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1) Because of firm a price ~~to~~ taker - it sells a homogeneous product at market price and can sell any quantity at that price but cannot raise its price without losing all its customers.

2) It can be considered fair if it increases access for lower income group / allows firms to serve markets.

3) Perfect competition $\rightarrow$ Many firms, identical products, no barriers to entry, firms are price takers.

Imperfect competition $\rightarrow$ Fewer firms, differentiated products, possible barriers to entry, firms have some price setting power.

* Physical features / quality.

* Brand image & advertising

* Location / convenience

* Customer service

* Perceived difference.

5) Higher joint profits
stable prices,
reduced uncertainty
and avoidance of
price wars.

b) obstacles that prevent new competitors entering market such as.

* High startup / economic scale

* Legal barrier

* Control of essential resources.

* Strong brand loyalty

* Strategic behavior by incumbent.

7) * Limiting price

* Maintaining excess production capacity

* Long term contracts with buyers / suppliers

* Lobbying for regulations that raise rival costs