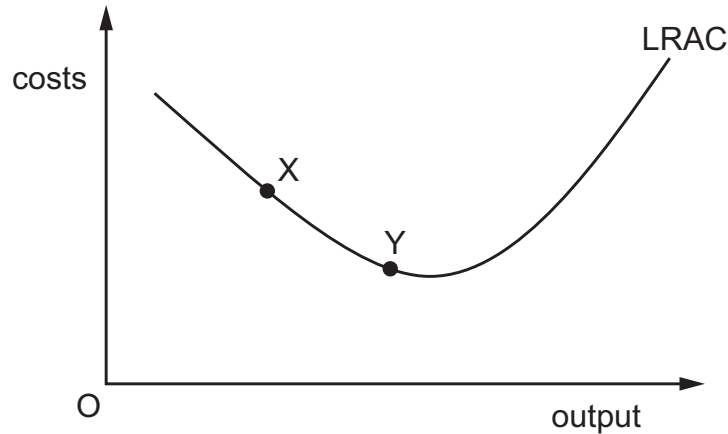


- 2 A small European airline currently produces at point X on its long-run average cost curve (LRAC). It wants a bigger share of the European airline market and proposes to merge with another small European airline. The newly merged firm would produce at point Y on the long-run average cost curve, as shown.



Why might the newly merged firm be able to produce at point Y?

- A The new airline can negotiate discounts when buying fuel.
- B The new airline has many layers of management.
- C The new airline is unable to hire enough pilots.
- D The workforce of the new airline lacks morale and is demotivated.