

1. Arzeeye Pharma has a patent, a legal barrier to entry, on its newly developed eye treatment that cures common eye problems. Arzeeye Pharma is currently earning positive economic profit and is producing the profit-maximizing quantity of eye treatments.
- (a) Draw a correctly labeled graph for Arzeeye Pharma and show each of the following.
- (i) The profit-maximizing quantity of eye treatments, labeled Q^*
 - (ii) The profit-maximizing price, labeled P^*
 - (iii) The average total cost curve consistent with positive economic profit, labeled ATC
 - (iv) The area representing consumer surplus, shaded completely
- (b) Suppose Arzeeye Pharma wants to charge a price that maximizes its total revenue rather than its profit.
- (i) On your graph in part (a), show the revenue-maximizing quantity, labeled Q_R .
 - (ii) At quantity Q_R identified in part (b)(i), is the demand for eye treatments elastic, inelastic, or unit elastic?
- (c) Suppose now that Arzeeye Pharma engages in perfect price discrimination.
- (i) On your graph in part (a), show the lowest price that Arzeeye Pharma would charge, labeled P_2 .
 - (ii) What would happen to consumer surplus? Explain.
- (d) Suppose instead that Arzeeye Pharma's patent expires. Will the demand for Arzeeye Pharma's treatment become more elastic, become less elastic, or not change? Explain.

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