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SYLLABUS					
MODULES	CASE STUDIES	LESSONS	LEARNING OBJECTIVES		
MODULE 1	Customer Demand: Foundations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ace Ticket 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Willingness to Pay • A Different Visual Representation of WTP • Elasticity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Model scenarios and analyze the impact of market changes by constructing supply and demand curves for individuals and markets • Determine a revenue-maximizing pricing strategy using the concept of elasticity 	QUIZ
MODULE 2	Strategies for Assessing and Increasing Demand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The New York Times 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct Approaches for Assessing Demand • Indirect Approaches for Assessing Demand • Conjoint Analysis • Strategies for Increasing Demand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate techniques to learn about or increase demand and measure the tradeoffs and suitable applications of each approach 	QUIZ
MODULE 3	Suppliers and Cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penguin Random House 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Introduction to Cost • Fixed versus Variable Cost • Relative Cost Analysis • Supply Curves • Scale Economies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Predict market structure by examining various costs and cost structures • Evaluate options by performing a relative cost analysis 	QUIZ
MODULE 4	Markets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amgen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market Outcomes • Markets and Fairness • Markets: Applications • Creating Markets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify value creation and decompose its distribution to illustrate how trade occurs • Examine the competitive landscape by differentiating long- and short-run market outcomes and forces • Apply market principles to analyze industries in which no traditional market functions 	QUIZ
MODULE 5	Competition and Differentiation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bonobos 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pricing by a Monopolist • Price Discrimination • Simple Strategies for Differentiation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess monopolies, price discrimination, and differentiation 	QUIZ