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Determination of Income and Employment

Question 1:

What is marginal propensity to consume? How is it related to marginal propensity to save?

ANSWER:

Marginal propensity to consume refers to the ratio of change in the consumer's expenditure due to the change in disposable income (income after deducting taxes). In other words, MPC measures how consumption will vary with the change in income.

So,

$$=\frac{\Delta C}{\Delta Y}$$

Where,

 ΔC = Change in consumption

 ΔY = Change in income

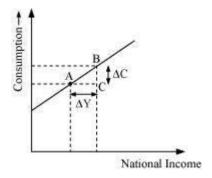
For example, if income increases from Rs 200 crores to Rs 250 crores and consumption increases from Rs 20 crores to Rs 40 crores, it implies that 0.4 is the MPC or 40% increase in the income is being consumed.

This can further be explained with the help of a table and a diagram.

If income and consumption are:

Income in Rs (Y)	Consumption		
	Expenditure in Rs (C)		
200	20		
250	40		

Then MPC
$$= \frac{\Delta C}{\Delta Y} = \frac{20}{50} = 0.4$$



Also, MPC can be explained with the given diagram.

In the diagram, x-axis represents national income and y-axis represents consumption level.

So, MPC =
$$\frac{BC}{AC}$$

The relationship between MPC and MPS can be explained as -

Y = C + S (Assuming that the income earned is either consumed or saved)

Or,
$$\Delta Y = \Delta C + \Delta S$$

Dividing both sides by ΔY

$$\frac{\Delta Y}{\Delta Y} = \frac{\Delta C}{\Delta Y} + \frac{\Delta S}{\Delta Y} \qquad \left[\frac{\Delta S}{\Delta Y} = \text{MPS} \right]$$

Or, 1 = MPC + MPS

Or, MPC = 1 - MPS

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So, the sum of MPC and MPS is always equal to unity.

Question 2:

What is the difference between ex ante investment and ex post investment?

ANSWER:

S. No.	Ex-ante Investment	Ex-post Investment
1.	It refers to the planned or intended investment during a particular period of time.	It refers to the actual level of investment during a particular period of time.
2.	It is imaginary (intended), in which a firm assumes the level of investment on its own.	It is factual or original that signifies the existing investment of a particular time.
3.	It is planned on the basis of future expectations.	It is the actual result of variables.