



Watchdog Signals Approval for Vodafone-Three Merger

Description

The government organization in charge of competition, the Competition and Markets Authority, says it's okay for Vodafone and Three to merge if they promise to keep prices fair for customers and improve 5G internet in the UK. They had concerns before that joining together might make prices higher and hurt competition. Now, they think these worries can be fixed if the companies agree to their suggestions. A Vodafone spokesperson thinks the plan could work well. They believe the merger will help businesses and people in the UK by bringing advanced 5G to schools and hospitals. The merger has been looked into since January. Vodafone and Three want to join forces in the UK. Together, they would have around 27 million customers. The authority wants to know what people think about their ideas to solve any issues with the merger by November 12th. They will make their final decision by December 7th.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Authority** /ə'θɔːr.ɪ.ti/ (noun): An organization or group that has power or control in a particular area.
2. **Merge** /mɜːdʒ/ (verb): To combine or join together to form a single entity.
3. **Competition** /ˌkɒmpə'tɪʃən/ (noun): The activity or condition of competing against others.
4. **Promise** /'prɒm.ɪs/ (verb): To assure someone that one will or will not do something.
5. **Concerns** /kən'sɜːnz/ (noun): Worries or issues that someone has regarding a particular subject.
6. **Advanced** /əd'vænst/ (adjective): Having progressed to a further stage; more developed or complex.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What is the government organization in charge of competition mentioned in the text?
Option: Competition and Markets Authority
Option: Federal Communications Commission
Option: Consumer Product Safety Commission
Option: Federal Trade Commission
2. What is the main condition set by the Competition and Markets Authority for allowing the Vodafone and



Three merger?

- Option: Maintain fair prices for customers
- Option: Increase shareholder profits
- Option: Reduce services offered
- Option: Increase data costs

3. What key benefit does Vodafone believe the merger will bring to the UK?

- Option: Improved healthcare system
- Option: Advanced 5G internet in schools and hospitals
- Option: Decreased internet speeds
- Option: Decreased coverage

4. When is the final decision regarding the merger expected to be made by the authority?

- Option: November 1st
- Option: November 12th
- Option: December 7th
- Option: January 1st

5. The merger between Vodafone and Three would result in approximately how many customers?

- Option: 15 million customers
- Option: 20 million customers
- Option: 27 million customers
- Option: 30 million customers

6. When did the Competition and Markets Authority start looking into the merger?

- Option: January 1st
- Option: February 15th
- Option: March 30th
- Option: April 20th

True-False

- 7. The Vodafone and Three merger has raised concerns about potential price increases.
- 8. The Vodafone spokesperson is against the idea of the merger.
- 9. The Competition and Markets Authority will make a final decision on the merger by November 12th.



10. The Vodafone and Three merger aims to bring advanced 5G to schools and hospitals in the UK.
11. The authority wants public feedback on their ideas to address any merger issues.
12. The Vodafone and Three merger is expected to negatively impact competition in the UK.

Gap-Fill

13. The Competition and Markets Authority wants to know what people think about their ideas to solve any issues with the merger by November _____. (Enter date)
14. Vodafone and Three want to join forces in the UK to provide advanced 5G internet to _____ and hospitals.
15. The merger between Vodafone and Three is said to benefit businesses and people in the UK by bringing advanced 5G to _____. (Enter location)
16. Vodafone and Three had concerns that joining together might result in higher prices and a negative impact on _____. (Enter keyword)
17. The Competition and Markets Authority has been evaluating the Vodafone and Three merger since _____ 1st. (Enter month)
18. The Competition and Markets Authority will make their final decision on the merger by December _____. (Enter date)

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Competition and Markets Authority 2. Maintain fair prices for customers 3. Advanced 5G internet in schools and hospitals 4. December 7th 5. 27 million customers 6. January 1st
True-False: 7. True 8. False 9. False 10. True 11. True 12. False
Gap-Fill: 13. 12th 14. schools 15. hospitals 16. competition 17. January 18. 7th



Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. Which branch of science deals with the study of molecules?
Option: Physics
Option: Chemistry
Option: Biology
Option: Geology
2. Who is known for exploring and documenting the Amazon rainforest?
Option: Dr. Jane Goodall
Option: Neil Armstrong
Option: David Attenborough
Option: Indiana Jones
3. What term refers to the ability to use or retrieve data?
Option: Privacy
Option: Accessibility
Option: Encryption
Option: Storage
4. What is essential before undertaking a challenging task?
Option: Celebrate
Option: Procrastinate
Option: Prepare
Option: Analyze
5. Which skill is vital for effective teamwork?
Option: Technicality
Option: Communication
Option: Isolation
Option: Rudeness
6. What stimulates growth and development?
Option: Comfort
Option: Challenges
Option: Routine
Option: Mediocrity
7. What are catastrophic events that cause significant damage?



- Option: Celebrations
- Option: Achievements
- Option: Disasters
- Option: Innovations

8. Who has the power to make decisions and enforce obedience?

- Option: Celebrity
- Option: Boss
- Option: Authority
- Option: Entertainer

9. What term is used when two or more entities combine into one?

- Option: Split
- Option: Divide
- Option: Merge
- Option: Isolate

10. Which term describes highly developed or complex technologies?

- Option: Basic
- Option: Simple
- Option: Intermediate
- Option: Advanced

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

11. _____ is a greenhouse gas with a global warming potential more than 25 times that of carbon dioxide.
12. The _____ of a system is a measure of the average kinetic energy of the particles in the system.
13. The _____ of a film is responsible for overseeing the entire production process.
14. _____ between team members is crucial for the success of a project.
15. The _____ of a protein is essential for its function in biological systems.
16. Environmental _____ have led to worldwide efforts to reduce carbon emissions.



17. Regular practice can improve an athlete's _____ in competitions.
18. A supportive environment can _____ individuals to achieve their goals.
19. Recognizing the _____ of a task can increase one's dedication to completing it.
20. Some people are more _____ to criticism than others.

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

21. Different planets in our solar system have unique compositions of gases in their .
22. The DNA of a human shares about 98% similarity with that of a .
23. The success of a play depends on engaging the _____ with the performance.
24. An archeologist or historian is often considered an _____ due to their research expeditions.
25. One's traits are a combination of characteristics and behaviors that define them.
26. A government official appointed as head of a particular department is known as a .
27. Companies often engage in healthy _____ to capture a larger market share.
28. Building trust with others often involves keeping one's _____.
29. Effective leaders address the _____ of their team members to ensure a harmonious work environment.
30. Artists often develop unique styles and methods referred to as artistic _____.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Chemistry 2. David Attenborough 3. Accessibility 4. Prepare 5. Communication 6. Challenges 7. Disasters 8. Authority 9. Merge 10. Advanced

Gap-Fill: 11. Methane 12. Temperature 13. Director 14. Collaboration 15. Structure 16. Concern 17. Performance 18. Motivate 19. Importance 20. Sensitive

Matching sentence: 1. Atmospheres 2. Chimpanzee 3. Audience 4. Explorer 5. Personality 6. Commissioner 7. Competition 8. Promise 9. Concerns 10. Techniques

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1. Sci/Tech - LEVEL1



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