

Answer on question #76005- Economics – Microeconomics.

Unique Creations holds a monopoly position in the production and sale of magnometers.

The cost function facing Unique is estimated to be

$$TC = \$100,000 + 20Q$$

A) Question: What is the marginal cost for Unique?

Solution: Marginal Cost for Unique

$$TC = \$100,000 + 20Q$$

Differentiate the total cost function

$$MC = d/dQ(\$100,000 + 20Q)$$

$$= 20$$

Answer: Marginal Cost 20

B) Question: If the price elasticity of demand for Unique is currently -1.5, what price should Unique charge?

Solution: Price to be charged

$$MR = p (1 + 1/Ed) \text{ this is equation 1}$$

The marginal revenue (MR) is expressed as the \$20 while the elasticity of demand (Ed) which is -1.5.

Then we substitute the values of MR and demand elasticity in equation 1

$$MR = p (1+1/Ed)$$

$$20 = p(1+1/-1.5)$$

$$20 = p(.5/1.5)$$

$$20 * 1.5 = P * .5$$

$$30 = p * .5$$

$$P = 30 / 0.5$$

Answer: Unique must charge price \$60

C) Question: What is the marginal revenue at the price computed in Part (b)?

Solution: Marginal Revenue at price \$60

$$MR = P(1+1/Ed)$$

$$60(1+1/-1.5)$$

$$60 * (0.5 / 1.5)$$

Answer: At price of \$60, Marginal revenue is \$20

D) Question: If a competitor develops a substitute for the magnometer and the price elasticity increases to -3.0 , what price should Unique charge?

Solution: Change in demand elasticity due to substitutes

Marginal revenue must be equal to marginal cost to achieve equilibrium

$$MR = P(1+1/Ed)$$

$$20 = MC$$

$$P(1+1/-3) = 20$$

$$p(2/3)$$

$$20$$

$$P = 60/30$$

$$= 30$$

Answer: The price Unique should charge has gone down to \$30

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