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ANSWERS

Unit 3

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Four Market Models

CHARACTERISTIC	PURE COMPETITION	MONOPOLISTIC COMPETITION	OLIGOPOLY	MONOPOLY
	(Ch. 8-9)	(Ch. 11)	(Ch. 11)	(Ch. 10)
Number of Firms:	Very many	Many	Few	One
Type of product:	Standardized	Differentiated	Standardized or Differentiated	Unique; no close substitutes
Control over price:	None; they are price takers; demand facing the firm is perfectly price elastic	Little; it depends on product differentiation	Some, but limited by mutual interdependence	Considerable
Conditions of entry:	Very easy; No barriers	Relatively easy	Significant barriers	Blocked
Nonprice competition	None	A lot	Typically a lot, especially with differentiated products	Public Relations type advertising
Examples:	Agriculture	Retail trade, Restaurants, Manufactured Ice, Plastic Pipe, Book Publishing.	Automobiles, cigarettes, breakfast cereal, beer, soaps and detergents, refrigerators, roasted coffee, copper, flat glass	Public utilities: (gas, electric, water; Western Union), Wham- O (Frisbees), and the DeBeers diamond syndicate are "near" monopolies.

Quick Quiz – Product Market Models

- 1. Economists would describe the U.S. automobile industry as:
- 1. purely competitive.

2. an oligopoly.

- 3. monopolistically competitive.
- 4. a pure monopoly.

2. In which of the following market structures is there clear-cut mutual interdependence with respect to price-output policies?

1. pure monopoly

2. oligopoly

3. monopolistic competition

4. pure competition

3. Which of the following industries most closely approximates pure competition?

1. agriculture

2. farm implements

3. clothing

4. steel

4. Economists use the term imperfect competition to describe:

1. all industries which produce standardized products.

2. any industry in which there is no nonprice competition.

3. a pure monopoly only.

4. those markets which are not purely competitive.

5. In which of the following industry structures is the entry of new firms the most difficult?

- **1. pure monopoly**
- 2. oligopoly
- 3. monopolistic competition
- 4. pure competition

6. An industry comprised of 40 firms, none of which has more than 3 percent of the total market for a differentiated product is an example of:

<u>1. monopolistic competition.</u>

2. oligopoly.

3. pure monopoly.

4. pure competition.

- 7. A one-firm industry is known as:
- 1. monopolistic competition.
- 2. oligopoly.

3. pure monopoly.

4. pure competition.

8. An industry comprised of four firms, each with about 25 percent of the total market for a product is an example of:

1. monopolistic competition.

2. oligopoly.

3. pure monopoly.

4. pure competition.

9. An industry comprised of a very large number of sellers producing a standardized product is known as:

- 1. monopolistic competition.
- 2. oligopoly.

3. pure monopoly.

4. pure competition.

10. An industry comprised of a small number of firms, each of which considers the potential reactions of its rivals in making price-output decisions is called:

1. monopolistic competition.

2. oligopoly.

3. pure monopoly.

4. pure competition.

Price and Output Determination – Pure competition

Decision: How many should the firm produce?

Goal: Profit Maximization

2 Steps: 1. Find the best quantity, where MR = MC

2. Compare AR with AVC, produce only if AR > AVC

Assumptions: Pure Competition

3 Cases: Note – this cost data is the same as that which we used in the yellow page for the chapter 8 (Costs of Production)

Pro	fit Maximization			Loss Minimization				S	hut D	own					
	P = \$10				P = \$ 5					P = \$	2				
Q	ТС	MC	TR	MR		Q	ТС	MC	TR	MR	Q	ТС	MC	TR	

Q	тс	мс	TR	MR
0	\$25		0	
1	35	10	10	10
2	41	6	20	10
3	45	4	30	10
4	47	2	40	10
5	49	2	50	10
6	52	3	60	10
7	57	5	70	10
8	65	8	80	10
9	79	14	90	10
10	100	21	100	10

Q	ТС	MC	TR	MR
0	\$25		0	
1	35	10	5	5
2	41	6	10	5
3	45	4	15	5
4	47	2	20	5
5	49	2	25	5
6	52	3	30	5
7	57	5	35	5
8	65	8	40	5
9	79	14	45	5
10	100	21	50	5

Q	ТС	MC	TR	MR
0	\$25		0	
1	35	10	2	2
2	41	6	4	2
3	45	4	6	2
4	47	2	8	2
5	49	2	10	2
6	52	3	12	2
7	57	5	14	2
8	65	8	16	2
9	79	14	18	2
10	100	21	20	2

0	TFC	TVC	ТС	AFC	AVC	АТС	мс
0	\$ 25	\$ 0	\$ 25	\$	\$	\$	\$
1	25	10	35	25	10.00	35	10
2	25	16	41	12.50	8.00	20.50	6
3	25	20	45	8.33	6.67	15.00	4
4	25	22	47	6.25	5.50	11.75	2
5	25	24	49	5.00	4.80	9.80	2
6	25	27	52	4.17	4.50	8.67	3
7	25	32	57	3.57	4.57	8.14	5
8	25	40	65	3.125	5.00	8.125	8
9	25	54	79	2.78	6.00	8.78	14
10	25	75	100	2.50	7.50	10.00	21

Short-Run Cost Schedules and Curves (from chapter 7)

Pure Competition – Price = \$ 10







Pure Competition – Price = \$5

Costs, Revenue





Pure Competition – Price = \$ 2

Costs, Revenue





REVIEW QUESTIONS: Pure Competition

Use the cost and revenue curves to answer the questions that follow. Assume the firm is a profit maximizer.



- 1. Q = <u>250</u>
- 2. P = **\$0.65**
- 3. Will this firm produce this quantity? <u>Yes</u>
- 4. AR = **<u>\$0.65 (same as price)</u>**
- 5. TR = P x Q =\$0.65 x 250 = \$162.50
- 6. ATC = **<u>\$0.50</u>**
- 7. TC = $ATC \times Q = $0.50 \times 250 = 125.00
- 8. Does this firm earn profits or losses? <u>Yes, because AR (or price) > AVC</u>
- 9. Profits or losses = $\underline{TR TC} = \$162.50 \$125.00 = \$37.50$
- 10. At this quantity, AFC = ATC AVC = \$0.50 \$0.30 = \$0.20
- 11. TFC = <u>AFC x Q = \$0.20 x 250 = \$50.00</u>

- 12. If the price dropped to \$.30, will this firm continue to produce? Yes, because AR (or price) is still > AVC
- 13. If so, what quantity will it produce? 150
- 14. Will it now earn profits or losses? **losses**
- 15. Profits or losses = TR TC = \$45 \$75 = -\$30
- 16. Why does it continue to produce? <u>Because if it shut down (produced nothing) it</u> would lose more. If if produced nothing it would still lose its TFC which are \$50.00 (see question 11).
- 17. If the price dropped to \$.15 will this firm continue to produce?No, because P < AVC
- 18. What will be its losses if the price = \$.15? Since it would shut down and produce nothing its losses would be its TRFC = \$50.00
- 19. At a price of \$.30 the firm earns enough revenues to cover its entire <u>fixed/variable</u> <u>cost</u>, as well as PART of its <u>fixed/variable</u> cost?
- 20. Which curve and what portion of it constitutes the firm's short run supply curve?



The firm's short run supply curve is the MC above the AVC curve.

	Average	Average	Average	
Total	Fixed	Variable	Total	Marginal
Product	Cost	Cost	Cost	Cost
1	\$100.00	\$17.00	\$117.00	\$17
2	50.00	16.00	66.00	15
3	33.33	15.00	48.33	13
4	25.00	14.25	39.25	12
5	20.00	14.00	34.00	13
6	16.67	14.00	30.67	14
7	14.29	15.71	30.00	26
8	12.50	17.50	30.00	30
9	11.11	19.44	30.55	35
10	10.00	21.60	31.60	41
11	9.09	24.00	33.09	48
12	8.33	26.67	35.00	56

Quick Quiz – Pure Competition – Short Run

1. Refer to the above data. If the market price for the firm's product is \$12, the competitive firm will produce:

- 1. 4 units at a loss of \$109.
- 2. 4 units at an economic profit of \$31.75.
- 3. 8 units at a loss of \$48.80.

4. zero units at a loss of \$100.

2. Refer to the above data. If the market price for the firm's product is \$32, the competitive firm will produce:

A 1.8 units at an economic profit of \$16.

- 2. 5 units at a loss of \$10.
- 3. 8 units at a loss equal to the firm's total fixed cost.
- 4. 7 units at an economic profit of \$41.50.



3. Refer to the above diagram. To maximize profit or minimize losses this firm will produce:

1. K units at price C.

2. *D* units at price *J*.

3. E units at price A.

4. *E* units at price *B*.

4. Refer to the above diagram. At the profit-maximizing output, total revenue will be:

1.0AHE.

- 2. 0BGE.
- 3. 0*CFE*.
- 4. *ABGE*.

5. Refer to the above diagram. At the profit-maximizing output, total cost is equal to:

- 1. 0*AHE*.
- <u>2. 0BGE.</u>

3. 0*CFE*.

4. *BCFG*.

6. Refer to the above diagram. At the profit-maximizing output, the firm will realize:

1. a loss equal to *BCFG*.

2. a loss equal to *ACFH*.

3. an economic profit of ACFH.

4. an economic profit of ABGH.

Quick Quiz – Pure Competition – Long Run



1. Refer to the above diagrams, which pertain to a purely competitive firm producing output q and the industry in which it operates. Which of the following is *correct*?

1. The diagrams portray neither long-run nor short-run equilibrium.

2. The diagrams portray both long-run and short-run equilibrium.

3. The diagrams portray short-run equilibrium, but not long-run equilibrium.

4. The diagrams portray long-run equilibrium, but not short-run equilibrium.

2. Refer to the above diagrams, which pertain to a purely competitive firm producing output q and the industry in which it operates. In the long run we should expect:

1. firms to enter the industry, market supply to rise, and product price to fall.

2. firms to leave the industry, market supply to rise, and product price to fall.

3. firms to leave the industry, market supply to fall, and product price to rise.

4. no change in the number of firms in this industry.

3. The term productive efficiency refers to:

1. any short-run equilibrium position of a competitive firm.

2. the production of the product-mix most desired by consumers.

3. the production of a good at the lowest average total cost (where MC=ATC)

4. fulfilling the condition P = MC.

4. The term allocative efficiency refers to:

1. the level of output that coincides with the intersection of the MC and AVC curves.

2. minimization of the AFC in the production of any good.

3. the production of the product-mix most desired by consumers.

4. the production of a good at the lowest average total cost.

5. If the price of product Y is \$25 and its marginal cost is \$18:

1. Y is being produced with the least-cost combination of resources.

2. society will realize a net gain if less of Y is produced.

3. resources are being underallocated to Y.

4. resources are being overallocated to Y.

6. Under pure competition in the long run:

1. neither allocative efficiency nor productive efficiency are achieved.

2. both allocative efficiency and productive efficiency are achieved.

3. productive efficiency is achieved, but allocative efficiency is not.

4. allocative efficiency is achieved, but productive efficiency is not.

7. If for a firm P = minimum ATC = MC, then:

1. neither allocative efficiency nor productive efficiency is being achieved.

2. productive efficiency is being achieved, but allocative efficiency is not.

3. both allocative efficiency and productive efficiency are being achieved.

4. allocative efficiency is being achieved, but productive efficiency is not.



8. The above diagram portrays:

1. a competitive firm that should shut down in the short run.

2. the equilibrium position of a competitive firm in the long run.

3. a competitive firm that is realizing an economic profit.

4. the loss-minimizing position of a competitive firm in the short run.

9. Refer to the above diagram. If this competitive firm produces output Q, it will:

1. suffer an economic loss.

2. earn a normal profit.

3. earn an economic profit.

4. achieve productive efficiency, but not allocative efficiency.

10. Refer to the above diagram. By producing output level Q:

1. neither productive nor allocative efficiency are achieved.

2. both productive and allocative efficiency are achieved.

3. allocative efficiency is achieved, but productive efficiency is not.

4. productive efficiency is achieved, but allocative efficiency is not.

Q	AR	TR	MR	TC	MC	TFC	ATC	AFC	AVC
0	\$16	\$0	\$	\$ 12	\$	\$ 12	\$	\$	\$
1	\$ 14	14	14	\$ 20	8	12	20	12	8
2	\$ 12	24	10	\$ 23	3	12	11.50	6	5.50
3	\$ 10	30	6	\$ 26	3	12	8.67	4	4.67
4	\$8	32	2	\$ 32	6	12	8.00	3	5
5	\$6	30	-2	\$ 50	18	12	10	2.40	7.60

Monopoly Firms and Short Run Decisions

Make three plots:

- 1. AR and MR
- 2. AR, MR, ATC, and MC
- 3. TR and TC

AR and MR



AR, MR, ATC, and MC











TC and TR

REVIEW QUESTIONS: Monopoly

Use the cost and revenue curves below to answer the questions that follow. Assume the firm is a profit maximizer.



- 1. Q = <u>35</u>
- 2. P = <u>\$1.20</u>
- 3. Will this firm produce this quantity? Yes, because the AR (average revenue or price) is above the AVC curve.
- 4. AR = **<u>\$1.20 (same thing as price)</u>**
- 5. TR = $\mathbf{P} \mathbf{x} \mathbf{Q} = \$1.20 \mathbf{x} 35 = \$42.00$
- 6. ATC = <u>**\$0.90**</u>
- 7. TC = $ATC \times Q = $0.90 \times 35 = 31.50
- 8. Does this firm earn profits or losses? Profits
- 9. Profits or losses = TR TC = \$42 \$32.50 = \$10.50
- 10. At this quantity, AFC = ATC AVC = \$0.90 \$0.60 = \$0.30
- 11. TFC = <u>AFC x Q = \$0.30 x 35 = \$10.50</u>

- 12. If the price dropped to \$.75 (due to decreased demand), *ceterus paribus*, will this firm continue to produce in the short run? Yes, because P (or AR) is still greater than AVC
- 13. Will it now earn profits or losses? Losses
- 14. Why does it continue to produce? Because if it shut down (produced nothing) it would lose more.
- 15. If the price dropped to \$.45 will this firm continue to produce? <u>No, because \$0.45 is</u> <u>less than AVC so it will lose less if it shuts down (produces nothing)</u>
- 16. Is this firm achieving productive efficiency? Explain.

No, because at the profit maximizing quantity (35) ATC is NOT at its lowest point. (The lowest ATC is where MC = ATC).

17. Could the monopolist "afford" to expand production to the level where price equals ATC, an output of 57 in this example? Explain.

<u>Yes, because at a quantity of 57 on the graph we can see that TR = TC and the economic profit will be zero. A zero economic profit is good because it means that you are making as much as you could make in your next best alternative.</u>



Total		Marginal	Average	Marginal
Output	Price	Revenue	Total Cost	Cost
1	\$100	\$100	\$100.00	\$30
2	90	80	63.00	26
3	80	60	52.67	32
4	70	40	49.50	40
5	60	20	49.60	50
6	50	0	50.00	52
7	40	-20	52.29	66
8	30	-40	55.75	80
9	20	-60	60.67	100
10	10	-80	67.60	130

Quick Quiz – Monopoly – Short Run

1. Refer to the above data for a nondiscriminating monopolist. This firm will maximize its profit by producing:

1. 3 units.

2. 4 units.

3. 5 units.

4. 6 units.

2. Refer to the above data for a nondiscriminating monopolist. At its profit-maximizing output, this firm will be operating in the:

1. perfectly elastic portion of its demand curve.

2. perfectly inelastic portion of its demand curve.

3. elastic portion of its demand curve.

4. inelastic portion of its demand curve.

3. Refer to the above data for a nondiscriminating monopolist. At its profit-maximizing output, this firm's total profit will be:

- <u>1. \$82</u>
- 2. zero
- 3. \$54
- 4. \$27

4. If the above data was for a PERFECTLY PRICE DISCRIMINATING MONOPOLIST it would maximize its profits by producing what quantity?

- 1. 3 units.
- 2. 4 units.
- 3. 5 units.
- 4. 6 units.

5. If the above data was for a PERFECTLY PRICE DISCRIMINATING MONOPOLIST what would its total revenues be at the profit maximizing quantity?

1. \$60

2. \$300

<u>3. \$400</u>

4. zero

6. If the above data was for a PERFECTLY PRICE DISCRIMINATING MONOPOLIST what would its profits be at the profit maximizing quantity?

- 1. zero
- **<u>2.</u> \$152** 3. **\$248**
- 4. \$400



7. Refer to the above diagram. To maximize profits or minimize losses this firm should produce:

1. *E* units and charge price *C*.

2. E units and charge price A.

3. *M* units and charge price *N*.

4. *L* units and charge price *LK*.

8. Refer to the above diagram. At the profit-maximizing level of output, total revenue will be:

1. *NM* times 0*M*.

<u>2. 0AJE.</u>

- 3. 0*EGC*.
- 4. 0*EHB*.

9. Refer to the above diagram. At the profit-maximizing level of output, total cost will be:

- 1. *NM* times 0*M*.
- 2. 0AJE.
- 3. 0*CGC*.
- <u>4. 0BHE.</u>

10. Refer to the above diagram. At the profit-maximizing level of output, the firm will realize:

<u>1. an economic profit of ABHJ.</u>

2. an economic profit of *ACGJ*.

- 3. a loss of *GH* per unit.
- 4. a loss of *JH* per unit.

Quick Quiz – Monopoly – Long Run

1. At its profit-maximizing output, a pure nondiscriminating monopolist achieves:

<u>1. neither productive efficiency nor allocative efficiency.</u>

2. both productive efficiency and allocative efficiency.

3. productive efficiency but not allocative efficiency.

4. allocative efficiency but not productive efficiency.

2. The profit-maximizing output of a pure monopoly is allocatively inefficient because in equilibrium:

1. price equals minimum average total cost.

2. marginal revenue equals marginal cost.

3. marginal cost exceeds price.

4. price exceeds marginal cost.

3. Comparing a pure monopoly and a purely competitive firm with identical costs, we would find in long-run equilibrium that the pure monopolist's:

1. price, output, and average total cost would all be higher.

2. price and average total cost would be higher, but output would be lower.

3. price, output, and average total cost would all be lower.

4. price and output would be lower, but average total cost would be higher.

4. X-inefficiency refers to a situation in which a firm:

1. is not as technologically progressive as it might be.

2. encounters diseconomies of scale.

3. fails to realize all existing economies of scale.

4. fails to achieve the minimum average total costs attainable at each level of output.



5. The monopolistic (monopoly) market model in long run equilibrium is portrayed in the above figures by:

1. Figure A.

- 2. Figure B.
- 3. Figure C.
- 4. Figure D.



6. Use the figure above for a monopoly in long run equilibrium to answer this question. What quantity will this monopolist produce and what price will it charge?

1. quantity 0Q; price 0B

2. quantity 0M; price 0C

3. quantity 0M; price 0A

4. quantity 0n; price 0B

7. Use the figure above for a monopoly in long run equilibrium to answer this question. The allocatively efficient quantity is

1.0M

2. 0N

<u>3. 0Q</u>

4. 0R

8. Use the figure above for a monopoly in long run equilibrium to answer this question. The productively efficient quantity is

- 1.0M
- <u>**2. 0N**</u> 3. 0Q
- 4. 0R

9. Use the figure above for a monopoly in long run equilibrium to answer this question. In long run equilibrium this firm will

1. produce too much.

2. produce too little.

- 3. produce the efficient quantity.
- 4. not produce anything at all.

Monopolistic Competition – Quick Quiz



1. Refer to the above diagram for a monopolistically competitive firm in short-run equilibrium. This firm will realize an economic:

1. loss of \$320.

2. profit of \$480.

3. profit of \$280.

4. profit of \$600.

2. Refer to the above diagram for a monopolistically competitive firm. If more firms were to enter the industry, then for this firm:

1. resource misallocation would become more severe.

2. the demand curve would increase.

3. equilibrium output would decline and equilibrium price would rise.

4. equilibrium output would decline and equilibrium price would fall.

3. In the short run a monopolistically competitive firm's economic profit:

1. will be maximized where price equals average total cost.

2. may be positive, zero, or negative.

3. are always positive.

4. will always be zero.



4. Refer to the above diagrams, which pertain to monopolistically competitive firms. Short-run equilibrium entailing economic loss is shown by:

- 1. diagram *a* only.
- 2. diagram *b* only.
- 3. diagram c only.
- 4. both diagrams *a* and *c*.

5. Refer to the above diagrams, which pertain to monopolistically competitive firms. A short-run equilibrium entailing economic profits is shown by:

- 1. diagram *a* only.
- 2. diagram b only.
- 3. diagram *c* only.
- 4. both diagrams *b* and *c*.

6. Refer to the above diagrams, which pertain to monopolistically competitive firms. Long-run equilibrium is shown by:

1. diagram a only.

- 2. diagram *b* only.
- 3. diagram *c* only.
- 4. both diagrams *b* and *c*.



7. Refer to the above diagram for a monopolistically competitive firm. Long-run equilibrium price will be:

1. above A.

2. *EF*.

<u>3. A.</u>

4. *B*.

8. Refer to the above diagram for a monopolistically competitive firm. Long-run equilibrium output will be:

1. greater than *E*.

2. *E*.

<u>3. D.</u>

4. *C*.

9. Long-run equilibrium for a monopolistically competitive firm where economic profits are zero results from:

1. rising marginal costs.

2. a perfectly elastic product demand curve.

3. relatively easy entry.

4. product differentiation and development.

10. Which of the following is *not* characteristic of long-run equilibrium under monopolistic competition?

1. price equals minimum average total cost

- 2. marginal cost equals marginal revenue
- 3. price is equal to average total cost
- 4. price exceeds marginal cost



11. In long-run equilibrium, the firm shown in the diagram above will:

<u>1. earn a normal profit.</u>

- 2. go bankrupt.
- 3. incur a loss.
- 4. realize an economic profit.

12. In long-run equilibrium, production for the firm shown in the diagram above is:

1. greater than would occur under pure competition.

2. less efficient than in a purely competitive market.

- 3. more efficient than in a purely competitive market.
- 4. optimally efficient.

13. When a monopolistically competitive firm is in long-run equilibrium:

1. production takes place where ATC is minimized.

2. marginal revenue equals marginal cost and price equals average total cost.

3. normal profit is zero and price equals marginal cost.

4. economic profit is zero and price equals marginal cost.

14. In the long run, new firms will enter a monopolistically competitive industry:

- 1. provided economies of scale are being realized.
- 2. even though losses are incurred in the short run.
- 3. until minimum average total cost is achieved.

4. until economic profits are zero.

15. If some firms leave a monopolistically competitive industry, the demand curves of the remaining firms will:

1. be unaffected.

2. shift to the left.

3. become more elastic.

4. shift to the right.

16. When a monopolistically competitive firm is in long-run equilibrium:

1. P = MC = ATC.

- 2. MR = MC and minimum ATC > P.
- 3. MR > MC and P = minimum ATC.
- 4. MR = MC and P > minimum ATC.

Quick Quiz -- Oligopoly -- Short Run



1. The above diagram portrays:

1. pure competition.

2. collusive oligopoly.

3. noncollusive oligopoly.

4. pure monopoly.

2. Refer to the above diagram. Equilibrium output is:

1.*j*.

2. *h*.

<u>3. g.</u>

4.*f*.

3. Refer to the above diagram. Equilibrium price is:

1. e.

<u>2. d.</u>

3. *c*.

4. *b*.

4. Refer to the above diagram. This firm's demand and marginal revenue curves are based on the assumption that:

1. the firm has no immediate rivals.

2. rivals will match both a price increase and a price decrease.

3. rivals will match a price increase, but ignore a price decrease.

4. rivals will ignore a price increase, but match a price decrease.

5. Refer to the above diagram. In equilibrium the firm:

1. is realizing an economic profit of *ad* **per unit.**

2. should close down in the short run.

3. is incurring a loss.

4. is realizing an economic profit of *bd* per unit.

Oligopoly – Long Run – Quick Quiz

1. We would expect a cartel to achieve:

1. both allocative efficiency and productive efficiency.

2. allocative efficiency, but not productive efficiency.

3. productive efficiency, but not allocative efficiency.

4. neither allocative efficiency nor productive efficiency.

2. Suppose that a particular industry has a four-firm concentration ratio of 85 and a Herfindahl Index of 3,000. Most likely, this industry would achieve:

1. both productive efficiency and allocative efficiency.

2. allocative efficiency but not productive efficiency.

3. neither productive efficiency nor allocative efficiency.

4. productive efficiency but not allocative efficiency.

3. Suppose that an industry is characterized by a few firms and price leadership. We would expect that:

1. price would equal marginal cost.

2. price would equal average total cost.

3. price would exceed both marginal cost and average total cost.

4. marginal revenue would exceed marginal cost.

4. The conclusion that oligopoly is inefficient relative to the competitive ideal must be qualified because:

1. industry price leaders often select a price equal to marginal cost.

2. over time oligopolistic industries may promote more rapid product development and greater improvement of production techniques than if they were purely competitive.

3. increased output due to persuasive advertising may perfectly offset the restriction of output caused by monopoly power.

4. many oligopolists sell their products in monopolistically competitive or even purely competitive industries.

All Market Models – Long Run – Quick Quiz

The graphs below show the long run equilibrium for each of the four product market models.



- 1. The purely competitive market model is portrayed in the above figures by:
- 1. Figure A.

2. Figure B.

- 3. Both Figures B and D.
- 4. Figure C.

2. Refer to the above figures. We would expect industry entry and exit to be relatively easy in:

- 1. Figure A only.
- 2. Figure C only.
- 3. Both Figures A and D.
- 4. Both Figures B and D.

3. Refer to the above figures. Both allocative and productive efficiency are being realized in:

- 1. All four figures.
- 2. Figures B and D.
- 3. Figure D only.

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4. Refer to the above figures. Collusion is most likely to occur in the industry(ies) represented by:

- 1. Figure A.
- 2. Figure B.
- 3. Figure C.
- 4. Both Figures B and D.

5. Refer to the above figures. Product differentiation may be present in:

- 1. Figure A only.
- 2. Figure B only.
- 3. Figure C only.

4. Both Figures C and D.

6. Refer to the above figures. Government regulation of price and service is most likely to occur in:

<u>1. Figure A only.</u>

- 2. Figure D only.
- 3. Both Figures A and C.
- 4. Both Figures A and D.

7. Refer to the above figures. Long-run economic profits are most likely to occur in:

- 1. Figures A and B.
- 2. Figure B only.
- 3. Figure D.

4. Figures A and C.

8. Refer to the above figures. Industry entry is likely to be most difficult in:

- 1. Figure A.
- 2. Figure B.
- 3. Figure C.
- 4. Figure D.

9. Refer to the above figures. A homogeneous or standardized product is most likely to be produced in:

- 1. Figure A.
- 2. Figure B.
- 3. Figure C.
- 3. Figure D