

2. The table below shows the output a firm produces using different amounts of capital (K) and labor (L). The markets for capital and labor are perfectly competitive. The rental rate of capital is \$75 per unit, and the wage rate is \$200 per unit. In the short run, capital is fixed and labor is variable.

Labor	Output with K=1	Output with K=2
0	0	0
1	10	20
2	25	50
3	38	75

- (a) If the firm uses one unit of capital and one unit of labor, will it be operating with constant, increasing, or decreasing returns to scale? Explain using numbers from the table.
- (b) Assume now that the firm currently has two units of capital and is using three units of labor.
- Calculate the marginal product for the third unit of labor. Show your work.
 - Did the firm experience diminishing marginal returns with the addition of the third unit of labor? Explain using numbers from the table.
 - Calculate the firm's average total cost for its current level of production. Show your work.
 - If the firm's output is sold in a competitive market, what is the lowest output price at which the third unit of labor would be hired?