

4. Nimbus, Inc., makes brooms and then sells them door-to-door. Here is the relationship between the number of workers and Nimbus's output during a given day:

	Workers	Output	Marginal Product	Total Cost	Average Total Cost	Marginal Cost
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a) According to the marginal products, it has the maximum at 3 unit of worker as it increases. Then, after the 3 unit of worker, it started to decrease. It can be explained in the law of variable proportion.

b)

c) ATC decreases from 1 worker to 5, then after it starts to increase.

d) MC decreases from 20 units of output to 90 units of output, then after 90 unit, it increases.

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$$180,000 - 180,901 = -901 \rightarrow \text{Cost to produce}$$

If you accept the offer, you will lose the profit as the cost of another additional is higher than the offer (\$550)