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After completing a thorough industry analysis, which of the following is *most likely* an additional element an analyst should examine when analyzing a specific company within the industry?

- A) Competitive strategy.
 - B) Power of buyers.
 - C) Threat of entry.
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Adrian Martin, CFA, is tasked with evaluating profitability for a mature industry in the textile space. Given that the industry consists entirely of publicly traded companies, the *best* measure for her to use is:

- A) return on invested capital.
 - B) gross profit margin.
 - C) return on equity.
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If an investor is looking for exposure to more industry-specific risk and less company-specific risk, a financial advisor is *most likely* to recommend which of the following approaches?

- A) Smaller investments in fewer companies across many industries.
 - B) Larger investments in fewer companies within a targeted industry.
 - C) Smaller investments in several companies within a targeted industry.
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Which of the following types of industries is typically characterized by above-normal expansion in sales and profits independent of the business cycle?

- A)** Defensive.
 - B)** Counter-cyclical.
 - C)** Growth.
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An industry has a Herfindahl-Hirschman Index (HHI) of 2,740. An implication of this measure is that the industry will *most likely* have:

- A)** greater competitive intensity.
 - B)** less pricing power.
 - C)** greater profitability.
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Which of the following statements is *most accurate* regarding a firm that chooses to employ a focus-based competitive strategy?

- A)** It is often a hybrid strategy, as it may involve elements of both cost leadership and differentiation.
 - B)** The appeal is for customers who are willing to pay more for perceived value.
 - C)** The target is a wide range of customers whose needs may differ considerably.
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Which of the following competitive strategies lends itself most to industries where product offerings are relatively stable and the rate of innovation is slow?

- A)** Differentiation.
- B)** Focus.

C) Cost leadership.

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How would a commercial industry classification system provider classify a firm with two business lines, with one line representing 65% of its total revenue and the other representing 35%?

- A) The firm would be classified into two business lines based on a 65/35 split.**
 - B) The firm would be classified equally into the two business lines.**
 - C) The firm would be classified into the line that is associated with 65% of its revenue.**
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An analyst is using the Herfindahl-Hirschman Index (HHI) to evaluate industry concentration. The industry has four firms with the following market shares: 45%, 25%, 20%, and 10%. This industry's concentration will be considered:

- A) moderate.**
 - B) low.**
 - C) high.**
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If a company shows relatively stable demand for its services through natural fluctuations in the overall economy, the company will be considered a:

- A) defensive company.**
 - B) growth company.**
 - C) cyclical company.**
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An analyst is reviewing an industry and its associated barriers to entry and bargaining power of suppliers. This assessment of industry profitability and competitiveness is a part of which step of the industry and competitive analysis process?

- A)** Analyze the industry structure.
 - B)** Define the industry.
 - C)** Survey the industry.
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In differentiating between an industry and a sector, an analyst may describe transportation and airlines in what manner?

- A)** Transportation is the sector, and airline is the industry.
 - B)** Airline is the sector, and transportation is the industry.
 - C)** Both airline and transportation are industries.
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The competitive forces identified by Michael Porter include:

- A)** power of existing competitors and threat of entry.
 - B)** rivalry among existing competitors and power of buyers.
 - C)** threat of substitutes and rivalry among suppliers.
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Which of the following barriers to entry will increase the competitiveness of the companies within an industry?

- A)** Pre-existing customer loyalties.

- B) Low up-front capital requirements.
 - C) Significant regulatory costs.
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Which of the following types of industries is typically characterized by stable performance during both expansions and contractions of the business cycle?

- A) Defensive.
 - B) Growth.
 - C) Cyclical.
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A firm that pursues a differentiation strategy is *most likely* to emphasize:

- A) gains in market share.
 - B) market research.
 - C) operating efficiency.
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Commercial index providers typically classify companies by:

- A) principal business activity.
 - B) statistical grouping.
 - C) sensitivity to business cycles.
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Commercial industry classification systems such as the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) typically classify firms according to their:

- A)** principal business activities.
 - B)** correlations of historical returns.
 - C)** sensitivity to business cycles.
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An analyst studying the defense industry will focus on political influences in a PESTLE analysis for which of the following reasons?

- A)** Defense spending is the number-one priority for governments.
 - B)** The primary buyers are governmental entities.
 - C)** Political parties determine whether or not to spend on defense.
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An analyst develops a style box that categorizes industries based on growth rate and sensitivity to economic business cycles. Which of the following industries will *most likely* land in the box for (higher) growth and defensive sensitivity to cycles?

- A)** Biotechnology.
 - B)** Utilities.
 - C)** Crude oil production.
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The threat of substitutes is *most likely* to be low for a firm that:

- A)** operates in a fragmented market with little unused capacity.
- B)** produces a commodity product in an industry with significant unused capacity.
- C)** produces a differentiated product with high switching costs.

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Industry analysis is *most likely* to provide an analyst with insight about a company's:

- A) competitive strategy.
 - B) financial performance.
 - C) pricing power.
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An aggressive price reduction to gain market share is *most likely* to be associated with a:

- A) product differentiation strategy.
 - B) service differentiation strategy.
 - C) cost leadership strategy.
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In conducting a PESTLE analysis of external factors impacting an industry, an analyst will examine economic influences focused on trends in which types of structural measures?

- A) Interest rates.
 - B) Unemployment rates and labor force numbers.
 - C) Growth in gross domestic product.
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Company X runs a series of high-end hotels in the Northeastern United States. The average room rate per night is higher than any other hotel in the region. Which of the following *best* allows the company to build upon its differentiation strategy?

- A)** Economies of scale and low variable costs.
 - B)** Strong cost controls, which allow the company to maintain profit margins.
 - C)** A culture of strong customer experience.
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Economic profits are *most likely* to be earned by firms in an industry that is characterized by:

- A)** low threat of substitutes and high rivalry among existing competitors.
 - B)** high barriers to entry and low power of buyers.
 - C)** high power of suppliers and low threat of entry.
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Food, beverage, and utility companies are examples of:

- A)** cyclical industries.
 - B)** declining industries.
 - C)** defensive industries.
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A commercial industry classification system has a hierarchical structure: economic sectors, business sectors, industry groups, industries, and activities. Which of the following classifications does this represent?

- A)** Refinitiv Business Classification (TRBC).
 - B)** Industry Classification Benchmark (ICB).
 - C)** Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS).
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Regarding competitive strategy and Porter's Five Forces, the bargaining power of customers can be overcome by successfully implementing which type of strategy?

- A) Cost leadership and focus.
 - B) Differentiation and cost leadership.
 - C) Cost leadership, differentiation, and focus.
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Factors that increase competition in an industry *most likely* include:

- A) low barriers to entry, high concentration, and high unused capacity.
 - B) low barriers to entry, low concentration, and high unused capacity.
 - C) high barriers to entry, low concentration, and low unused capacity.
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An analyst studying an industry notices that the rivalries among the companies in the industry are fairly significant. Which of the following characteristics of the industry supports the analyst's assessment?

- A) Fixed costs are low relative to variable costs.
 - B) The costs to exit the market exceed the costs of staying in.
 - C) Product offerings are relatively unique.
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In an industry and competitive analysis, the industry base rate is *best* described as the:

- A) average market share for each company within an industry.
- B) maximum number of companies an industry can support.

C) overall baseline profitability for the industry as a whole.

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As part of an industry and competitive analysis, an analyst first defines and then surveys an industry. Which of the following assessments will be made as part of the survey step?

- A)** The growth rate of the industry over the last several years.
- B)** Political and economic impacts on the industry.
- C)** The geographical region in which the industry operates.