

A. Figure out expressions the following definitions refer to:

1. money that is paid by a government or an organization to reduce the costs of services or of producing goods so that their prices can be kept low
2. to sell a business or an industry so that it is no longer owned and controlled by the government
3. services provided for the public, for example an electricity, water or gas supply
4. a list of fixed prices that are charged by a company for a particular service, or by a hotel or restaurant for rooms, meals, etc

B. Complete the sentences with correct forms of the following verbs; some verbs are not used: INTIMIDATE, COMMISSION, DRIVE, MAINTAIN, OWN, OWE, RECOUP, WITHDRAW, EMERGE, FOSTER, EXCEED, RELIEVE

1. The company could take seven years _____ its investment.
2. The survey on consumer taste _____ by local stores.
3. Lower energy prices will _____ the pressure on household finances.
4. While demand _____ supply, prices will continue to rise.
5. Pfizer _____ the exclusive right to market the drug within the US.

C. Complete each sentence with a word made from the word given in brackets.

1. We need to improve the _____ of the board to shareholders. (*ACCOUNT*)
2. _____ of industrial waste is a serious problem. (*DISPOSE*)
3. We _____ agreed to go with her. (*RELUCTANCE*)
4. The merger has now passed _____ hurdles. (*REGULATE*)
5. Buying new furniture may prove too _____. (*COST*)

D. Fill in the gaps with a suitable preposition or adverbial, if necessary:

1. After graduating she opted _____ a career in music.
2. Banks may ask for an insurance policy to be taken _____.
3. Cleaning and laundry services have been put _____ _____ competitive tender.
4. They have begun to charge _____ access _____ their website.
5. Could you include the special delivery conditions _____ no additional cost?