

4.1 HL market power and information: supported rehearsal

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____ Total: 6 marks

Objective

Supported preparation: Analyse asymmetric information and market power; Use costs, revenue and welfare to evaluate intervention. This is original rehearsal, not completion of the assessed task.

1 Key knowledge and worked examples

Asymmetric information means one party knows relevant facts the other lacks. Market power can restrict output and increase price relative to competitive conditions, but comparison requires assumptions and cost evidence. Intervention may improve information or competition while creating administrative costs or unintended responses.

Original source / task evidence

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Separate what is stated from the interpretation.
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Verified disclosure directly addresses information quality but needs trustworthy inspection. A binding ceiling may improve affordability for available services yet reduce supply or quality if below viable cost. Identify the demand/supply or cost/revenue diagram appropriate to the claim; label price, quantity and assumptions. Do not infer exploitation from price alone.

2 Practice

2.1 For the worked case, identify the evidence and a conclusion it can support. Explain one material limit. [3]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 A high-price repair firm claims unusually high costs. What evidence would distinguish this from market power? Give a reasoned answer, evidence or method, and a relevant qualification. [3]
