) = \frac{1}{3}Q^2$ is producing 60 units. If the price they sell their good for is \$30, how would you describe their situation?
 - A. They are producing too much
 - B. They are profit maximizing
 - C. They are not producing enough
 - D. Impossible to tell
4. What are the average fixed costs for a firm with the cost function $C(Q) = \frac{1}{2}Q^3 + Q^2 + 3Q + 24$ that produces $Q = 8$?
 - A. 13
 - B. 46
 - C. -3
 - D. 3

Short-Answer

- For the production function $F(L, K) = \ln(L) + K$, what are the cost minimizing L^* and K^* for the production of $Q = 375$ when $w = 1$ and $r = 1$? Hint: $\ln(1) = 0$
- Imagine that a market that was in long-run equilibrium experiences a decrease in demand. What happens to the number of firms in the industry as it converges to its new long-run equilibrium and why? (2 sentences max.)

Long-Answer

7. Consider a firm with the cost function $C(Q) = \frac{1}{2}Q^2 + 3Q + 18$. This firm operates in a perfectly competitive market.
- (a) What are marginal costs, average costs, average variable costs and average fixed costs of this firm?
 - (b) At what price will this firm make exactly zero profits?
 - (c) If the price is \$13, how much does the firm produce? What are their revenue, cost and profit?
 - (d) In the (Q, P) plane graph this firm's MC, AVC, AFC, and AC. Using a price of \$13, label the firm's quantity choice. Shade in the rectangle on the graph that corresponds to the firm's profits.
 - (e) Imagine there are 20 identical firms in this market. What is the short-run market supply curve? What is the market supply when the price is \$13?
 - (f) In the long-run, will firms enter or exit the industry? Why?