

EE481 Writing Assignment 1

“Should Price Discrimination be Illegal?”

Due date: Wednesday 24th Oct, in class (no late essay accepted)

Objectives

1. Students will be able to discuss different types of price discrimination.
2. Students will be able to assess the impacts of price discrimination on welfare (consumer welfare, producer welfare and total welfare), both in the short-run and long-run.
3. Students will learn how to cite their sources of information properly.

Instructions

1. Form a group of 1-3 people. However, since I will ask you to write 3 essays in total, you will have to keep the same group for all 3 essays.
2. The essay topic is “**Should Price Discrimination be Illegal?**”. Because price discrimination can be done in many different ways, and can be motivated by different business purposes, the impacts on welfare can differ. There is no right or wrong answer. Your grade will depend on the strength of your argument. The point of writing an essay is not to list all the correct answers, but to “convince” your readers. Thus, the more convincing your essay is, the more points you will receive.
3. The essay may not be longer than 3 double-space pages. Please type your essay and use 12pt. font (not too big or too small). However, in case there is any, you can put your graphs or pictures in the appendix. The appendix does not count towards your 3-page limit. Note that graphs are not required.
 - To double space your essay, first highlight the entire section that you would like to double space. Then, right click -> paragraph -> under the dropdown “Line-spacing:” list, choose “Double” -> OK.
4. (Very serious point) If your essay will contain ideas that you get from books, internet, websites, newspapers, magazines, etc., you will have to give credits to those ideas. A correct form of reference will **have to be** included at the end of your essay (or on an extra page attached at the end of your essay). If the references page is not included or the format is incorrect, I **will not** grade the essay. You can choose either the **APA** or **MLA** format. See examples at the end of this document. **Unless you are quoting from your sources, please write everything in your own**

words. No cut and paste. Plagiarism, or taking someone else's idea without properly giving them credits, will result in an F.

5. Please proofread your essay before you submit in order to fix any grammatical errors.

An example: please strictly follow this format and HAVE TO do the references correctly.

Miss Simply Ann Example, Mr. John For instance, Miss Maybe Etc.
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“Do you prefer big or small firms? Why?”

Different people have different opinions about the optimal size of firms in the economy.If you get an idea to write this sentence from a website called investor.com, then you should put the source at the end of the sentence (Wegener and Petty, 1994). If you get the exact wording from a book or an article, then you should put that wording in a quotation like this “the study of the use of scarce resources to satisfy unlimited human wants” (Frook, 1999).

If you get your idea from one or more than one sources to write a paragraph, then you can put all those sources at the end of the paragraph. For example, if you get your idea to write this paragraph from 3 sources. Then, you put all the citations at the end of the paragraph like this. (Wegener and Petty, 1994) (Buckman, 2006) (Levitt and Dubner, 2005)

In the end, please **do not forget to add a proper reference page** to your essay. An example is given in the next page. *Those who do not do the reference properly will **not** get any grade.* However, if everything you write in your essay is from your original idea, you do not need to cite.

References

(APA format – the references should be arranged in alphabetical order.)

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APA (American Psychological Association) style is most commonly used to cite sources within the social sciences. This resource, revised according to the 6th edition, second printing of the APA manual, offers examples for the general format of APA research papers, in-text citations, endnotes/footnotes, and the reference page. For more information, please consult the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, (6th ed., 2nd printing).

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Your references should begin on a new page separate from the text of the essay; label this page "References" centered at the top of the page (do NOT bold, underline, or use quotation marks for the title). All text should be double-spaced just like the rest of your essay.

Basic Rules

- All lines after the first line of each entry in your reference list should be indented one-half inch from the left margin. This is called hanging indentation.
- Authors' names are inverted (last name first); give the last name and initials for all authors of a particular work for up to and including seven authors. If the work has more than seven authors, list the first six authors and then use ellipses after the sixth author's name. After the ellipses, list the last author's name of the work.
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- When referring to books, chapters, articles, or Web pages, capitalize only the first

Reference

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