



US consumer watchdog investigates Uber's subscription plan.

Description

Uber is being looked into by the US Federal Trade Commission for its subscription plan called Uber One. This plan gives discounts to members who pay a fee for rides and deliveries. The FTC is checking how people can sign up and cancel this service. Uber says they follow the rules for cancelling memberships and make it easy for members to do so in the app. The FTC has made a proposal to settle the investigation, and Uber has made a counter offer. Other big tech companies like Adobe and Apple have had issues with the FTC about cancelling services. The FTC recently made a new rule called 'click to cancel' to make it simpler for people to end subscriptions. In the UK, a new law called the Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Act 2024 also aims to protect consumers from subscription traps. It requires businesses to give clear information before people sign up for subscriptions and make it easy to end contracts.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Subscription** /səb'skrɪpʃən/ (noun): An arrangement to receive something typically a service or product on a regular basis by paying in advance.
2. **Commission** /kə'mɪʃ.ən/ (noun): A group of individuals officially charged with a particular function.
3. **Proposal** /prə'pəʊ.zəl/ (noun): A formal suggestion or plan put forward for consideration.
4. **Competition** /,kɒmp.ɪ'tɪʃ.ən/ (noun): The activity or condition of striving to gain or win something by defeating or establishing superiority over others.
5. **Consumers** /kən'sju:.mərs/ (noun): Individuals who purchase goods or services for personal use.
6. **Clarity** /'klær.ɪ.ti/ (noun): The quality of being coherent and intelligible.

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What technology is commonly used to detect changes in the environment?

- Option: A. Sensors
- Option: B. Robots
- Option: C. Subscription
- Option: D. Competition

2. Who are the individuals receiving medical care or treatment?

- Option: A. Subscription



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- Option: B. Patients
Option: C. Pollution
Option: D. Consumers
3. What is the act of allocating money or resources in the expectation of benefit in the future?
Option: A. Investment
Option: B. Sensors
Option: C. Proposal
Option: D. Treaty
4. What term refers to the quality of being coherent and intelligible?
Option: A. Robots
Option: B. Clarity
Option: C. Extinction
Option: D. Marangoni
5. Who are the people who purchase goods and services for personal use?
Option: A. Emissions
Option: B. Investment
Option: C. Consumers
Option: D. Track
6. What refers to the introduction of harmful substances into the environment?
Option: A. Pollution
Option: B. Track
Option: C. Sensors
Option: D. Commission
7. What quality denotes the degree of conformity of a measured or calculated quantity to its actual value?
Option: A. Competition
Option: B. Harmful
Option: C. Accuracy
Option: D. Identify
8. What category do substances utilized in chemical processes belong to?
Option: A. Treaty
Option: B. Chemicals
Option: C. Sensors
Option: D. Subscription
9. What term denotes the state or process of a species family or larger group being or becoming extinct?
Option: A. Subscription
Option: B. Accuracy



- Option: C. Extinction
- Option: D. Sensors

10. What physical property of liquids causes them to minimize their surface area?

- Option: A. Robots
- Option: B. Marangoni
- Option: C. Surface Tension
- Option: D. Identify

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

- 11. Continuous _____ of the patient's vital signs is essential in critical care.
- 12. You can enjoy ad-free music by getting a premium _____ to the streaming service.
- 13. Before the project can begin the team needs to submit a detailed _____ for approval.
- 14. The success of the experiment relied on the _____ of the measurements taken.
- 15. Making a smart _____ in your education can lead to better career opportunities.
- 16. It is important to segregate waste so that materials can be _____ and reused.
- 17. Exposure to certain substances can have _____ effects on human health.
- 18. Forensic scientists use various techniques to _____ unknown substances found at crime scenes.
- 19. The GPS system allows you to _____ the location of your delivery in real-time.
- 20. The artist received a _____ for a sculpture to be placed in the city park.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. Organizations strive to outperform rivals in a market with similar products or services.
22. Individuals or households that use goods or services generated within an economy.
23. Phenomenon where surface tension gradients drive flow between two fluid regions.



24. Automated machines designed to carry out tasks typically performed by humans.
25. Formal agreement between multiple states to regulate various aspects of their relationships.
26. Release of pollutants or gases into the atmosphere typically from vehicles or industrial processes.
27. Regular payment made to access services or content over a period of time.
28. A formal suggestion or plan submitted for consideration or discussion.
29. To establish or recognize the nature of someone or something.
30. To observe and check the progress or quality of something over a period of time.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. A. Sensors 2. B. Patients 3. A. Investment 4. B. Clarity 5. C. Consumers 6. A. Pollution
7. C. Accuracy 8. B. Chemicals 9. C. Extinction 10. C. Surface Tension

Gap-Fill: 11. monitoring 12. subscription 13. proposal 14. accuracy 15. investment 16. recycled 17. harmful
18. identify 19. track 20. commission

Matching sentence: 1. Competition 2. Consumers 3. Marangoni 4. Robots 5. Treaty 6. Emissions 7.
Subscription 8. Proposal 9. Identify 10. Monitor

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