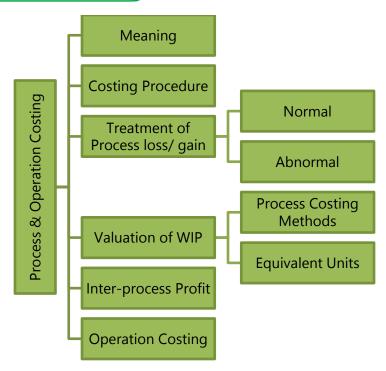
PROCESS & OPERATION COSTING



LEARNING OUTCOMES

- State the meaning of Process and Operation Costing
- Discuss the treatment of process loss and gains in cost accounts
- Compute equivalent completed production units.
- Discuss the various methods of valuation of work in process.
- State the meaning and treatment of Inter-process profits.

CHAPTER OVERVIEW



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10.1 MEANING OF PROCESS COSTING

Process Costing is a method of costing used in industries where the material has to pass through two or more processes for being converted into a final product. It is defined as "a method of Cost Accounting whereby costs are charged to processes or operations and averaged over units produced". A separate account for each process is opened and all expenditure pertaining to a process is charged to that process account. Such type of costing method is useful in the manufacturing of products like steel, paper, medicines, soaps, chemicals, rubber, vegetable oil, paints, varnish etc. where the production process is continuous and the output of one process becomes the input of the following process till completion.

This can be understood with the help of the following diagram:



10.1.1 Basic features

Industries, where process costing can be applied, have normally one or more of the following features:

- Each plant or factory is divided into a number of processes, cost centres or 1. departments, and each such division is a stage of production or a process.
- 2. Manufacturing activity is carried on continuously by means of one or more process run sequentially, selectively or simultaneously.
- 3. The output of one process becomes the input of another process.
- 4. The end product usually is of like units not distinguishable from one another.
- 5. It is not possible to trace the identity of any particular lot of output to any lot of input materials. For example, in the sugar industry, it is impossible to trace any lot of sugar bags to a particular lot of sugarcane fed or vice versa.
- 6. Production of a product may give rise to Joint and/or By-Products.



10.2 COSTING PROCEDURE IN PROCESS COSTING

The Cost of each process comprises the cost of:

Materials (i)

(ii) Employee Cost (Labour)

(iii) Direct expenses, and

(iv) Overheads of production.

Materials - Materials and supplies which are required for each process are drawn against Material Requisitions Notes from the stores. Each process for which the materials are used, are debited with the cost of materials consumed on the basis of the information received from the Cost Accounting department. The finished product of first process generally become the raw materials of second process; under such a situation the account of second process is debited with the cost of transfer from the first process and also with the cost of any additional material used in process.

Employee Cost (Labour) - Each process account should be debited with the **labour cost** or wages paid to labour for carrying out the processing activities. Sometimes the wages paid are apportioned over the different processes after selecting appropriate basis.

Direct expenses - Each **process account should be debited with direct expenses** like depreciation, repairs, maintenance, insurance etc. associated with it.

Production Overheads- Expenses like rent, power expenses, lighting bills, gas and water bills etc. are known as production overheads. These expenses cannot be allocated to a process. The suitable way out to recover them is to apportion them over different processes by using suitable basis. Usually, these expenses are estimated in advance and **the processes debited with these expenses on a predetermined basis.**

ILLUSTRATION 1:

From the following data, PREPARE process accounts indicating the cost of each process and the total cost. The total units that pass through each process were 240 for the period.

	Process I (₹)	Process II (₹)	Process III (₹)
Materials	1,50,000	50,000	20,000
Labour	80,000	2,00,000	60,000
Other expenses	26,000	72,000	25,000

Indirect expenses amounting to ₹85,000 may be apportioned on the basis of wages. There was no opening or closing stock.

SOLUTION

Dr. Process- I Account Cr.

Particulars	Per unit (₹)	Total (₹)	Particulars	Per unit (₹)	Total (₹)
To Material	625	1,50,000	By Process -II A/c	1,150	2,76,000
" Labour	334	80,000	(Transfer to Process-II)		
" Other expenses	108	26,000			
" Indirect expenses*	83	20,000			
	1,150	2,76,000		1,150	2,76,000

Dr. Process- II Account Cr.

	Particulars	Per unit (₹)	Total (₹)	Particulars	Per unit (₹)	Total (₹)
То	Process-I A/c	1,150	2,76,000	By Process-III A/c	2,700	6,48,000
"	Material	208	50,000	(Transfer to Process-III)		
"	Labour	834	2,00,000			
"	Other expenses	300	72,000			
II .	Indirect expenses*	208	50,000			
		2,700	6,48,000		2,700	6,48,000

Dr. Process- III Account Cr.

	Particulars	Per unit (₹)	Total (₹)	Particulars	Per unit (₹)	Total (₹)
То	Process-II A/c	2,700	6,48,000	By Finished Stock A/c	3,200	7,68,000
	Material	83	20,000	(Transferred)		
"	Labour	250	60,000			
"	Other expenses	104	25,000			
"	Indirect expenses*	63	15,000			
		3,200	7,68,000		3,200	7,68,000

^{*} Apportionment of Indirect expenses among Process-I, Process-II and Process-III Total Wages to processes (I + II +III) = ₹ 80,000 + ₹ 2,00,000 + ₹ 60,000 = ₹ 3,40,000

Apportionment to:

Process- I =
$$\frac{₹85,000}{₹3,40,000}$$
×₹80,000 = ₹20,000;
Process- II = $\frac{₹85,000}{₹3,40,000}$ ×₹2,00,000 = ₹50,000 and
Process- III = $\frac{₹85,000}{₹3,40,000}$ ×₹60,000 = ₹15,000



10.3TREATMENT OF NORMAL, ABNORMAL LOSS **AND ABNORMAL GAIN**

10.3.1 Normal and abnormal loss:

Loss of material is inherent during processing operation. The loss of material under different processes arises due to reasons like evaporation or a change in the moisture content etc. Process loss is defined as the loss of material arising during the course of a processing operation and is equal to the difference between the input quantity of the material and its output.

There are two types of material losses viz. (i) Normal loss and (ii) Abnormal loss.

Normal Process Loss: It is also known as normal wastage. It is defined as the loss of material which is inherent in the nature of work. Such a loss can be reasonably anticipated from the nature of the material, nature of operation, the experience and technical data. It is unavoidable because of nature of the material or the process. It also includes units withdrawn from the process for test or sampling.

Treatment in Cost Accounts: The cost of normal process loss in practice is absorbed by good units produced under the process. The amount realised by the sale of normal process loss units should be credited to the process account.

Example-1 (Normal loss with no realisable value)

A product passes through Process- I and Process- II. Materials issued to Process- I amounted to ₹ 40,000, Wages ₹ 30,000 and manufacturing overheads were ₹ 27,000. Normal loss anticipated was 5% of input. 4,750 units of output were produced and transferred-out from Process-I. There were no opening stocks. Input raw material issued to Process I were 5,000 units. Scrap has no realisable value.

You are required to PREPARE Process- I account, value of normal loss and units transferred to Process-II.

Solution

Process- I Account

Particulars	Units	(₹)	Particulars	Units	(₹)
To Material	5,000	40,000	By Normal loss	250	0
To Wages	-	30,000			
To Overhead	-	27,000	By Process II	4,750	97,000
	5,000	97,000		5,000	97,000

Value of Normal loss = Scrap realisable value less cost to sale

Since, scraps do not realise any value, hence, value of normal loss is zero.

Value of units transferred to Process-II:

 $= \frac{\text{Total Cost-Realisable value of normal loss}}{\text{Total inputunits-Normal lossunits}} \times \text{Units transferred}$

=
$$\frac{₹97,000-0}{5,000 \text{ units}-250 \text{ units}} \times 4,750 \text{ units} = 97,000$$

Example-2 (Normal loss with realisable value)

A product passes through Process- I and Process- II. Materials issued to Process-I amounted to ₹ 40,000, Wages ₹ 30,000 and manufacturing overheads were ₹ 27,000. Normal loss anticipated was 5% of input. 4,750 units of output were produced and transferred-out from Process-I. There were no opening stocks. Input raw material issued to Process I were 5,000 units. Scrap has realisable value of ₹ 2 per unit.

You are required to PREPARE Process- I account, value of normal loss and units transferred to Process-II.

Solution

Process- I Account

Particulars	Units	(₹)	Particulars	Units	(₹)
To Material	5,000	40,000	By Normal loss	250	500
To Wages	-	30,000			
To Overhead	-	27,000	By Process II	4,750	96,500
	5,000	97,000		5,000	97,000

Value of Normal loss = Scrap realisable value less cost to sale

= 250 units × ₹2 = ₹500

Value of units transferred to Process-II:

- = Total Cost Realisable value of normal loss

 Total input units Normal loss units
- $= \frac{\cancel{\$}97,000 \cancel{\$}500}{5,000 \text{ units} 250 \text{ units}} \times 4,750 \text{ units} = 96,500$
- **(ii)** Abnormal Process Loss: It is also known as abnormal wastage. It is defined as the loss in excess of the pre-determined loss (Normal process loss). This type of loss may occur due to the carelessness of workers, a bad plant design or operation, sabotage etc. Such a loss cannot obviously be estimated in advance. But it can be kept under control by taking suitable measures.

Treatment in Cost Accounts: The cost of an abnormal process loss unit is equal to the cost of a good unit. The total cost of abnormal process loss is credited to the process account from which it arises. Cost of abnormal process loss is not treated as a part of the cost of the product. In fact, **the total cost of abnormal process loss is debited to costing profit and loss account.**

Example-3 (Abnormal loss with realisable value)

A product passes through Process- I and Process- II. Materials issued to Process-I amounted to ₹ 40,000, Wages ₹ 30,000 and manufacturing overheads were ₹ 27,000. Normal loss anticipated was 5% of input. 4,550 units of output were produced and transferred-out from Process-I. There were no opening stocks. Input raw material issued to Process I were 5,000 units. Scrap has realisable value of ₹ 2 per unit.

You are required to PREPARE Process- I account, value of normal loss, abnormal loss and units transferred to Process-II.

Solution:

Process- I Account

Particulars	Units	(₹)	Particulars	Units	(₹)
To Material	5,000	40,000	By Normal loss	250	500
To Wages	-	30,000	By Abnormal Loss	200	4,063
To Overhead	-	27,000	By Process II	4,550	92,437
	5,000	97,000		5,000	97,000

Value of Normal loss = Scrap realisable value less cost to sale

Value of Abnormal loss:

= Total Cost – Realisable value of normal loss

Total input units – Normal loss units

$$= \frac{₹97,000-₹500}{5,000 \text{ units}-250 \text{ units}} \times 200 \text{ units} = ₹4,063$$

Value of units transferred to Process-II:

 $= \frac{\text{Total Cost-Realisable value of normal loss}}{\text{Total input units-Normal loss units}} \times \text{Units transferred}$

=
$$\frac{₹97,000-₹500}{5,000 \text{ units}-250 \text{ units}} \times 4,550 \text{ units} = 92,437$$

10.3.2 Abnormal Process Gain/ Yield:

Sometimes, loss under a process is less than the anticipated normal figure. In other words, **the actual production exceeds the expected figures**. Under such a situation the difference between actual and expected loss or actual and expected production is known as abnormal gain or yield. So, abnormal gain may be defined as an unexpected gain in production under the normal conditions. This arises due to over- estimation of process loss, improvements in work efficiency of workers, use od better technology in production etc.

Treatment in Cost Accounts: The process account under which abnormal gain arises is debited with the abnormal gain and credited to abnormal gain account which will be closed by transferring to the Costing Profit and Loss account. The cost of abnormal gain is computed on the basis of normal production.

Example-4 (Abnormal gain/ yield with realisable value)

A product passes through Process- I and Process- II. Materials issued to Process-I amounted to ₹ 40,000, Wages ₹ 30,000 and manufacturing overheads were ₹ 27,000. Normal loss anticipated was 5% of input. 4,850 units of output were produced and transferred-out from Process-I. There were no opening stocks. Input raw material issued to Process I were 5,000 units. Scrap has realisable value of ₹ 2 per unit.

You are required to PREPARE Process- I account, value of normal loss, abnormal loss/ gain and units transferred to Process-II.

Solution

Process- I Account

Particulars	Units	(₹)	Particulars	Units	(₹)
To Material	5,000	40,000	By Normal loss	250	500
To Wages	-	30,000			
To Overhead	-	27,000	By Process II	4,850	98,532
To Abnormal Gain A/c	100	2,032			
	5,100	99,032		5,100	99,032

Value of Normal loss = Scrap realisable value less cost to sale

(even though the actual loss is less than the expected loss (Normal loss), value of the normal loss is calculated on the estimated figure)

Value of Abnormal Gain:

=
$$\frac{₹97,000 - ₹500}{5,000 \text{ units} - 250 \text{ units}} \times 100 \text{ units} = ₹2,032$$

Value of units transferred to Process-II:

$$= \frac{\text{Total Cost-Realisable value of normal loss}}{\text{Total input units-Normal loss units}} \times \text{Units transferred}$$

$$= \frac{₹97,000 - ₹500}{5,000 \text{ units} - 250 \text{ units}} \times 4,850 \text{ units} = 98,532$$

(Process A/c is debited with the value of abnormal gain as calculated above but the Costing Profit & Loss Account will only be credited with actual amount of abnormal gain only considering the actual realisable value through Abnormal Gain A/c, as shown below)

Abnormal Gain A/c

Particulars	Units	(₹)	Part	iculars	Units	(₹)
To Normal Loss A/c	100	200	Ву	Process-I	100	2,032
(100 units × ₹2)			A/c			
To Costing P&L A/c	-	1,832				
	100	2,032			100	2,032

(The Costing P&L Account is credited only for actual gain amount)

ILLUSTRATION 2

A product passes through three processes. The output of each process is treated as the raw material of the next process to which it is transferred and output of the third process is transferred to finished stock.

	Process-I (₹)	Process-II (₹)	Process-III (₹)
Materials issued	40,000	20,000	10,000
Labour	6,000	4,000	1,000
Manufacturing overhead	10,000	10,000	15,000

10,000 units have been issued to the Process-I and after processing, the output of each process is as under:

Process	Output	Normal Loss
Process-I	9,750 units	2%
Process-II	9,400 units	5%
Process-III	8,000 units	10%

No stock of materials or of work-in-process was left at the end. CALCULATE the cost of the finished articles.

SOLUTION

Dr. Process-I Account Cr.

	Particulars	Units	Total (₹)	Particulars	Units	Total (₹)
То	Material	10,000	40,000	By Normal Loss A/c	200	
				(2% of 10,000 units)		
"	Labour		6,000	" Abnormal Loss A/c	50	286

			(₹ 5.7142 × 50 units)		
" Manufacturing		10,000	" Process-II A/c	9,750	55,714
ОН			(₹ 5.7142 × 9,750 units)		
	10,000	56,000		10,000	56,000

Cost per unit of completed units and abnormal loss:

$$\frac{\text{Total Cost}}{\text{Inputs-Normal loss}} = \frac{\text{₹}56,000}{10,000 \text{units-}200 \text{units}} = \text{₹}5.7142$$

Dr. Process-II Account Cr.

	Particulars	Units	Total (₹)	Particulars	Units	Total (₹)
То	Process-I A/c	9,750	55,714	By Normal Loss A/c (5% of 9,750 units)	488	
"	Material		20,000	" Process-III A/c (₹ 9.6862 × 9,400 units)	9,400	91,051
"	Labour		4,000			
II	Manufacturing OH		10,000			
"	Abnormal Gain A/c (₹ 9.6862 × 138 units)	138	1,337			
		9,888	91,051		9,888	91,051

Cost per unit of completed units and abnormal gain:

$$\frac{\text{Total Cost}}{\text{Inputs-Normal loss}} = \frac{₹89,714}{9,750 \text{units-}488 \text{units}} = ₹ 9.6862$$

Dr. Process-III Account Cr.

Particulars	Units	Total (₹)		Particulars	Units	Total (₹)
To Process-II A/c	9,400	91,051	Ву	Normal Loss A/c (10% of 9,400 units)	940	
" Material		10,000	"	Abnormal Loss A/c (₹13.8358 × 460	460	6,364

			units)		
" Labour		1,000	" Finished Stock A/c	8,000	1,10,687
			(₹13.8358 × 8,000		
			units)		
" Manufacturing		15,000			
ОН					
	9,400	1,17,051		9,400	1,17,051

Cost per unit of completed units and abnormal loss:

$$\frac{\text{Total Cost}}{\text{Inputs-Normal loss}} = \frac{₹1,17,051}{9,400 \text{units}-940 \text{units}} = ₹13.8358$$

ILLUSTRATION 3

RST Limited processes Product Z through two distinct processes – Process- I and Process-II. On completion, it is transferred to finished stock. From the following information for the year 20X8-X9, PREPARE Process- I, Process- II and Finished Stock A/c:

Particulars	Process- I	Process- II
Raw materials used	7,500 units	
Raw materials cost per unit	₹60	
Transfer to next process/finished stock	7,050 units	6,525 units
Normal loss (on inputs)	5%	10%
Direct wages	₹ 1,35,750	₹ 1,29,250
Direct Expenses	60% of Direct wages	65% of Direct wages
Manufacturing overheads	20% of Direct wages	15% of Direct wages
Realisable value of scrap per unit	₹ 12.50	₹37.50

6,000 units of finished goods were sold at a profit of 15% on cost. Assume that there was no opening or closing stock of work-in-process.

SOLUTION

Process- I A/c

Particulars	Units	(₹)	Particulars	Units	(₹)
To Raw material	7,500	4,50,000	By Normal loss	375	4,688
used			(5% of 7,500		

(₹60 × 7,500 units)			units) × ₹12.5		
To Direct wages		1,35,750	By Process- II A/c (₹96.7947 × 7,050 units)	7,050	6,82,403
To Direct expenses		81,450	By Abnormal loss (₹96. 7947 × 75 units)	75	7,259
To Manufacturi ng overhead		27,150			
	7,500	6,94,350		7,500	6,94,350

Cost per unit of completed units and abnormal loss:

Total Cost-Realisable value from normal loss

Inputs units-Normal loss units

$$= \frac{₹6,94,350 - ₹4,688}{7,500 \text{ units} - 375 \text{ units}} = \frac{₹6,89,662}{7,125 \text{ units}} = ₹96.7947$$

Process- II A/c

Particulars	Units	(₹)	Particulars	Units	(₹)
To Process- I A/c	7,050	6,82,403	By Normal loss (10% of 7,050 units)× ₹ 37.5	705	26,438
To Direct wages		1,29,250	By Finished Stock A/c (₹140.0496 × 6,525 units)	6,525	9,13,824
To Direct expenses		84,013			
To Manufacturing overhead		19,387			
To Abnormal gain (₹140.0496 × 180 units)	180	25,209			
	7,230	9,40,262		7,230	9,40,262

Cost per unit of completed units and abnormal loss:

TotalCost-Realisable value from normalloss

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$$= \frac{₹9,15,053 - ₹26,438}{7,050 \text{ units} - 705 \text{ units}} = \frac{₹8,88,615}{6,345 \text{ units}} = ₹140.0496$$

Finished Goods Stock A/c

	Particulars	Units	(₹)	Particulars	Units	(₹)
То	Process II A/c	6,525	9,13,824	By Cost of Sales (₹140.0496 × 6,000 units)	6,000	8,40,298
				By Balance c/d	525	73,526
		6,525	9,13,824		6,525	9,13,824

Income Statement

Particulars	(₹)	Particulars	(₹)
To Cost of sales (₹140.0496 × 6,000 units)		By Abnormal gain {180 units × (₹140.0496 – ₹37.50)}	18,459
To Abnormal loss {75 units × (₹96.7947 – ₹12.50)}		By Sales (₹8,40,298 × 115%)	9,66,343
To Net Profit	1,38,182		
	9,84,802		9,84,802



10.4 VALUATION OF WORK IN PROCESS

In the case of process type of industries, it is possible to determine the average cost per unit by dividing the total cost incurred during a given period of time by the total number of units produced during the same period. But this is hardly the case in most of the process type industries where manufacturing is a continuous activity. The reason is that the cost incurred in such industries represents the cost of work carried on opening work-in-process, closing work-in-process and completed units. Thus to ascertain the cost of each completed unit, it is necessary to ascertain the cost of work-in-process in the beginning and at the end of the process.

The valuation of work-in-process presents a good deal of difficulty because it has units under different stages of completion from those in which work has just begun to those which are only a step short of completion. Work-in-process can be valued on actual basis, i.e., materials used on the unfinished units and the actual amount of labour expenses involved. However, the degree of accuracy in

such a case cannot be satisfactory. An alternative method is based on converting partly finished units into equivalent finished units.

10.4.1 Equivalent Units

Equivalent units or equivalent production units, means converting the incomplete production units into their equivalent completed units. Under each process, an estimate is made of the percentage completion of work-in-process with regard to different elements of costs, *viz.*, material, labour and overheads. It is important that the estimate of percentage of completion should be as accurate as possible. The formula for computing equivalent completed units is:

Equivalent completed units =
$$\begin{pmatrix} Actual number of units in \\ the process of manufacture \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} Percentage of \\ Work completed \end{pmatrix}$$

For instance, if 25% of work has been done on the average of units still under process, then 200 such units will be equal to 50 completed units and the cost of work-in-process will be equal to the cost of 50 finished units.

The following	table ma	v be used	to o	compute	the ed	uivalent	units:
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Input Details	Unit	Output	Units	Equivalent Units					
	S	Particulars		Ma	iterial	Labour		Overhead	
				%	Units	%	Units	%	Units
			а	b	c= a×b	d	e=a×d	f	g=a×f
Opening W-I-P	XXX	Opening W-I-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
		P*							
Unit	XXX	Finished	xxx	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	xxx
Introduced		output**							
		Normal	xxx	-	-	-	-	-	-
		loss***							
		Abnormal	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	xxx
		loss/Gain****							
		Closing W-I-P	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Total	XXX	Total	XXX		XXX		XXX		XXX

^{*} Equivalent units for Opening W-I-P is calculated only under FIFO method. Under the Average method, it is not shown separately.

^{**}Under the FIFO method, Finished Output = Units completed and transferred to next process *less* Opening WIP. Under Average method, Finished Output = Units completed and transferred.

^{***}For normal loss, no equivalent unit is calculated.

^{****}Abnormal Gain/ Yield is treated as 100% complete in respect of all cost elements irrespective of percentage of completion.

10.5 STEPS IN PROCESS COSTING

For each production process, a Production Cost Report is prepared at the end of each accounting period. The objective of preparing the report is to know physical units and equivalent units in process, element wise cost of goods produced and transferred, goods in process (work-in-process), units lost due to abnormal reasons i.e. abnormal loss etc. To prepare the report, the following steps are generally followed:

Step-1: Analysis of physical flow of production units

The first step is to determine and analyse the number of physical units in the form of inputs (introduced fresh or transferred from previous process, beginning workin-process) and outputs (completed and work-in-process).

Step-2: Calculation of equivalent units for each cost elements

The second step is to calculate equivalent units of production for each cost element i.e. for material, labour and overheads. It is calculated by taking the extent of work done in respect of each element. For example, if there are 1,000 units in work-in-process at the end of the month. All materials are introduced at the beginning of production process. For labour and overheads, 20% more work is required to get it completed. In this example, the equivalent units of work-inprocess in respect of material would be 1,000 units (1,000 units × 100% complete) and for labour and overheads 800 units (1,000 units × 80% complete).

Step-3: Determination of total cost for each cost element

Total cost for each cost element is collected and accumulated for the period. The process of cost collection has already been discussed above.

Step-4: Computation of cost per equivalent unit for each cost element

In this step, the cost per equivalent unit for each cost element is calculated. The total cost as calculated in Step-3 is divided by the equivalent units as determined in Step-2.

Step-5: Assignment of total costs to units completed and ending WIP

In this step, the total cost for units completed, units transferred to next process, ending work in process, abnormal loss etc. are calculated and posted in the process account and production cost report.

10.6 PROCESS COSTING METHODS

Mainly two methods for valuation of work-in-process are followed:

- (i) First-in-First Out (FIFO) method.
- (ii) Weighted Average(Average) method

First-in-first-out (FIFO) method (i)

Under this method the units completed and transferred are taken from both opening work-in-process (WIP) and freshly introduced materials/inputs. The cost to complete the opening WIP and other completed units are calculated **separately.** The cost of opening WIP is added to cost incurred on completing the incomplete (WIP) units into complete one. The total cost of units completed and transferred is calculated by adding opening WIP cost to cost on freshly introduced inputs. In this method the closing stock of work in process is valued at current cost.

ILLUSTRATION 4:

Opening work-in-process 1,000 units (60% complete); Cost ₹ 1,10,000. Units introduced during the period 10,000 units; Cost ₹ 19,30,000. Transferred to next process - 9,000 units.

Closing work-in-process - 800 units (75% complete). Normal loss is estimated at 10% of total input including units in process at the beginning. Scraps realise ₹ 10 per unit. Scraps are 100% complete.

Using FIFO method, COMPUTE equivalent production and cost per equivalent unit. Also evaluate the output.

SOLUTION

Statement of Equivalent Production Units (Under FIFO Method)

Particulars	Input units	Particulars	Output units		quivalent oduction
				(%)	Equivalent units
Opening W-I-P	1,000	From opening W-I-P	1,000	40	400
Units introduced	10,000	From fresh inputs	8,000	100	8,000
		Units completed	9,000		
		(Transferred to next			
		process)			

	Normal Loss {10% (1,000 + 10,000 units)} Closing W-I-P	1,100 800	 75	600
	Abnormal loss (Balancing figure)	100	100	100
11,000		11,000		9,100

Computation of cost per equivalent production unit:

Cost of the Process (for the period)₹19,30,000Less: Scrap value of normal loss (₹ 10 × 1,100 units)(₹11,000)Total process cost₹ 19,19,000

Cost per equivalent unit = $\frac{₹19,19,000}{9,100 \text{ units}}$ = ₹ 210.88

Statement of Evaluation

	Particulars	Equivalent Units (EU)	Cost per EU (₹)	Amount (₹)
(i)	Opening W-I-P completed during the period	400	210.88	84,352
	Add: Cost of W-I-P at beginning			1,10,000
	Complete cost of 1,000 units of opening W-I-P	1,000	194.35	1,94,352
(ii)	Completely processed units	8,000	210.88	16,87,040
(iii)	Abnormal Loss	100	210.88	21,088
(iv)	Closing W-I-P	600	210.88	1,26,528

(The difference in total amount may arise due to rounding off error)

Process Explained:

- (i) Total Units completed and Transferred is 9,000 units. Out of these 9,000 units, 1,000 units has been taken from opening WIP and the rest is from the fresh units introduced.
- (ii) The opening WIP is 60% complete in respect of costs, hence, 40% more work is to be done during the period.

- (iii) Total cost for cost elements for the period (current period only) is accumulated.
- (iv) The realisable value of scrap (i.e. normal loss) is deducted from the total cost as accumulated above.
- (v) Total cost less realisable value is divided by equivalent units to get cost per equivalent unit.
- (vi) The equivalent cost as calculated above is multiplied by the equivalent units of completely processed goods, abnormal loss and closing WIP to get the value.
- (vii) Cost of units completed and transferred is calculated separately for Opening WIP and fresh inputs.

(ii) Weighted Average (Average) Method:

Under this method, the cost of opening work-in-process and cost of the current period are aggregated and the aggregate cost is divided by output in terms of completed units. The equivalent production in this case consists of work-load already contained in opening work-in-process and work-load of current period.

The main difference between FIFO method and average method is that units of opening work in process and their cost are taken in full under average method while under FIFO method only the remaining work done now is considered.

ILLUSTRATION 5

Refer to information provided in Illustration 4 above and solve this by Weighted Average Method:

SOLUTION

Statement of Equivalent Units (Under Weighted Average Method)

Particulars	Input units	Particulars	Output units		uivalent duction	
				(%)	Equivalent units	
Opening W-I-P	1,000	Units completed (Transferred to next process)	9,000	100	9,000	
Units introduced	10,000	Normal Loss {10% (1,000 +	1,100			

		10,000 units)}			
		Closing W-I-P	800	75	600
		Abnormal loss	100	100	100
		(Balancing figure)			
	11,000		11,000		9,700

Computation of cost per equivalent production unit:

Cost of Opening W-I-P	₹ 1,10,000
Cost of the Process (for the period)	₹19,30,000
Less: Scrap value of normal loss (₹ 1 × 1,100 units)	(₹11,000)
Total process cost	₹20,29,000

Cost per equivalent unit = $\frac{₹20,29,000}{9,700 \text{ units}}$ = ₹ 209.18

Statement of Evaluation

Particulars	Equivalent Units (EU)	Cost per EU (₹)	Amount (₹)
(i) Units Completed and transferred to next process	9,000	209.18	18,82,620
(ii) Abnormal Loss	100	209.18	20,918
(iii) Closing W-I-P	600	209.18	1,25,508

(The difference in total amount may arise due to rounding off error)

Process Explained:

- (i) Total Units completed and Transferred is 9,000 units. All the 9,000 units has been considered as equally complete in respected of cost.
- (ii) Total cost for cost elements for the period and opening WIP is accumulated.
- (iii) The realisable value of scrap (i.e. normal loss) is deducted from the total cost as accumulated above.
- (iv) Total cost less realisable value is divided by equivalent units to get cost per equivalent unit.
- (v) The equivalent cost as calculated above is multiplied by the equivalent units of completely processed goods, abnormal loss and closing WIP to get the value.

10.7 INTER-PROCESS PROFITS

To control cost and to measure performance, different processes within an organization are designated as separate profit centres. In this type of organizational structure, the output of one process is transferred to the next process not at cost but at market value or cost plus a percentage of profit. The difference between cost and the transfer price is known as inter-process profits.

The advantages and disadvantages of using inter-process profit, in the case of process type industries are as follows:

Advantages:

- 1. Comparison between the cost of output and its market price at the stage of completion is facilitated.
- 2. Each process is made to stand by itself as to the profitability.

Disadvantages:

- 1. The use of inter-process profits involves complication.
- 2. The system shows profits which are not realised because of stock not sold out.

ILLUSTRATION 6

A Ltd. produces product 'AXE' which passes through two processes before it is completed and transferred to finished stock. The following data relate to October 20X8:

	Process- I (₹)	Process- II (₹)	Finished Stock (₹)
Opening stock	7,500	9,000	22,500
Direct materials	15,000	15,750	
Direct wages	11,200	11,250	
Factory overheads	10,500	4,500	
Closing stock	3,700	4,500	11,250
Inter-process profit included in opening stock		1,500	8,250

Output of Process- I is transferred to Process- II at 25% profit on the transfer price.

Output of Process- II is transferred to finished stock at 20% profit on the transfer

price. Stock in process is valued at prime cost. Finished stock is valued at the price at which it is received from process II. Sales during the period are ₹1,40,000.

PREPARE Process cost accounts and finished goods account showing the profit element at each stage.

SOLUTION

Process- I Account

Particulars	Total (₹)	Cost (₹)	Profit (₹)	Particulars	Total (₹)	Cost (₹)	Profit (₹)
Opening stock	7,500	7,500		Process- II A/c	54,000	40,500	13,500
Direct materials	15,000	15,000					
Direct wages	11,200	11,200					
	33,700	33,700					
Less: Closing stock	(3,700)	(3,700)					
Prime cost	30,000	30,000					
Overheads	10,500	10,500					
Process cost	40,500	40,500					
Profit (33 ¹ / ₃ of total cost)	13,500		13,500				
	54,000	40,500	13,500		54,000	40,500	13,500

Process- II Account

Particulars	Total (₹)	Cost (₹)	Profit (₹)	Particulars	Total (₹)	Cost (₹)	Profit (₹)
Opening stock	9,000	7,500	1,500	Finished Stock A/c	1,12,500	75,750	36,750
Transferred from Process- I	54,000	40,500	13,500				
Direct materials	15,750	15,750					
Direct wages	11,250	11,250					
	90,000	75,000	15,000				

Less Closing stock*	(4,500)	(3,750)	(750)			
Prime cost	85,500	71,250	14,250			
Overheads	4,500	4,500				
Process cost	90,000	75,750	14,250			
Profit (25%	22,500		22,500			
on total						
cost)						
	1,12,500	75,750	36,750	1,12,500	75,750	(1)

^{*} Cost of Closing Stock = $\frac{₹75,000}{₹90,000} \times ₹4,500 = ₹3,750$

Finished Stock Account

Particulars	Total (₹)	Cost (₹)	Profit (₹)	Particulars	Total (₹)	Cost (₹)	Profit (₹)
Opening stock	22,500	14,250	8,250	Costing P&L A/c	1,40,000	82,425	57,575
Process- II	1,12,500	75,750	36,750				
	1,35,000	90,000	45,000				
Less: Closing stock*	(11,250)	(7,575)	(3,675)				
Finished stock	1,23,750	82,425	41,325				
Profit	16,250		16,250				
	1,40,000	82,425	57,575		1,40,000	82,425	57,575

^{*} Cost of Closing Stock = ₹75,750 × ₹ 11,250 = ₹7,575

Working Notes:

Let the transfer price be 100 then profit is 25; i.e. cost price is ₹75.

1. If cost is ₹ 75 then profit is ₹ 25

If cost is ₹ 40,500 then profit is
$$\frac{25}{75} \times 40,500 = ₹ 13,500$$

2. If cost is ₹ 80 then profit is ₹ 20

If cost is ₹ 90,000 then profit is
$$\frac{20}{80} \times 90,000 = ₹ 22,500$$

10.8 OPERATION COSTING

This product costing system is used when an entity produces more than one variant of final product using different materials but with similar conversion activities. Which means conversion activities are similar for all the product variants but materials differ significantly. Operation Costing method is also known as Hybrid product costing system as materials costs are accumulated by job order or batch wise but conversion costs i.e. labour and overheads costs are accumulated by department, and process costing methods are used to assign these costs to products. Moreover, under operation costing, conversion costs are applied to products using a predetermined application rate. This predetermined rate is based on budgeted conversion costs.

For example, a company is manufacturing two grades of products, Product-Deluxe and Product- Regular. Both the products pass through a similar production process but require different quality and quantities of raw materials. The cost of raw material is accumulated on the basis of job or batches or units of two variants of products. But the costs for the conversion activities need not to be identified with the product variants as both the Products requires similar activities for conversion. Hence, conversion activity costs are accumulated on the basis of departments or processes only. Example of industries are ready made garments, Shoe making, jewelry etc.

SUMMARY

- **Process Costing:** Used in industries where the material has to pass through two or more processes for being converted into a final product.
- **Operation Costing**: It is the refinement of process costing. It is concerned with the determination of the cost of each operation rather than the process.
- Treatment of Losses in process costing: -
 - **Normal process loss -** The cost of normal process loss is absorbed by (i) good units produced under the process. The amount realised by the sale of normal process loss units should be credited to the process account.
 - **Abnormal process loss -** The total cost of abnormal process loss is (ii) credited to the process account from which it arises. The total cost of abnormal process loss is debited to costing profit and loss account.

- ♦ **Abnormal gain** The process account under which abnormal gain arises is debited with the abnormal gain and credited to Abnormal gain account which will be closed by transferring to the Costing Profit and loss account.
- **Equivalent production units:** This concept is used in the industries where manufacturing is a continuous activity. Converting partly finished units into equivalent finished units.

Equivalent production means converting the incomplete production units into their equivalent completed units.

Equivalent completed units ={Actual number of units in the process of manufacture} × {Percentage of work completed}

- ♦ Valuation of work-in-process: two main methods:
 - (1) First-in-First Out (FIFO) method.
 - (2) Average Cost method (or weighted average cost method).
- ♦ Inter-Process Profits

The output of one process is transferred to the next process not at cost but at market value or cost plus a percentage of profit. The difference between cost and the transfer price is known as inter-process profits.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

MCQs based Questions

- 1. The type of process loss that should not be allowed to affect the cost of good units is
 - (a) Abnormal loss
 - (b) Normal loss
 - (c) Seasonal loss
 - (d) Standard loss
- 2. 200 units were introduced in a process in which 20 units is the normal loss. If the actual output is 150 units, then there is
 - (a) No abnormal loss
 - (b) No abnormal gain
 - (c) Abnormal loss of 30 units

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- (d) Abnormal gain of 30 units
- 3. 100 units are processed at a total cost of ₹ 160, normal loss is 10%, & scrap units are sold @ ₹ 0.25 each. If the output is 80 units, then the value of abnormal loss is
 - (a) ₹ 2.50
 - (b) ₹ 16
 - (c) ₹ 17.50
 - (d) ₹ 17.75
- 4. When average method is used in process costing, the opening inventory costs are
 - (a) Subtracted from the new costs
 - (b) Added to the new costs
 - (c) Kept separate from the costs of the new period
 - (d) Averaged with other costs to arrive at total cost
- 5. Spoilage that occurs under inefficient operating conditions and is ordinarily controllable is called
 - (a) Normal spoilage
 - (b) Abnormal spoilage
 - (c) Normal defectives
 - (d) None of the above
- 6. An abnormal gain in a process occurs in which of the following situations?
 - (a) When the actual output is greater than the planned output.
 - (b) When actual loss is more than the expected.
 - (c) When actual loss is less than the expected loss
 - (d) When normal loss is equal to actual loss.
- 7. The value of abnormal loss is equal to
 - (a) Total cost of materials
 - (b) Total process cost less realizable value of normal loss
 - (c) Total process cost less cost of scrap

- (d) Total process cost less realizable value of normal loss less value of transferred out goods.
- 8. Inter-process profit is calculated, because-
 - (a) a process is a cost centres
 - (b) each process has to report profit
 - (c) the efficiency of the process is measured
 - (d) the wages of employees are linked to the process profitability.
- 9. The concept of process costing cannot be applied to
 - (a) batch production
 - (b) a contract
 - (c) transport services
 - (d) a job order
- 10. A process account is debited by abnormal gain, the value is determined as
 - (a) Equal to the value of normal loss
 - (b) Cost of good units less realizable value of normal loss
 - (c) Cost of good units less realizable value of actual loss
 - (d) Equal to the value of good units less closing stock

Theoretical Questions

- 1. EXPLAIN briefly the procedure for the valuation of Work-in-process.
- 2. EXPLAIN equivalent units.
- 3. "Operation costing is defined as refinement of Process costing." EXPLAIN it.
- 4. What is inter-process profit? STATE its advantages and disadvantages.

Practical Questions

1. Following information is available regarding Process-I for the month of February, 20X9:

Production Record:

Units in process as on 1.2.20X9

4,000

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(All materials used, 25% complete for labour and overhead)

New units introduced		16,000				
Units completed	14,000					
Units in process as on 28.2.2	6,000					
(All materials used, 33-1/3%	complete for labour and overhead)					
Cost Records:						
Work-in-process as on 1.2.2	20X9	(₹)				
Materials		6,000				
Labour		1,000				
Overhead		1,000				
		8,000				
Cost during the month						
Materials	25,600					
Labour		15,000				
Overhead		15,000				
		55,600				
Presuming that average me	thod of inventory is used, PREPARE:					
(i) Statement of equivalent production.						
(ii) Statement showing cost for each element.						

(iv) Process cost account for Process-I.

Statement of apportionment of cost.

(iii)

2. Following details are related to the work done in Process-I by XYZ Company during the month of March, 20X9:

	(₹)					
Opening work-in process (2,000 units)						
Materials	80,000					
Labour	15,000					
Overheads	45,000					
Materials introduced in Process-I (38,000 units)	4,80,000					
Direct Labour	3,59,000					
Overheads 1	0,77,000					

Units scrapped: 3,000 units

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Degree of completion:

Materials 100%

Labour and overheads 80%

Closing work-in process: 2,000 units

Degree of completion

Materials 100%

Labour and overheads 80%

Units finished and transferred to Process-II: 35,000 units

Normal Loss:

5% of total input including opening work-in-process.

Scrapped units fetch ₹ 20 per piece.

You are required to PREPARE using average method:

- (i) Statement of equivalent production
- (ii) Statement of cost
- (iii) Statement of distribution cost, and
- (iv) Process-I Account, Normal Loss Account and Abnormal Loss Account.
- 3. A company produces a component, which passes through two processes. During the month of April, 20X9, materials for 40,000 components were put into Process I of which 30,000 were completed and transferred to Process II. Those not transferred to Process II were 100% complete as to materials cost and 50% complete as to labour and overheads cost. The Process I costs incurred were as follows:

Direct material ₹15,000

Direct wages ₹18,000

Factory overheads ₹12,000

Of those transferred to Process II, 28,000 units were completed and transferred to finished goods stores. There was a normal loss with no salvage value of 200 units in Process II. There were 1,800 units, remained unfinished in the process with 100% complete as to materials and 25% complete as regard to wages and overheads.

No further process material costs occur after introduction at the first process until the end of the second process, when protective packing is applied to the completed components. The process and packing costs incurred at the end of the Process II were:

Packing materials ₹4,000

Direct wages ₹3,500

Factory overheads ₹4,500

Required:

- (i) PREPARE Statement of Equivalent Production, Cost per unit and Process I A/c.
- (ii) PREPARE Statement of Equivalent Production, Cost per unit and Process II A/c.

ANSWERS/ SOLUTIONS

Answers to the MCQs based Questions

- 1. (a) 2. (c) 3. (c) 4. (b) 5. (b) 6. (c)
- **7.** (d) **8.** (c) **9.** (c) **10.** (b)

Answers to the Theoretical Questions

- 1. Please refer paragraph 10.4
- 2. Please refer paragraph 10.4.1
- 3. Please refer paragraph 10.8
- 4. Please refer paragraph 10.7

Answer to the Practical Questions

1. (i) Statement of equivalent production (Average cost method)

Particulars	Input	Input Particulars	iculars Output Units	Equivalent Production				
	Units			Ma	terial	Labour	& O.H.	
				%	Units	%	Units	
Opening WIP	4,000	Completed and transferred	14,000	100	14,000	100	14,000	

Units	16,000	Closing WIP		100	6,000	33-1/3	2,000
introduced							
	20,000		20,000		20,000		16,000

(ii) Statement showing cost for each element

Particulars	Materials (₹)	Labour (₹)	Overhead (₹)	Total (₹)
Cost of opening work-in- process	6,000	1,000	1,000	8,000
Cost incurred during the month	25,600	15,000	15,000	55,600
Total cost: (A)	31,600	16,000	16,000	63,600
Equivalent units: (B)	20,000	16,000	16,000	
Cost per equivalent unit: (C) = (A ÷ B)	1.58	1	1	3.58

(iii) Statement of apportionment of cost

	Amount (₹)	Amount (₹)
1. Value of units completed and transferred		50,120
(14,000 units × ₹ 3.58)		
2. Value of Closing W-I-P:		
- Materials (6,000 units × ₹ 1.58)	9,480	
- Labour (2,000 units × ₹ 1)	2,000	
- Overheads (2,000 units × ₹ 1)	2,000	13,480

(iv) Process-I Cost Account

Particulars	Units	(₹)	Particulars	Units	(₹)
To Opening	4,000	8,000	By Completed	14,000	50,120
W-I-P			units		
To Materials	16,000	25,600	By Closing W-I-P	6,000	13,480
To Labour		15,000			
To Overhead		15,000			
	20,000	63,600		20,000	63,600

2. (i) Statement of Equivalent Production

Particulars	Input	Particulars	Output	Equ	Equivalent Production		
	Units		Units Material Labour		our &		
					О.Н.).H.
				%	Units	%	Units
Opening	2,000	Completed	35,000	100	35,000	100	35,000
WIP		and					
		transferred to					
		Process-II					
Units	38,000	Normal Loss	2,000				
introduced		(5% of 40,000)					
		Abnormal loss	1,000	100	1,000	80	800
		(Bal <mark>a</mark> ncing					
		figu <mark>r</mark> e)					
		Clo <mark>si</mark> ng WIP	2,000	100	2,000	80	1,600
	40,000		40,000		38,000		37,400

(ii) Statement showing cost for each element

Particulars	Materials	Labour	Overhead	Total
	(₹)	(₹)	(₹)	(₹)
Cost of opening work-in-process	80,000	15,000	45,000	1,40,000
Cost incurred during the month	14,80,000	3,59,000	10,77,000	29,16,000
Less: Realisable Value of normal scrap (₹ 20 × 2,000 units)	(40,000)	1	1	(40,000)
Total cost: (A)	15,20,000	3,74,000	11,22,000	30,16,000
Equivalent units: (B)	38,000	37,400	37,400	
Cost per equivalent unit: $(C) = (A \div B)$	40.00	10.00	30.00	80.00

(iii) Statement of Distribution of cost

		Amount (₹)	Amount (₹)
1.	Value of units completed and		28,00,000
	transferred		
	(35,000 units × ₹ 80)		
2.	Value of Abnormal Loss:		

	- Materials (1,000 units × ₹ 40)	40,000	
	- Labour (800 units × ₹ 10)	8,000	
	- Overheads (800 units × ₹ 30)	24,000	72,000
3.	Value of Closing W-I-P:		
	- Materials (2,000 units × ₹ 40)	80,000	
	- Labour (1,600 units × ₹ 10)	16,000	
	- Overheads (1,600 units × ₹ 30)	48,000	1,44,000

(iv) Process-I A/c

	Particulars	Units	(₹)	Particulars	Units	(₹)
То	Opening W.I.P:			By Normal Loss	2,000	40,000
				(₹20 × 2,000 units)		
	- Materials	2,000	80,000	By Abnormal loss	1,000	72,000
	- Labour		15,000	By Process-I A/c	35,000	28,00,000
	- Overheads	-	45,000	By Closing WIP	2,000	1,44,000
То	Materials introduced	38,000	14,80,000			
То	Direct Labour		3,59,000			
То	Overheads		10,77,000			
		40,000	30,56,000		40,000	30,56,000

Normal Loss A/c

Particulars		Units	(₹)		Particu	ılars	Units	(₹)
То	Process-I	2,000	40,000	By Cost Ledger			2,000	40,000
A/c				Control A/c				
		2,000	40,000				2,000	40,000

Abnormal Loss A/c

Pa	rticulars	Units	(₹)	Particulars		Units	(₹)	
То	Process-I	1,000	72,000	Ву	Cost	Ledger	1,000	20,000
A/c				Control A/c				
				Ву	Costing	Profit &		52,000

			Loss A/c			
	1,000	72,000		1,000	72,000	

3. (i) Process I – Statement of Equivalent Production

Particulars	Completed	C	losing stock o	Equivalent		
	Units	Units	% of Completion	Equivalent Units	Production units	
	(1)			(2)	(1) + (2)	
Material	30,000	10,000	100%	10,000	40,000	
Wages	30,000	10,000	50%	5,000	35,000	
Overhead	30,000	10,000	50%	5,000	35,000	

Process I

Particulars	Process Cost (₹)	Equivalent Production (units)	Process Cost p.u. (2)/(3)	WIP stock Equivalent units	Cost of WIP Stock (₹) (4) x (5)	Transfer to Process II (2)-(6)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Material	15,000	40,000	0.375	10,000	3,750	11,250
Wages	18,000	35,000	0.514	5,000	2,570	15,430
Overhead	12,000	35,000	0.343	5,000	1,715	10,285
	45,000				8,035	36,965

Process I A/c

	Particulars	Unit	(₹)	Particulars	Units	(₹)
To Dire	ect material	40,000	15,000	By Process II A/c	30,000	36,965
To Dire	ect wages		18,000	By Closing W-I-P	10,000	8,035
To Fac	tory overhead		12,000			
		40,000	45,000		40,000	45,000

(ii) Process II – Statement of Equivalent Production

Particulars	Completed	(Closing stock of	Equivalent		
	Units	Units	% of	Equivalent	Production	
		Completion		Units	units	
	(1)			(2)	(1) + (2)	
Material	28,000	1,800	100%	1,800	29,800	

Wages	28,000	1,800	25%	450	28,450
Overhead	28,000	1,800	25%	450	28,450

Process II

Particulars	Process	Equ	ivalent	Process	WIP stock	Cost of	Transfer			
	Cost	Proc	duction	Cost	Equivalent	WIP	to			
	(₹)	(u	nits)	p.u.	units	Stock	Finished			
				(2)/(3)		(₹)	Stock			
						(4) x (5)	(2)-(6)			
(1)	(2)		(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)			
Material	36,965	29	9,800	1.240	1,800	2,232	34,733			
Wages	3,500	28	3,450	0.123	450	55	3,445			
Overhead	4,500	28	3,450	0.158	450	71	4,429			
	44,965					2,358	42,607			
Add: Packing	Add: Packing Material Cost						4,000			
Cost of Finish	ned Stock			Cost of Finished Stock						

Process II A/c

	Particulars	Units	(₹)	Particulars	Units	(₹)
То	Process I	30,000	36,965	By Finished Stock	28,000	46,607
То	Direct wages		3,500	By Normal loss	200	
То	Factory overhead		4,500	By WIP stock	1,800	2,358
То	Packing charges		4,000			
		30,000	48,965		30,000	48,965