

Read through the text below, answer the questions that follow

The European Commission yesterday issued a harsh warning to businesses seeking to run cartels by fining eight vitamin producers a total of 855 million Euros (£530 million) for fixing prices for almost a decade. Roche, the Swiss drugs group, was fined 462 million in the highest award to date imposed by the EU on a single company for market abuse. BASF, the German chemical group, was fined 296 million for its part in the cartel, which was known as Vitamins Inc and was exposed in 1999. Both BASF, which described its fine as “inappropriately high”, and Roche are considering an appeal. Competition experts said the huge fines underlined the EU’s commitment to crackdown on restrictive business practices. Aventis, the French drugs group, escaped fines in connection to two vitamins in return for co-operating with inquiries. Samantha Mobley, EU competition partner at the law firm Baker & McKenzie, said: “It is the first time a company has achieved a 100 per cent reduction in a fine, illustrating the EU’s commitment to encourage whistle-blowers”.

According to the second paragraph of the passage, vitamin producers were:

- A. asked to sell up
- B. punished
- C. arrested
- D. convicted

A harsh warning is:

- A. a severe warning
- B. a sweet warning
- C. an unfounded warning
- D. a legal warning

Roche was fined means:

- A. Roche lost a market dispute
- B. Roche lost its grip
- C. Roche was made redundant
- D. Roche was penalised

According to BASF, the fine was inappropriately high. In other words:

- A. it was far too high
- B. it was cool
- C. it was right
- D. it was far too soon

A law firm deals with:

- A. legal matters
- B. grey matters
- C. scientific matters
- D. unknown matters

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After the subway bombing last summer, the downturn predicted by so many London watchdogs never happened – if anything, it was just the opposite. Stoic Londoners have carried on with the characteristic stiff upper lip. And with that has come a rapidfire succession of restaurants from some of the city's (and the world's) most closely watched chefs. Dining out is now one of the capital's favourite pastimes, bringing about the inevitable comparisons to New York. Future openings from heavy hitters like Joël Robuchon, who will make his mark on both London and Manhattan this year, draw the parallel even closer. But London is not just a stage for international players. Everyone passes through Borough Market at some point. It's become a Grand Central Station for food lovers, who stop to marvel at the furred and feathered game, to covet Brindisa's Spanish harms, or to graze at the dozens of stalls serving seared scallops, oysters, chorizo buns.

Here, heavy-hitter means:

- A. well-known
- B. overweight
- C. spacious
- D. wealthy

Downturn means:

- A. demolition
- B. refusal
- C. decline
- D. change

Londoners are described as:

- A. being indifferent to bombings
- B. people not easily phased
- C. having a sense of superiority
- D. people concerned about safety

A rapid-fire succession of restaurants are:

- A. a series of restaurants opening quickly
- B. a series of restaurants opening near each other
- C. a series of restaurants closing quickly
- D. a series of restaurants burning down

Furred and feathered game refers to:

- A. new recipes
- B. wild animals
- C. exotic kitchen utensils
- D. culinary sport

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