



Section 1: Quiz

Perfect Competition

A. Key Terms

Match the descriptions in Column I with the terms in Column II. Write the letter of the correct answer in the blank provided.

Column I

- _____ 1. expenses a new business must pay before the first product reaches the customer
- _____ 2. factors that make it difficult for new firms to enter a market
- _____ 3. a product that is considered the same regardless of who makes or sells it
- _____ 4. a market with many well-informed buyers and sellers, identical products, and free entry and exit

Column II

- a. perfect competition
- b. barriers to entry
- c. start-up costs
- d. commodity

B. Main Ideas

Write the letter of the correct answer in the blank provided.

- _____ 5. Why does a perfectly competitive market require many participants as both buyers and sellers?
 - a. because the merchandise must be uniform
 - b. so that no individual can control the price
 - c. in order to maintain quality over the goods
 - d. so that both buyer and seller have the same information
- _____ 6. Milk is considered a commodity because it is which of the following?
 - a. an inexpensive product
 - b. a product that can be bought in many different ways
 - c. the same product regardless of who sells it
 - d. an agricultural product
- _____ 7. What is the relationship between start-up costs and a competitive market?
 - a. Markets with high start-up costs are less likely to be perfectly competitive.
 - b. Markets with high start-up costs are more likely to be perfectly competitive.
 - c. Low start-up costs are likely to make a market less competitive.
 - d. There is no consistent relationship between start-up costs and the competitiveness of a market.
- _____ 8. Which of the following is characteristic of a competitive market?
 - a. high costs
 - b. low output
 - c. inexhaustible supply
 - d. efficiency
- _____ 9. How does a perfect market influence output?
 - a. Each firm adjusts its output so that its costs, including profit, are covered.
 - b. Each firm makes its output as large as possible even though some goods are not sold.
 - c. Different firms make different amounts of goods, but some make a profit and others do not.
 - d. Different firms each strive to make more goods and capture more of the market.
- _____ 10. Why are there actually relatively few markets in which there is perfect competition?
 - a. Lack of demand keeps buyers from the market.
 - b. High prices keep companies in the market longer than necessary.
 - c. Barriers keep companies from entering the market freely.
 - d. Buyers will not pay more for perfect competition.