

Study first exam

the six components of the macro environment

1. political factors - this includes like fiscal policies tariffs the political climate federal banking system some political policies affect certain types of industries
2. economic conditions the health of the nation so like unemployment rate, exchange rate, growth, trade. so pretty much how the economy is doing
3. sociocultural forces how the people feel about the attitude of the social well being
4. technological factors
5. environmental forces
6. legal and regulatory

competitive pressures created by rivalry among competing sellers

1. rivalry increases when buyers demand is growing slowly or declining. so whenever there is something going when interest is going up they have sales or promotion the same effect happens when the interest is going out of business
2. rivalry increases as it becomes less costly for buyers to switch brands an example would be the phone company where there is a cost to switch to another one but with team mobile they cut that cost
3. rivalry increases as the product of rivals sellers become less strongly differentiated.
so if they are same product they competition will be higher because the buyer will go to the one that is cheaper.
4. rivalry is more intense when there is excess in supply or unused production capacity especially if the industry's product has high fixed cost or high storage cost so when there is a lot of something and they have to get rid of because it costs them money to keep.
5. rivalry intensifies as the number of competitors increase and they become more equal in size and capability.
when companies cut the prices
6. rivalry becomes more intense as the diversity of competitors increases in terms of long term direction objectives and countries of origin a diverse
7. rivalry is stronger when exit barriers keep unprofitable firms from leaving the industry

the choice of competitive weapons

- sales promotions
- heavy advertising
- rebates
- low interest rate The people might say their product is better because of this and that.

competitive pressure associated with the threat of new entrants

- expected reaction of incumbent firms to new entry and what are known as barriers to entry **barriers to entry are high under the following conditions**

- industries incumbent enjoy large cost advantages over potential entrants
 1. scale economies in production, distribution, advertising, other activities
 2. the learning-based cost saving that accrue from experience in performing certain activities such as manufacturing or new product development of inventory management
 3. cost saving accruing from patent or proprietary technology
 4. favorable locations and
 5. low fixed cost because incumbents have older facilities that have been mostly depreciated
- customers have strong brand preference and high degree of loyalty to seller
- patent and other forms of intellectual property protection are in place some cases patents that are used that prevent entry but once they are up they better watch out boom!
- there are strong "network effects" in customer demand. when everyone is using a certain device you cannot compete with them, so like xbox and playstation
- capital requirements are high
- there are difficulties in building a network of distributors/dealers or in securing adequate space on retailers' shelves
- there are restrictive regulatory policies
- there are restrictive trade policies

competitive pressures from the sellers of substitute products from the sellers of substitute products

1. good substitutes are readily available and attractively priced
2. buyers view the substitutes as comparable or better in terms of quality performance and other relevant attributes
3. the cost that buyers incur in switching to the substitutes are

competitive pressures stemming from supplier bargaining power

it all depends on the bargaining power to influence the terms and conditions of supply in their favor. **the powers are stronger when**

- demand for suppliers products is high and the products are in short supply
- suppliers provide differentiated inputs that enhance the performance of the industry products
- industry members are incapable of integrating backward to self manufacture items they have been buying from suppliers

- suppliers provide an item that accounts for no more than a small fraction of the costs of the industry product
- good substitutes are not available for the suppliers products
- industry members are not major customers of suppliers page 58

Competitive pressures stemming from buyer bargaining power and price sensitivity page 60

whether buyers are to exert strong competitive pressures on industry members depend on

buyer bargaining power is stronger when

- buyers demand is weak in relation to industry supply
- industry goods are standardized or differentiation is weak
- buyers costs of switching to competing brands or substitutes are relatively low
- buyers are large and few in numbers relative to the number of sellers to whom larger the buyers the more
- buyers pose a credible threat of integrating backward into business of sellers
- buyers are well informed about sellers products prices and cost
- buyers have discretion to delay purchases or perhaps even not make a purchase at all
- buyers price sensitivity increases when buyers are earning low profits or have low income
- buyers are more price sensitive if the product represents a large fraction of their total purchase

is the collective strength of the competitive forces conducive to good profitability page 62 Intense competitive pressures from just one of the five forces may suffice to destroy the conditions for good profitability

also the strongest competitive forces determine the extent of the competitive pressure on industry profitability 1

matching company strategy to competitive conditions page 63

1. pursuing avenues that shield the firm from as many of the different competitive pressures as possible

2. initiating actions calculated to shift the competitive forces in the company's favor by altering the underlying factors driving the five forces

complementors and the value net page 63

Complementors are the producers of complementary products, which are products that enhance the value of the focal firm's products when they are used.

industry dynamics and the forces driving change

Industry and competitive conditions change because forces are enticing or pressuring certain industry participants (competitors, customers, suppliers, complementors) to alter their actions in important ways. The most powerful of the change agents are called driving forces because they have the biggest influence in reshaping the industry landscape and altering competitive conditions. **driving forces has 3 steps**

1. identifying what the driving forces are
2. assessing whether the drivers of change are on the whole acting to make the industry more or less attractive
3. determining what strategy changes are needed to prepare for the impact of the driving forces. all three steps merit further discussion

identifying the forces driving industry change page 65

- changes in an industry long term growth rate
- increasing globalization
- emerging new internet capabilities and applications
- shifts in buyer demographics
- shifts in supply demographics
- technological change and manufacturing process innovation
- product innovation
- entry and exit of major firms
- diffusion of technical know how across companies and countries
- changes in cost efficiency
- reduction in uncertainty and business risk
- regulatory influences and government policy changes
- Changing societal concerns, attitudes and lifestyles

There many factors but only like three or four can make an impact

assessing the impact of the forces driving industry change 67

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using strategic groups to assess the market positions of key competitors page 67

A strategic group consists of those industry members with similar competitive approaches and positions in the market

the procedure for constructing a strategic group map is straightforward

- the competitive characteristics that delineate strategic approaches used in the industry typical variable used in creating strategic group map are price/quality range high medium low geographic coverage local regional national global etc... see page 68
- plot the firms on a two variable map using pairs of these variables
- assign firms occupying about the same map location to the same strategic group
- draw circle around each strategic group making the circles proportional to the size of the group share of total industry sales revenue

the value of strategic group maps pg 70

- prevailing competitive pressure from the industry five forces may cause the profit potential of different strategic groups to vary
- industry driving force may favor some strategic groups and hurt others

all in page 71

current strategy they need to know competitors strategy to succeed

objective they need to have strategic objective as well **resources and capabilities** what ever you have at hand

assumption making decisions based on your situation