

RESEARCH

You will be completing a research-based task on the merger between Asda & Sainsbury's which the CMA blocked. Use the Internet and all other resources available to you to find out the following:

- What is the role of the competition and Markets Authority (CMA)
- Why was the merger blocked by the CMA
- Who benefits the most from the merger being blocked
- Who suffers the most from the merger being blocked
- How does this affect the supermarket industry

TASK

A-Level Economics involves a significant amount of essays. You need to ensure that you are able to look at a balanced argument before reaching a conclusion.

“The CMA’s blocked merger is beneficial to consumers.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

You will need to write an Essay – minimum of 600 words, no more than 1500 words.

Your essay must be balanced. A structure that you could use is:

Paragraph 1 – Explain in depth how the blocked merger is beneficial to consumers.

Paragraph 2 - Explain in depth how the blocked merger is detrimental to consumers.

Paragraph 3 – Your final judgement. Looking at all the research you have conducted you need to justify if it will benefit or harm consumers.

OVERVIEW

You will be sitting three papers at the end of the two years.

Paper 1 – Markets & market failure

Paper 2 – National & international economy

Paper 3 – Economic principles & issues

All papers are two hours long and carry equal weight (33.3%).

No coursework involved in the course.

NOTE: Essay writing is fundamental to the course. 10, 15 & 25 mark essay questions.

When you join us in September, please ensure you have the following with you:

- A ring binder folder (Large or two small ones)
- Subject dividers
- Scientific calculator

Insert useful websites or further reading students can access

<https://www.tutor2u.net/economics>

<https://www.economicshelp.org/>

DUE: First lesson in September