**Module 4 - Case**

**IMPERFECT COMPETITION**

**Case Assignment**

Review the following questions and prepare a 4- to 5-page paper on the following questions:

1. Explain the difference between the demand curve facing a monopoly firm and the demand curve facing a perfectly competitive firm.
2. Which of the following is (are) most likely to be produced in a market resembling a monopoly - oil, books or movies, tap water, and wheat. Defend your answer in economic terms.
3. Which type of firm is most likely to have zero economic profit in the long-run: monopoly, oligopoly, monopolist competition or perfect competition? Explain.
4. The government often has two conflicting roles. It protects consumers by keeping prices fair **and** promotes a free market (entry of firms). Suppose your firm has a special patent. Do you think patent licenses should expire? Be sure to support your argument with references and economic concepts from previous modules as well.

**Assignment Expectations**

Use concepts from the modular background readings as well as any good quality resources you can find. Be sure to cite all sources within the text and provide a reference list at the end of the paper.

Length: 4–5 pages double-spaced and typed.

The following items will be assessed in particular:

* Your ability to understand the differences between perfect and imperfect competition.
* Some in-text references to the modular background material (APA formatting not required).
* The essay should address each element of the assignment. Remember to support your answers with solid references including the case readings.

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* Identify the differences between perfectly competitive and imperfectly competitive market structures.
* Discuss the relative advantages and disadvantages of different types of market structures.