

Break-Even Chart

A Business supplies the following figures about its activities:

Fixed Costs: = €300,000

Variable Cost: = €20 per unit

Forecast output (Sales): = €20,000 units

Selling Price: = €50 per unit

Illustrate by means of a break-even chart:

The break-even point

The profit at full capacity

The margin of safety

(40 marks)

Answer

Units 20,000

Fixed Costs: €300,000

Variable Costs (20,000 x €20) = €400,000

Total Costs: €300,000 + €400,000 = €700,000

Total Revenue: (20,000 x €50) = €1,000,000

Profit = €1,000,000 - €700,000 = €300,000

Answer

Break-even formula:

$$\frac{\text{Fixed Costs}}{\text{Selling Price(SP) per unit} - \text{Variable Cost(VC) per unit}}$$

$$= \frac{300,000}{$$

$$50 - 20$$

$$= 10,000 \text{ units}$$

Answer

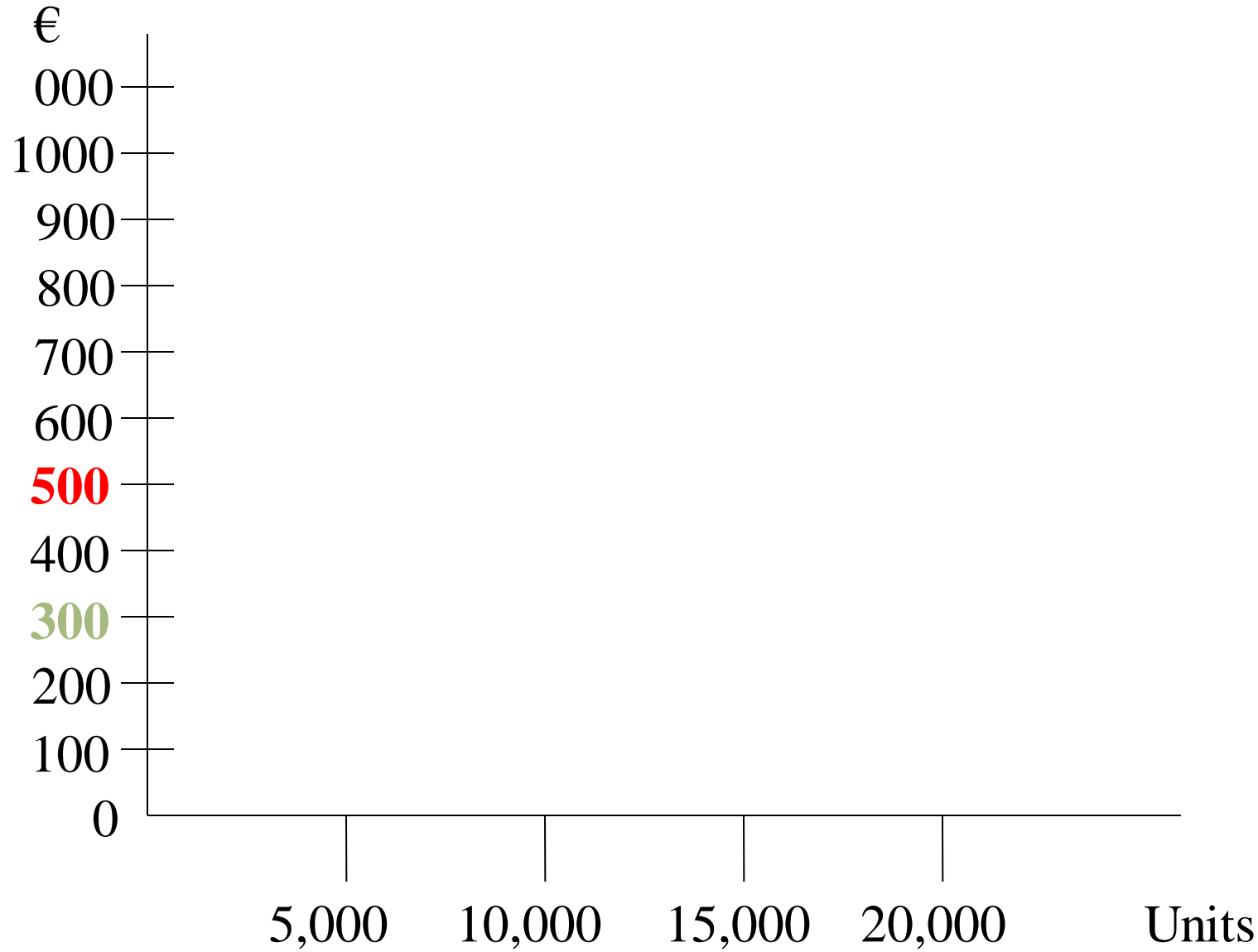
Drawing the Break-Even Chart

To plot break-even point on chart

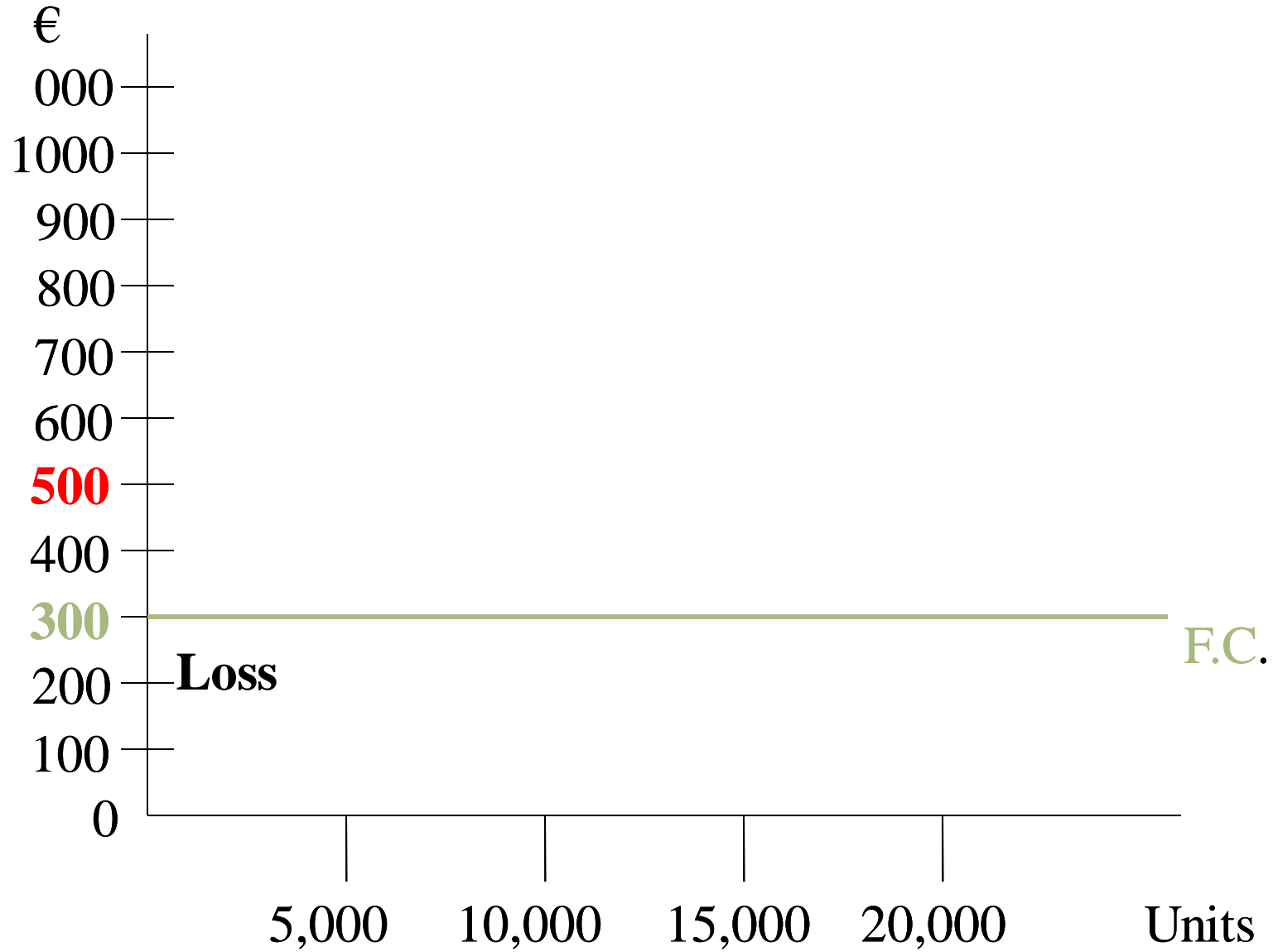
From X axis 10,000

From Y axis €500,000 ($10,000 \times €50$)

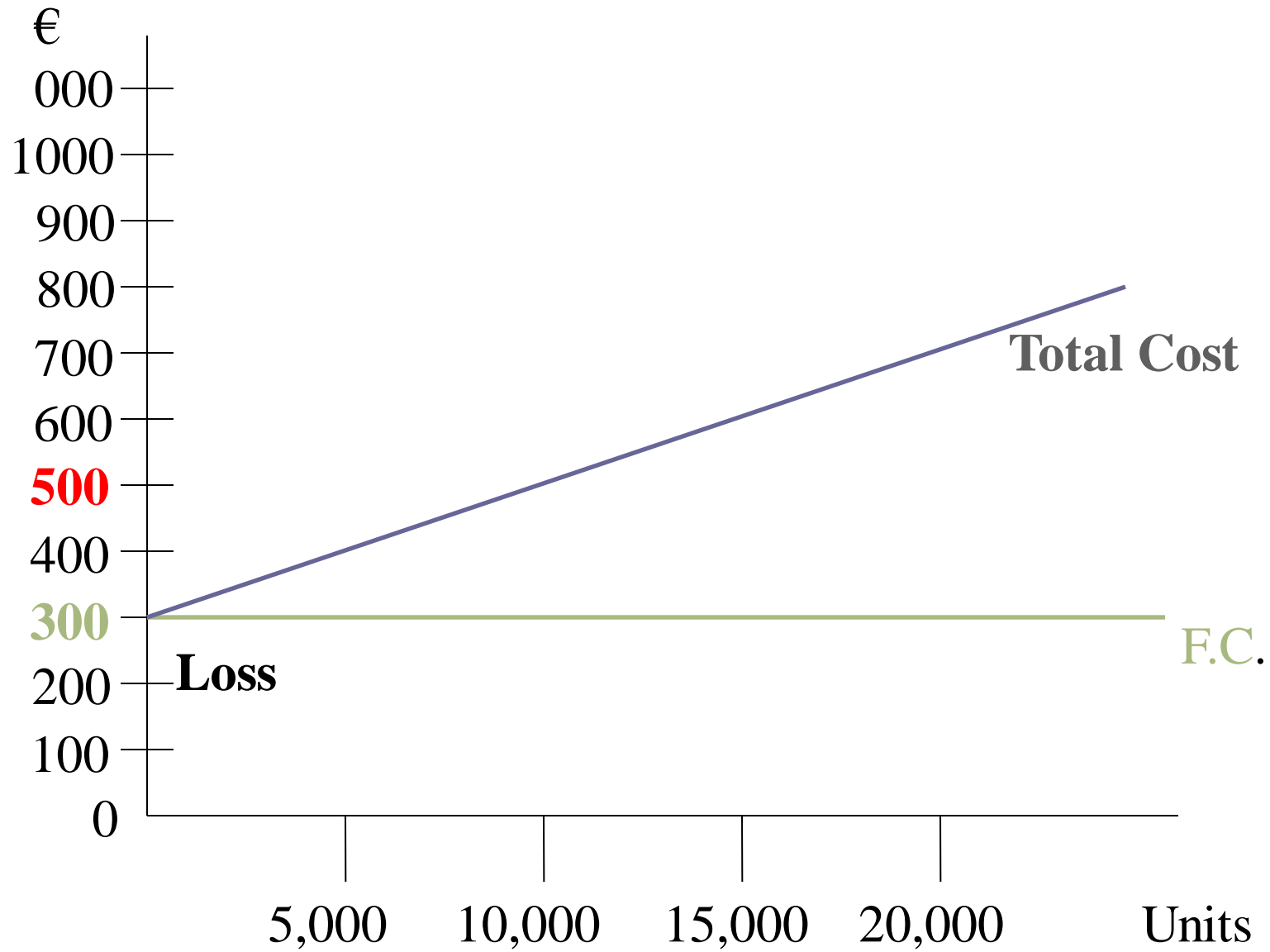
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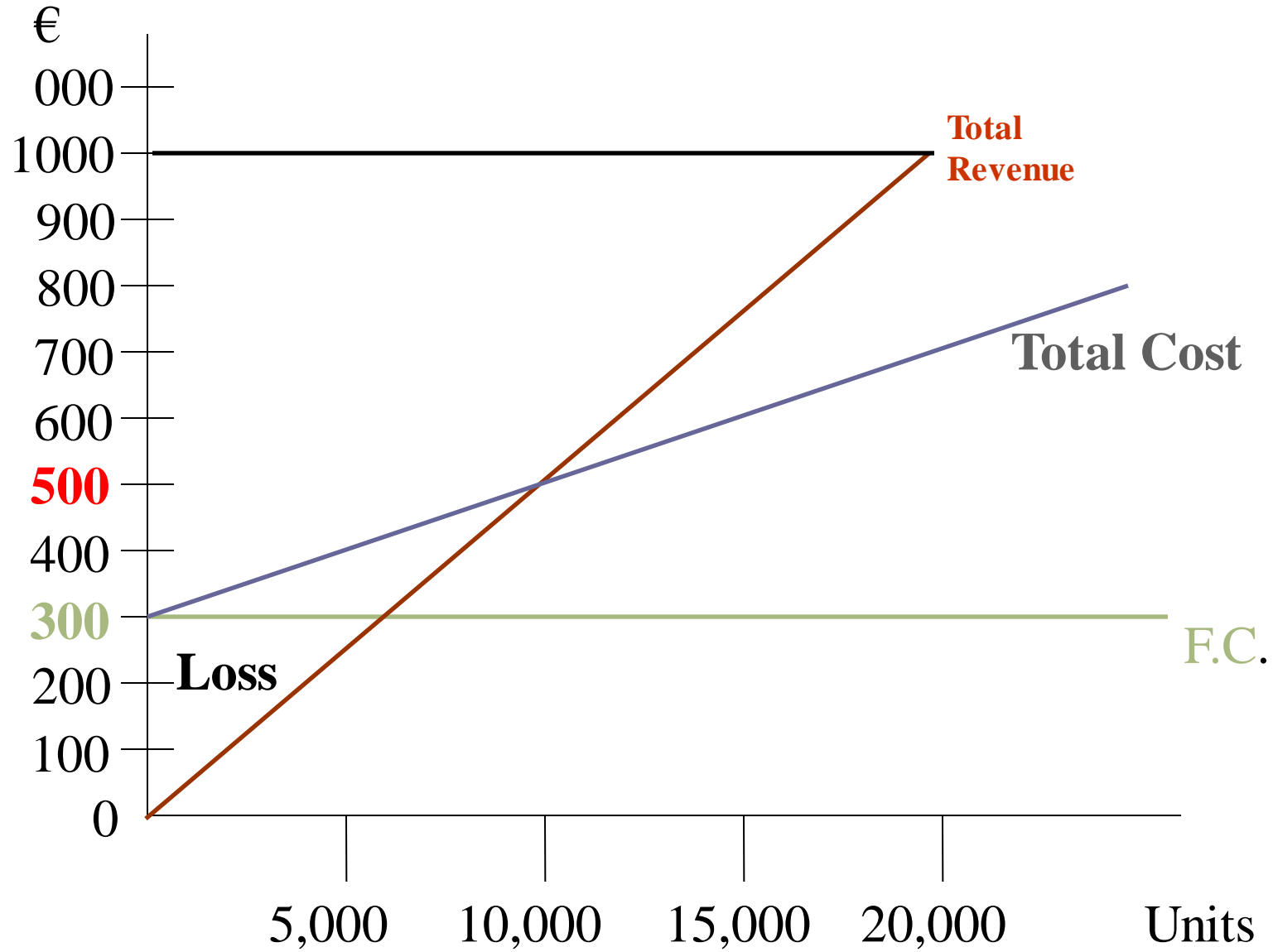
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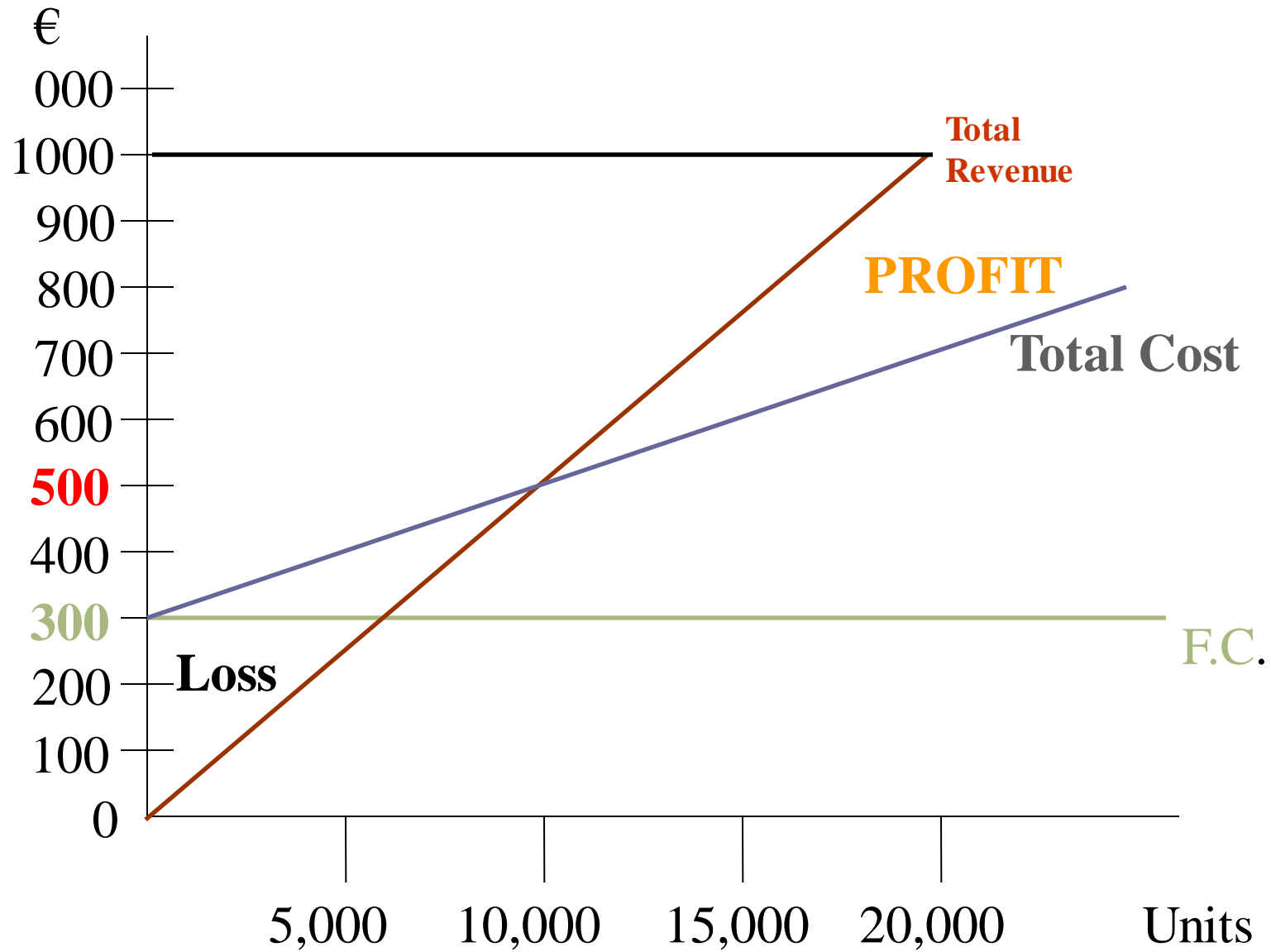
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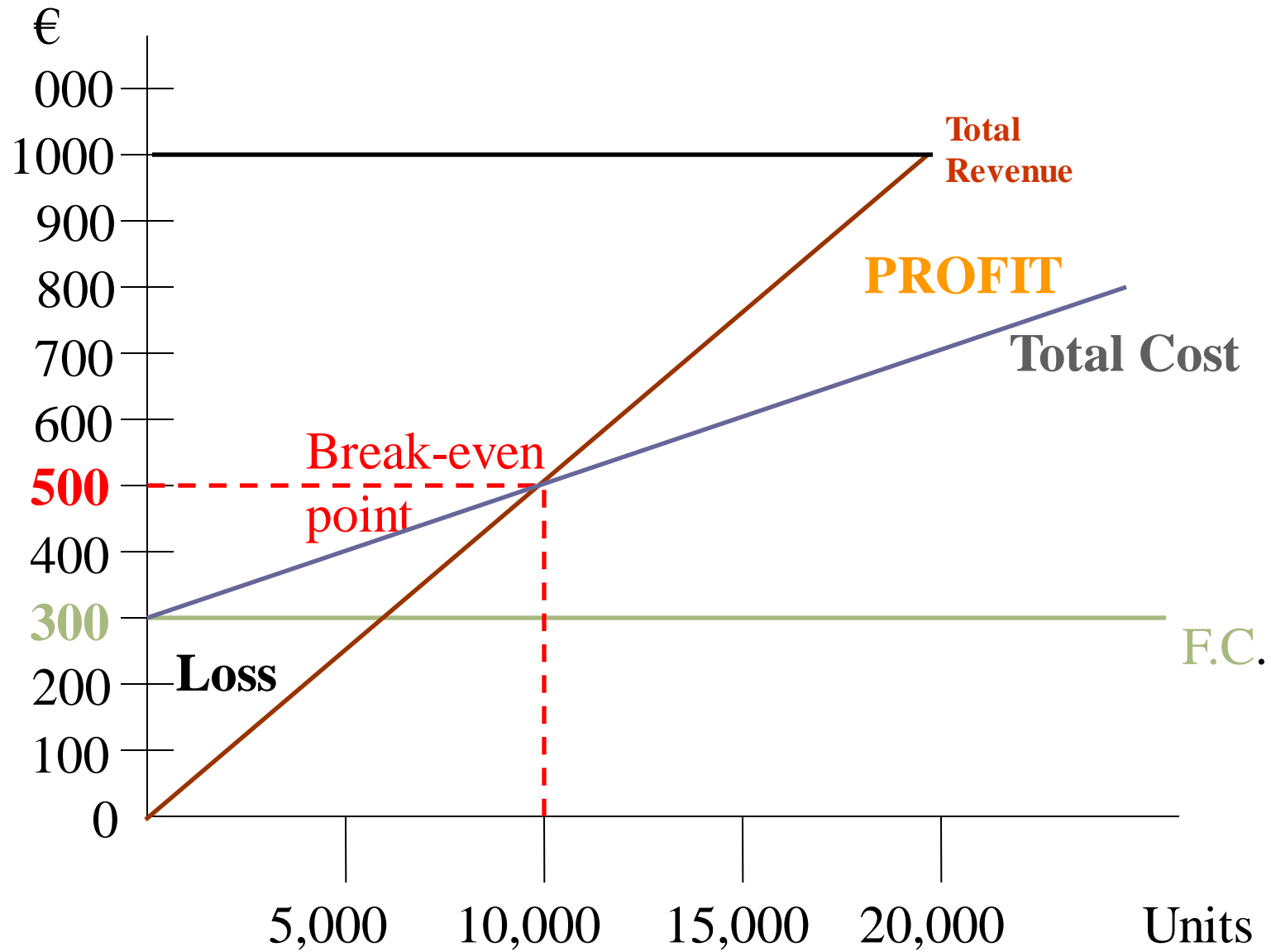
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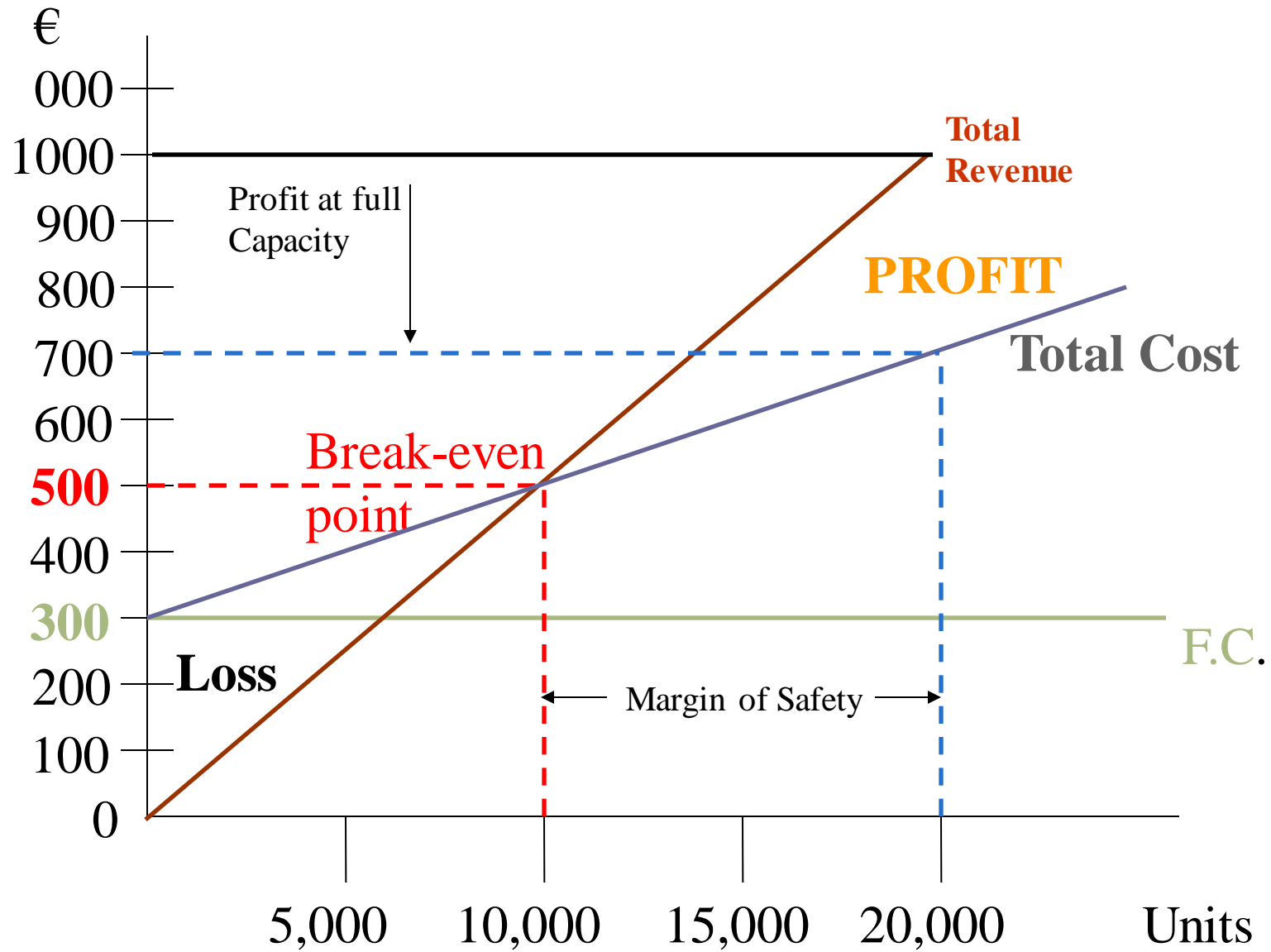
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(B) Read the information supplied and answer the questions which follow.

Medron plc has supplied the following financial information for the new medical device:

Forecast Output (Sales)	60,000 units
Selling Price per unit	€30
Fixed Costs	€400,000
Variable Costs per unit	€20

Illustrate the following by means of a breakeven chart:

- (i) Breakeven point
- (ii) Margin of safety at the forecast output
- (iii) Profit at forecast output.

(25 marks)

(i) $\text{BEP} = \text{Fixed Costs} / \text{Contribution} = 400,000 / 30 - 20 = 40,000$ units

(ii) $\text{Margin of Safety} = 60,000 - 40,000 = 20,000$ units

(iii) $\text{Profit at Forecast output} = 1,800,000 - 1,600,000 = \text{€}200,000$

Calculations only:
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BEP 4m
MOS 4m
Profit at forecast output 4m

Units	Selling Price	Variable Costs	Fixed Costs	Total Costs	Total Revenue	Profit/loss
0	30	20	400,000	400,000	0	(400,000)
40,000	30	20	400,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	0
60,000	30	20	400,000	1,600,000	1,800,000	200,000

Break Even Chart - Medron PLC

