#### Q.1. Define monopolistic competition.

**Ans.** Monopolistic competition is a form of the market with many buyers and sellers, where differentiated product is sold with a partial control over price.

### Q.2. What is product differentiation?

**Ans.** Product differentiation is a situation when different producers in the market try to differentiate their product (with respect to size, weight, packing, etc.) with a view to attracting the buyers and exercising partial control over price.

## **Q.3.** What is the shape of demand curve under monopolistic competition?

**Ans.** Demand curve under monopolistic competition is downward sloping.

### Q.4. What can you say about the number of buyers and sellers under monopolistic competition?

**Ans.** The number of buyers and sellers of a commodity is very large under monopolistic competition.

# Q.5. What will you call the market which has characteristics both of monopoly and perfect competition?

**Ans.** Monopolistic competition.

### **Q.6. Under which market form product differentiation is widely practiced?**

**Ans.** Product differentiation is widely practiced under monopolistic competition.

# Q.7. Name the basic characteristic which makes monopolistic competition different from perfect competition.

**Ans.** Product differentiation is the basic characteristic which makes monopolistic competition different from perfect competition.

### Q.8. Give two examples of monopolistically competitive market.

#### Ans.

i. Market for toothpastes in India.

ii. Market for soaps in India.