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INTRODUCTION

" Managing relationships with clients has become a basic organizational competency" (Bergeron, 2002). In the more extensive CRM viewpoint today, the client is at the core of the business environment. As indicated by Greenberg (2009), the customer ecosystem, where an age of internet-savvy individuals have alternate arrangement of requests and assumptions and social, political, and business establishments are altogether perceiving that they should meet the inexorably competitive circumstances, as these meaningfully affect the organizations."

Today, businesses are forced to adjust to internal and outside challenges, including rapidly changing technology, competition in their business environment, Brexit in the UK/Europe, the Covid-19 with its attendant lockdowns that impact on their quality frameworks and controls for the clients with devastating effects on many businesses in the UK and other parts of the world and those that have not been able to cope have simply folded up. The pandemic and the changed work processes have prompted the "great resignation", reshuffling, reconstituting supply chains, advanced shift, and the hybrid plan of action.

In this report, Tesco Plc will be roundly diagnosed using the strategic planning model, Potter's Five Forces to analyse and to understand how this multi-national company manage their Organisational quality framework, Customer service and Customer Relationship. The primary aim is to assess the variables, both internal and external, that impact Tesco's cycles while looking into the business' quality framework and controls, especially during the covid-19 crisis, to help us understand how their quality systems have been practical in the organisation posting huge profits despite the hard times, and how the organisation maintains and develops their quality systems and business strategy to maintain their leadership position. The expected outcome is understanding of quality process in the workplace and knowing how appropriately growing great client connections can assist with handling challenging circumstances to accomplish business targets.

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TESCO PLC

The British worldwide food and product retailer organization, Tesco Plc, according to StudyMoose (2017), is the largest supermarket organisation and the most successful supermarket chain and a major economic contributor to the United Kingdom, making £53bn in Gross Value Added or GVA in 2020/21 for the United Kingdom. Notable for its great administrations and item quality, the business was established in 1919 by Jack Cohen collectively of market stalls in Hackney, London with its headquarter at Welwyn Garden City. The name TESCO originally showed up in 1924, after Cohen bought a shipment of tea from T.E. Stockwell. He joined those three initials with the initial two letters of his last name to frame the name TESCO. The principal TESCO Shop opened in 1931 in Burnt Oak, Barnet.

In 1919, Jack Cohen established the business collectively as market shops in Hackney, London with its settle at Welwyn Garden City. Curiously, from the purchased of tea he made from T.E. Stockwell, he merged the three initials with the underlying two letters of his last name to shape the name TESCO, that originally showed up in 1924. With a tenacious spotlight on its clients, from 1931 to 1939, Tesco stalls had broadened rapidly in excess of 100 all over the country. (Ryle, 2013). It carried self-administration shopping to the UK in 1946 and opened the UK's most memorable grocery store in 1958, Tesco Impact Report/Public First (n.d.)

Propelled by its interesting motto, "Every little helps", Tesco, offers a wide scope of items and has extended universally since the mid 1930's, with activities in more than 11 nations on the planet. The organization's ongoing UK CEO Jason Tarry and bunch CCO Alessandra Bellini conceded that, apart from quality infrastructure which have served them well, Gilliland (2020), Tesco has been able to return from the brink of the 2014 accounting scandal through the period leading up to the heights of the pandemic, to bring about a (post covid-19/lockdown) turnaround by reorienting and maintaining their brand purpose (especially throughout the pandemic) and refocusing on what really matters to customers. According to them, the "client experience" is undeniably more significant than essentially advertising and selling and getting real-time feedbacks from the shops, depots and the customers was a changing view of success. And, online, the organization has had the option to double their ability very quickly to serve clients at the level of COVID and outperformed 1.5 million internet-based conveyance openings from 600,000 orders a week. (Gilliland, 2020)

TESCO'S BUSINESS MODEL

The theory which directly relates to the relationship with customers specially focuses on Tesco consumer's identification, acquisition, retention, and development aimed at maximising sales and profits. (CRM Tesco 2017). Tesco's business model cuts across different models and this approach ensure that the company meets their customer expectations and organisational success.

A critical analysis of Tesco's business set-up modus operandi, especially its multiple processing capabilities, express the essential features of the CRM value chain that utilizes 5 essential stages, client portfolio examination, client closeness, network advancement, offer turn of events and dealing with the client lifecycle, joined with the supporting states of initiative and culture, information and IT, individuals and cycles are efficiently sequenced to create and deliver customer value proposition.

Tesco's organisational framework also utilises elements of the IDIC model that proposes identification, differentiation, interaction, and customization of (communications with) customers, and the five centre cycles pinpointed by Payne's five-process model including the strategic, operational and the analytical in CRMs. The company utilises the combination of these models not only for maintaining consumer relationship, but also to support sales, services, order analysis, strategies, and marketing (Konrach et.al. 2017).

But how did Tesco diversify its business Model? Previously, Tesco has gotten through different wild powers of contest. At first, Tesco started to exchange food as well as beverages, and in time, it had figured out how to expand into various indispensable organizations, for instance, shopper gadgets, clothing fiscal administrations, and began to assemble ceaseless client connections and base, assessing the necessities, recognizing individual clients, and upgrading shopper devotion.

Towards this end, the general supervisor of operations can utilize client related information to create tailor-made items and services, Human Resources can utilize client inclination information to assist enlist and coach staff, Research and Development (R & D) Management can also utilize client related information to concentrate new item improvement and Customer information can be shared and used to coordinate different divisions. For instance, Tesco collaborates and shares new product development information with outside suppliers and partners like the Royal Bank of Scotland for their banking services.

PORTER'S FIVE FORCES

One of the exceptionally respected key business devices to break down an industry's engaging quality and its likely productivity is Professor Michael Porter's Five Forces made in 1979. The Model, intended for use on an industry premise, is utilized to recognize the fundamental wellsprings of contest in the business by considering what we could change to advance our serious position and raise productivity (MINDTOOLS n.d.). This could come as a valuable advantage in a competitive market. The appeal of an industry derives from the assets that the association contributes to the area of business. Michael Potter in his Business Analysis article, "How Competitive Forces Shape Strategy," urged organizations to look past the activities of their rivals and analyse the powers at play in their more extensive business climate.

The five powers that address the vital wellsprings of cutthroat tension inside an industry, as indicated by Porter are:

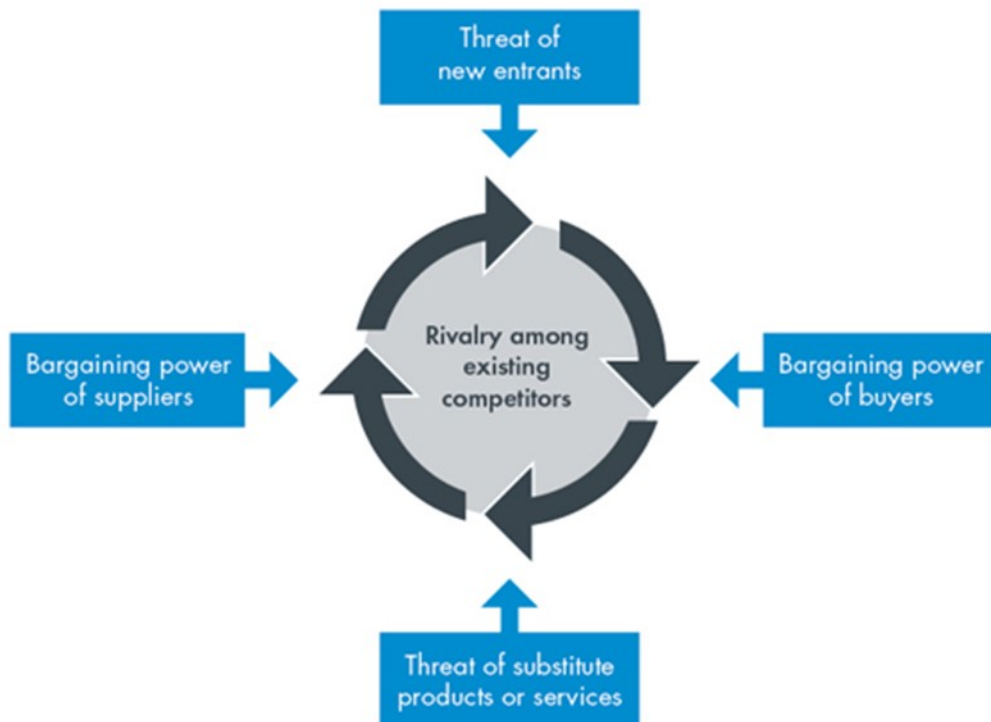
Competitive Rivalry – Or the strength of our competitors.

Bargaining power of Suppliers – Supplier prices, product uniqueness and assess to more or cheaper supplier alternatives.

Buyers bartering force – Or the customers.

Danger of Substitute items – Or alternatives to your goods or services.

Threat of New Entry – New competitors or players that can eat into your markets.



Porter's five powers of cutthroat position investigation:

Origin: CGMA

HOW THE FIVE POWERS WORK

(In relation to the UK business setting using Tesco as a touchstone)

Competitive Rivalry

The first aspect to analyse is Competitive Rivalry - That is the amount of competition the organisation faces both at the micro and macro levels. It was one big competition for Customers and Customer service excellence during the lockdown. The presence of Tesco's competitors like Sainsbury and the others, presenting similar items and businesses, will continuously lessen the organization's power and market engaging quality and can push Tesco to bring down their costs and improve new items.

Apart from its excellent CRM, Tesco's overall strategy, especially during this pandemic is surveying the degree of contest in the area, figuring out its enormous, direct rivals, the benefits they influence over Tesco, who the more modest, autonomous contenders are and how they stay serious. For instance, to keep their customers happy during the lockdown, Sainsbury had special shopping hours for NHS workers and opened late for NHS workers who had no time to shop, as well as special early morning shopping time for elders. Ocado, on the other hand, had excellent home delivery service –

Though running into initial challenges, Tesco had to match, and even surpass, these quality and outstanding services by these competitors.

Generally, through economies of scale that has helped to keep the costs low and prices affordable for household essentials saving the customers money; by helping the community through the creation of efficient logistics chains; by offering broad possibilities for decisions, scope of items and worth which implies the organization can take care of various kinds of clients; and by uniting that large number of items in a solitary spot along these lines saving time for customers, Tesco has been able to transform the experience of shopping for the ordinary family and created fierce competition that is hard to beat.

Dealing Power of Buyers

Dealing force of the clients, as per Porter (1979), is the way simple it is at purchasers to drive costs down. This is largely influenced by the quantity of purchasers on the lookout, significance of every individual purchaser to the association, and cost to the purchaser of changing starting with one provider then onto the next. Assuming a business has only a couple of strong purchasers, they are frequently ready to direct terms, yet deciding your relationship with purchaser power, similar to Wright (2021) made sense of, is about how adaptable you can be on help while keeping a legitimate situation in your industry.

Tesco maintains its systems by practically applying the motto, “Every little helps” to their mode of operation by considering how powerful the buyers are, how many they are and types, can the buyers cut cost down? And can they dictate terms? Tesco created very good public reputation during the challenging time to show that, just like Sainsbury, they care about their customers like the NHS workers, the elderly, the physically handicapped and others and taking care of everyone’s health conditions in the heat of the crisis by ensuring face masks were used, 6 metre social distances were maintained, and other health and security measures were followed to make customers safe and happy.

Bargaining force of providers

Supplier Power is an examination of how basic it is for suppliers to create price increase. The more the number of suppliers you have, the easier it is to change to a more affordable choice. This can be influenced by so many factors like supplier costs, supplier numbers, organizational uniqueness, similar size, and force of the supplier, assess to pretty much costly supplier choices and cost of changing suppliers and so forth.

Tesco thinks about the number of providers there are on the lookout, the choices, which can bring down costs, or only a couple, which can raise them, that it is so natural to switch and the expense, how might changing providers influence the items and administrations.

Tesco supply chain is highly diverse, supporting thousands of businesses across the UK. Tesco is the route through which great many various items and administrations work their direction from their unique makers to UK shopping crates. According to Tesco Impact Report/Public First (n.d.), the organisation often brings to its customers the innovative, original, and best price products from its suppliers. In the city of Ports mount, for instance, Tesco uses 21 local suppliers.

Threat of Substitution

This relates to alternatives to the available goods or services. Where there are alternative goods and services, it improves the probability of clients changing to options (item or business) because of cost increments and different elements. This diminishes both the force of providers and the allure of the market. By thinking about how simple it is for their clients to observe options in contrast to their products and services and how less expensive substitutes fare in comparison to the organization for ROI, Tesco inspects how the client's lives have been affected as the organization is developing and updating their products as well as growing new service offering.

Apart from the important factors of Tesco's consistency of product and price that make them competitive and hard to substitute, the company's national and local impact in supporting communities across the UK, providing quality products and essential community services, jobs, support and training opportunities, provide value (GVA) to the UK economy, and ensures that customers are kept happy. Tesco also invests in energy efficiency measures; The organization is fueled by 100 percent inexhaustible power and targets accomplishing decarbonization, with an aspiration to be net zero by 2035. By giving these treats, a fairly large percentage of the populace concur that Tesco is a significant piece of their local area.

Threat of New Entry

Danger of new passage connects with the chance of new contenders or players coming into the market. The bigger the contenders wanting to come into a business, the bigger the threat of new passage, and exciting and useful businesses attract new contestants, which lessen benefits. Some incumbents may use strong obstructions like, cost efficiency advantages, patents and so forth to prevent entry.

Among Tesco's current competitors are, Waitrose, Sainsbury, Lidl, Aldi and Ocado and few others. Businesses like Tesco Plc or new companies frequently consider the danger of new strong organizations beginning in the area, that it is so natural to fire up in the industry, the principles and guidelines, the required money, and the obstructions to passage. Generally, Tesco strategists have been able to successfully apply its models and strategies like the multi-channel client management, Club card account,

Tesco noticeably recognize the clients' worth with the information framed through the Tesco club account program, Bose et al (2002), Analysing and gathering customers into various many fragments mixes, Mukund (2003), gathering customers' feedbacks to work on the current gifts as well as offering most recent administrations for the possibility combined with the employment of the Five Forces application together with "inside out" or "resource-based" outlook, by leveraging resources and competencies to gain competitive advantage – which was especially evident during the Covid-19/lockdown.

Generally, the case of Tesco has shown that when we understand the forces affecting our industry by analysing our organization's strengths and weaknesses and identifying critical factors to avoid taking wrong steps, , we are well-placed to change our methodology, support productivity, and remain in front of the opposition.

Finally, in other climes, another aspect of the threats posed by new entrants is the factor of public opinion which may sometimes play a crucial role in exerting considerable pressure on the government. (CGMA, 2013).

INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL FACTORS IMPACTING ON BUSINESSES

Numerous researchers have completed different exploration on business execution ((monetary and non-monetary) and their discoveries generally show many of the inner and outer variables impacting on organizations. The ongoing Coronavirus pandemic is an ideal illustration of one of such factors; As shown by Mathew et al. (2016) and Yasa et al. (2020), the Coronavirus pandemic influences different existing areas, encourages organizations to construct a decent CRM technique and the consequences of the lockdowns in numerous nations affected Customer relationship management (Choi, 2020; Sarkis et al., 2020), as well as purchaser conduct (Ernst and youthful, 2020)

The pandemic has carried huge changes to the business world bringing about the making of various methodologies to defeat the Coronavirus pandemic. What's more, to sensitize the populace and increment their interest in managing the spread of the infection, a few legislatures gave guidelines and strategies, and which eventually have adversely affected on business execution. For example, because of a portion of the Coronavirus unofficial laws and measures, like social separating, hand washing and obligatory cover wearing, business opening times and limit that can be filled, clients consider every option prior to going to an eatery. (Bakalis et al., 2020; Wang et., al., 2020). As per Yasa et al. (2021), these guidelines straightforwardly affect the deals turnover, the quantity of coming clients, exchanges, and working benefits.

The Hybrid business model, where workers can work both at home and in the workplace, is also the result of covid-19. Generally, the Coronavirus pandemic has likewise diminished organization efficiency (Wang and Wang, 2020) and a decrease in execution because of the diminished number of shoppers and in their buying power because of cutbacks and other Coronavirus related issues. (Yasa et al., 2021) Notwithstanding, digital marketing, which is the advancement or showcasing of products and serviced utilizing the web has been offered and has become one major answer for the enormous effect of the Coronavirus/pandemic. (Alamaki and Korpela, 2020; Guenzi &Habel, 2020; Singh et al., 2019)

CUSTOMERS RELATIONSHIP MANAGEMENT (CRM)

Buttle (2002), portrayed Customer Relationship Management (CRM) as the center business methodology that facilitates internal cycles and limits, and external associations, to make and pass worth on to assigned clients at an advantage. It is grounded on first class client related data and enabled by information development.

There is something else to CRM besides promoting process - Customer Relationship Management as a business procedure augments benefit, revenue, and consumer satisfaction and its effect in the business commercial centre cannot be underestimated.

Today, particularly with the expansion of social networks' organizations across the web world, CRM, is a long way from being the straightforward applications for engaging these customers in the client care practical areas inside the organisation, each cooperation with clients, that stretch out their compass across organization to incorporate deals and circulation accomplices and channels, can help maintain, direct, beseech or revive wanted results by undertakings. (Buttle, 2008)

The 4 types of CRM, according to Buttle (2008) are:

Strategic – The client driven procedure that targets winning and keeping productive clients.

Functional - Focusses on the computerization of client confronting cycles, for example, selling, promoting and client assistance. For example, Tesco applies technology to enhance its market segmentation, campaign management, sales Force automation and other marketing operations.

Scientific CRM is connected to mining of clients data for processing.

Cooperative CRM depicts the key and strategic arrangement of typically separate ventures in the inventory network to serve customers even more proficiently and successfully.

THE BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES OF CRM (GAPS IN SERVICE QUALITY)

Astounding CRM runs the range of the formation of "significant worth for clients", and on the grounds that CRM impacts client experience, it can affect consumer loyalty appraisals and impact dedication to the provider. (Buttle, 2008) Clients foster assumptions considering data acquired from an organization's points of contact like messages, virtual entertainment and so forth. Sources of customer value creation, according to Buttle (2008) include value from product, processes, people, service, physical evidence, customisation, and customer communication.

BENEFITS OF CRM

Tesco's operations management uses customer-related data to produce customized products and services, while its Human Resources uses customer preference data to help recruit and train staff. The Research and Development Management employs customer-related data to focus new product development. Customer data can be shared and used to integrate various departments. For instance, Tesco collaborates and shares new product development information with outside suppliers and partners the Royal Bank of Scotland for their banking services.

CRM Challenges:

Organizations face challenges both internal and external, and challenges require actions. Although, Tesco has today found innovative and practical ways of connecting touchpoints and using customers' data in very excellent and more productive ways, initially, however, it was not all smooth sailing as there was lacklustre customer service and some of the employees lacked social insight and good customer communication. But these and few other problems were resolved through re-training.

One big CRM challenge is lack of the requisite Technology as well as Technology Integration or perfect synchronisation.

CRM is serious business and one of its big drawbacks, according to Bergeron (2002), is that it does not come modest, in relation to either time or cost. (Greenberg, 2009).

Lack of efficient communication is another problem. Since client relationship execution choices are taken by the top administration in the organization, decisions are sometimes not quickly communicated to all the employees afterwards. But this has also been resolved at Tesco through re-training. On its own, proper training is another service challenge good customer relationship is faced with. It takes Tesco whole lots of time, energy, and money to sort and train employees.

A gap in Tesco's service quality became apparent with some of the products ordered online in the heat of the Covid-19 lockdown. There were complaints from some customers of being supplied with too many rotten groceries and other products. This could be the result of the pressure and volume of supplies to be made online to customers and not enough time to check products properly.

One would suggest for Tesco (especially the pickers) to do more checks on its products before they leave the shelves and compensation plans to address inconveniences faced by customers like the above should be made like offering points or monetary reimbursement.

(TESCO) QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS/CUSTOMER SATISFACTION

Businesses are founded to make profits. An administration framework portrays the arrangement of dependent cycles and systems an association needs to follow to meet its targets. Proficiency and viability, as CRM Tesco, (2017) made sense of, mean doing the right things and the capacity to meet clients' prerequisites is fundamental. Quality Management centres firmly around the result of the connection between clients (both inner and outer) and provider. Quality administration framework ought to be viewed as a business the board framework, because in the new business climate, accentuation is progressively being put on "risk/opportunity-based thinking" move toward which the association is expected to utilize in numerous regions of its Total Quality Management. The leadership at Tesco saw the covid-19 crisis as an opportunity to shine and put the right structures needed on the ground to ensure smooth sailing through the turbulence, as well as elements that looked beyond the pandemic.

To accomplish quality throughout a business and to meet customer satisfaction, according to UKEssays (2018), every person in the chain is properly trained, as disappointment in one piece of the framework makes issues somewhere else in the excellent procedure.

A portion of the principal contemplations for posting items in Tesco are Safety and Quality.

The association tends to work guidelines and natural contemplations, talks with Industry bodies, specialized, quality and exchange advancement specialists to work with provider/producer base, Professional Associations, Food security specialists, providers and cultivators and ecological specialists to educate on all viewpoints concerning creation. There is also Benchmarking and the application of the standard throughout the supply chain and staff feedback to address problems and to holding Tesco's high standards together.



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WHY IS QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IMPORTANT?

"Quality" is vital for each organization! It is said that the nature of your item is just comparable to the cycles and controls behind it. Businesses utilize their administrative framework to raise the value of all partners and work for this purpose.

As exemplified by Tesco, correctly applying the total quality management will not only bring about overall costs reduction, but also, increased competitiveness, improved outcomes of consistent quality level (of products or services) and processes, timely production, and customer satisfaction.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The past few years have seen the impact of various internal and external factors on global businesses and their systems, but none has been so intense like the Covid-19 pandemic. The various approaches and arrangements by governments and businesses to defeat the covid-19 pandemic and to deal with the new situation and achieve business objectives is turning into the "new normal" which is probably going to stay very long - Becoming acquainted with the factors at work will get organizations more ready. In this regard, while no establishment can be said to be totally perfect, however, one could say that Tesco Plc has been one of the best examples of a successful business. All through the ongoing covid-19 crisis, this organisation - a company that has won numerous awards for its retail excellence and customer service, sometimes under unusual and difficult circumstance presented by the various crisis that the centre for Retail Research said has led to numerous other organizations going into

administration - has been riding the wave! Tesco has been able to use the essential instrument of CRM to keep up with long haul great relationship with the clients (Aldoseri et al., 2019), and raise the sales turnover. (Galvao et al., 2018; Marolt, 2018; Sukaatmadja et al., 2017)

And like Isher Kaila, Research Director, Global CRM Strategy, rightly indicated in his Forward, “When considering CRM, there is no strategic alternative for enterprises but a relentless approach toward driving customer centricity to achieve current, future and lifetime profitability by creating customers for life.” Furthermore, due to the ever-shifting "hypercompetitive" environment in which businesses are operating, as per Business Academic Consultant, Richard D'aveni, associations should be reliably unique, tireless, and forceful to remain on top. MindTools (n.d.)

In the coming decades, there is every likelihood of supermarkets like Tesco will remain as important community hubs, anchoring the local economies in towns and cities across the UK, according to a report by Tesco Impact Report/Public First (n.d.), as their retail roles continue to evolve and their formats change. Feefo's CEO, aptly captured the thinking, which will define future business/customer relationship when he said in one of the articles published by DMA titled, Adapting customer experience in a post-Covid world: “As more interactions move online and as a result of changes in customer behaviour occasioned by the current global pandemic/covid-19 situation, it is becoming increasingly clear that under the “new normal”, only those businesses that are able to strategically adapt, and have the means to keep fine-tuning their CRM process to the customers’ quickly evolving behaviour will have competitive advantage”. West (2020).

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