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TRUE/FALSE

1 : Noncash items received as income must be included in income at their fair market value.
A : true
B : false

Correct Answer : A

2 : Awards, bonuses, and gifts are all included in gross income.
A : true
B : false

Correct Answer : B

3 : Disability benefits are generally taxable to the individual receiving the amounts.
A : true
B : false

Correct Answer : B

4 : Interest income received by a cash basis taxpayer is generally reported in the tax year it is received.
A : true
B : false

Correct Answer : A

5 : Interest on U.S. Treasury Bonds is not taxable.
A : true
B : false

Correct Answer : B

6 : Taxpayers must report interest income on Series EE savings bonds as the interest accrues.
A : true
B : false

Correct Answer : B

7 : A gift received from a financial institution for opening a bank account is not taxable income to the recipient.
A : true
B : false

Correct Answer : B

8 : Child support payments are deductible by the spouse making the payments.
A : true
B : false

Correct Answer : B

9 : If a divorce agreement executed in the current year specifies that a portion of the amount of an alimony payment is contingent upon the status of a child, that portion is considered to be a child support payment.
A : true
B : false

Correct Answer : A

10 : Under a divorce agreement executed in the current year, periodic payments of either cash or property must be made at regular intervals to be deductible as alimony.
A : true
B : false

Correct Answer : B

11 : An auto that is received as a prize should be included in the taxpayers income at its list price rather than its fair market value.
A : true
B : false

Correct Answer : B

12 : Basketball superstar Steph Currys outstanding player award is not includible in income, since the award is in recognition of his outstanding performance.
A : true
B : false

Correct Answer : B

13 : If an annuitant, whose annuity starting date was January 1, 2007, dies before recovering his or her investment in the annuity, any unrecovered investment is recognized as a loss on the annuitants tax return for the year of death.
A : true
B : false

Correct Answer : A

14 : Payments made to a qualified retirement plan by an employer are considered part of the employees investment in the contract for calculation of the annuity exclusion ratio.
A : true
B : false

Correct Answer : B

15 : When calculating the exclusion ratio for an annuity, the ratio should be revised when there is a significant change in the taxpayers status or health.
A : true
B : false

Correct Answer : B

16 : If a life insurance policy is transferred to the insureds partnership for valuable consideration, the insurance proceeds are taxable when received by the partnership.

A : true
B : false

Correct Answer : B

17 : To promote business activity, the tax rules generally are very liberal in treating business gifts as tax-free income to the recipient.
A : true
B : false

Correct Answer : B

18 : The receipt of an inheritance is excluded from the taxable income of the recipients.
A : true
B : false

Correct Answer : A

19 : Dividend income arising from stock received as a gift is excluded from gross income since the dividends are considered part of the gift.
A : true
B : false

Correct Answer : B

20 : Amounts received as scholarships for books and tuition may be excluded from the recipients taxable income.
A : true
B : false

Correct Answer : A

21 : A scholarship for room and board granted in 2017 is fully taxable to the recipient.
A : true
B : false

Correct Answer : A

22 : Amounts received by an employee as reimbursement for medical expenses under a policy provided by the taxpayers employer are excluded from gross income.
A : true
B : false

Correct Answer : A

23 : If an employer claims a business deduction for group health insurance premiums paid on behalf of his employees, the amount must be included in the employees gross income.
A : true
B : false

Correct Answer : B

24 : Payments made by an employer for health insurance on behalf of an employee are

considered income to the employee at the time the payments are made.
A : true
B : false

Correct Answer : B

25 : Cash allowances for meals or lodging generally must be included in the employees income.
A : true
B : false

Correct Answer : A

26 : The value of lodging provided to a professor to enable him to live near the campus is excluded from gross income.
A : true
B : false

Correct Answer : B

27 : Interest earned on bonds issued by a state government is fully taxable.
A : true
B : false

Correct Answer : B

28 : Unemployment compensation is fully taxable to the individual receiving the compensation.
A : true
B : false

Correct Answer : A

29 : Group term life insurance premiums paid by an employer for insurance amounts less than $50,000 must be included in the employees income.
A : true
B : false

Correct Answer : B

30 : A no-additional-cost service includes only those services in the major line of business in which the employee is employed.
A : true
B : false

Correct Answer : A

31 : The amount of employee reimbursement in 2017 for parking and mass transit costs are each $255 per month.
A : true
B : false

Correct Answer : A

32 : In some cases, Social Security benefits may be partially taxable.

A : true
B : false

Correct Answer : A

SHORT RESPONSE

33 : Andy landscaped his friends house in return for a couch set and an HD television worth $8,000. How much income must Andy report on his tax return for his services?

Correct Answer : The noncash payment of $8,000 for services performed is taxable income to Andy. The tax law states that taxable income is “all income from whatever source derived.” There is no exception in the law for noncash items received in exchange for services.

34 : Jack is a lawyer and Jeri is a child psychologist. Jack prepares Jeris estate planning at no charge and Jeri agrees to counsel Jacks daughter six times at no charge in return for the estate planning. The value of the estate planning is $1,000 and the value of the therapy sessions is $1,000.a. How much income does Jack have? Why?b. How much income does Jeri have? Why?

Correct Answer : a. $1,000. Taxable income includes “all income from whatever source derived.” The value of the therapy for his child is income to him for the performances of services. There is no taxable income exception in the tax law for “barter income.”b. $1,000. Taxable income includes “all income from whatever source derived.” The value of the estate planning is income to her for the performances of services. There is no taxable income exception in the tax law for “barter income.”

35 : Barry has a successful methamphetamine laboratory. Producing methamphetamine is illegal under federal law. Is Barry required by law to report the income from his lab on his tax return? Why?

Correct Answer : Yes. Illegal income is still taxable income since there is no exception excluding it in the tax code. When there is no explicit exception, taxable income is “all income from whatever source derived.”

36 : Bonnie receives salary income of $32,000, unemployment compensation of $4,400, and interest income of $1,200 and a gift of $7,000 in cash from her aunt. How much total income does Bonnie have?

Correct Answer : $37,600 = $32,000 + $1,200 + $4,400

37 : Indicate whether each item below would be included in or excluded from the income of the recipient.a. Payment for laboratory assistant position at University of California Stateb. A $1,000 scholarship for tuitionc. College books paid for by grandma and grandpad. A $1,000 college loane. A scholarship for room and boardf. A new car given to recruit a basketball playerg. A scholarship used for supplies and equipment that are required for courses

Correct Answer : a. Includedb. Excludedc. Excludedd. Excludede. Includedf. Includedg. Excluded

38 : Qualified dividends are given special tax treatment. Describe how they are taxed.

Correct Answer : Qualified dividends are taxed at 0 percent, 15 percent, or 20 percent. The 0 percent rate applies to taxpayers in the ordinary income tax brackets of 10 percent and 15 percent. The 15 percent rate applies to taxpayers in the ordinary income tax brackets of 25 percent through 35 percent. The 20 percent rate applies to taxpayers in the 39.6 percent ordinary income tax bracket. An additional 3.8 percent Medicare tax may apply for high-income taxpayers.

39 : If a taxpayer holding EE bonds makes an election with respect to the taxation of the bonds, how is the interest which accrues on the bonds, but is not paid, taxed each year?

Correct Answer : If an election is made, the annual increase in the redemption value of the bond (or interest accrual as it is commonly called) is included in taxable income each year.

40 : If a taxpayer holding EE bonds makes an election with respect to the taxation of the bonds, how is the interest which accrues on the bonds, but is not paid, taxed each year?

Correct Answer : a. 15 percentb. 0 percent

41 : For divorces after 1984, which of the following statements about alimony payments is not correct?

Correct Answer : a.$2,000b.$2,000?The amount over the continuing alimony payment is not treated as alimony for tax purposes.

42 : For divorces after 1984, which of the following statements about alimony payments is not correct?

Correct Answer : ?a.$0b.$300,000

43 : Peter is required by his divorce agreement to pay alimony of $4,000 a month and child support of $6,000 a month to his ex-wife Stella. What is the tax treatment of these two payments?To Peter?To Stella?

Correct Answer : Peter may deduct the alimony of $4,000 per month on his tax return. He cannot deduct the child support.?Stella must report the alimony of $4,000 per month as income on her tax return. The child support is not income to Stella.

44 : As part of the property settlement related to their divorce, Stella must give Peter the house that they have been living in, while she gets 100 percent of their savings accounts. The house was purchased in Texas 15 years ago for $100,000 and is now worth $110,000. How much gain must Stella recognize on the transfer of the house to Peter? What is Peters tax basis in the house for calculating any future sale of the house?

Correct Answer : No gain is taxable to Stella on the transfer of the house since it is part of a property settlement related to a divorce. Peter has a basis of $100,000 in the house for calculating tax on any future sale of the house.

45 : Rob is 8 years old and won a sports car valued at $30,000 in a drawing at Disneyland this year. How much income, if any, must Rob report on his tax return for this year? Why?

Correct Answer : $30,000. Prizes are taxable income, valued at fair market value.

46 : State whether each of the following is taxable or nontaxable.a. Susan won a jackpot of $50,000 gambling at a casino.b. Sarah received a Christmas ham from her employer.c. Jonathan won a car in a supermarket raffle valued at $25,000.d. Gary received a scholarship for tuition of $5,000 a year.e. Eric is given lodging valued at $1,000 a month on the oil rig where he is employed since it is impossible for Eric to go home during the period of time he is assigned to work on the rig.

Correct Answer : a. Taxableb. Nontaxablec. Taxabled. Nontaxablee. Nontaxable

47 : Richard, who retired on April 30, 2017, receives a monthly employee annuity benefit of $1,400 payable for life, beginning May 1, 2017. During his years of employment, Richard contributed $29,400 to the companys plan. Richards age on May 1 is 66. Using the simplified method, how much of the $11,200 annuity payment received during 2017 may Richard exclude from gross income?

Correct Answer : ?a.$6,400. $42,000 210 (factor for age 67) = $200 x 8 months = $1,600. $8,000 - $1,200 = $6,400b.$7,040. ?$25,200 210 = $120 x 8 months = $960. $8,000 - $960 = $7,040

48 : Cynthia, age 64, retired in June. Starting in July, Cynthia received $2,000 per month from an annuity. She has contributed $260,000 to the annuity. Her life expectancy is 20 years. How much is excluded from income using the simplified method? Use 260 as the factor to divide by.1. Enter total amount received this year2. Enter cost in plan at the annuity starting date3. Factor at annuity starting date 2604. Divide line 2 by line 35. Multiply line 4 by the number of monthly payments this year6. Amount, if any, recovered tax free in prior years7. Subtract line 6 from line 28. Enter the smaller of line 5 or 79. Taxable amount this year. Subtract line 8 from line 1

Correct Answer : $6,000 is excluded from income. See calculation below.?1. Enter total amount received this year: $12,0002. Enter cost in plan at the annuity starting date: $260,0003. Factor at annuity starting date: 2604. Divide line 2 by line 3: $1,0005. Multiply line 4 by the number of monthly payments this year: $6,0006. Amount, if any, recovered tax free in prior years: $07. Subtract line 6 from line 2: $260,0008. Enter the smaller of line 5 or 7: $6,0009. Taxable amount this year. Subtract line 8 from line 1: $6,000?

49 : Which of the following would result in life insurance proceeds that are taxable to the recipient?

Correct Answer : a.$18,500 = $25,000 - $5,000 - $1,500.b.Yes. Transfers to a partner, even for valuable consideration, result in nontaxable proceeds.

50 : Which of the following would result in life insurance proceeds that are taxable to the recipient?

Correct Answer : a. $28,500 = $40,000 - $8,000 - $3,500b. Yes. Transfers to corporation by a shareholder and officer of a corporation, even if for valuable consideration, result in nontaxable proceeds.

51 : Van is sick and tired of his job. His doctor certifies that his health may be compromised if he continues to work at his current job. He sells his life insurance policy to Life Settlements, Inc. for $50,000 so he can take a break from work. He has paid $10,000 so far for the policy. How much of the $50,000 must Van include in his taxable income?

Correct Answer : He must pay tax on the $40,000 gain on the sale of the policy. Van has not met the requirement for an accelerated death benefit or a viatical settlement.

52 : Helga receives a $300,000 life insurance payment when her boyfriend Andy dies. How much of the payment is taxable to Helga?

Correct Answer : None of the payment is taxable. Life insurance proceeds received upon the death of the insured are generally considered to be tax-free and specifically excluded from taxable income.

53 : In June of the current year, Robs wealthy stepmother died and left him a stock portfolio worth $600,000. Before she died, she gave him a gift of $20,000 in cash. How much of these amounts, if any, are taxable to Rob? Why?

Correct Answer : $0Inheritances and gifts are not taxable to the recipient.

54 : In June of the current year, a wealthy aunt gave Janie a stock portfolio worth $150,000. During the year, she collects $4,000 in dividends. How much of these amounts, if any, should Janie include in gross income for the current year? Why?

Correct Answer : $4,000. The gift of stock is not classified as income, but earnings on the stock are income.

55 : Geoff is a company president who has had a very good year at work. The owner of the company is pleased and gives him a gift of $50,000 at the end of the year. The owner writes gift in the memo section of the check. How much of the gift is taxable to Geoff?

Correct Answer : The full $50,000 is taxable. The gift is clearly bonus income in a business setting so does not qualify for tax-free gift treatment, even if Geoff’s employer calls the payment a gift.

56 : Tim receives a $25,000 gift from his parents for a down payment on a house. They know he can not buy a house without their help. They write gift in the memo line of the check. How much of the gift is taxable to Tim?

Correct Answer : None of the gift is taxable. Gifts are excluded from the taxable income of the person receiving the gift.

57 : Elmore receives a rental property as an inheritance from his grandmother. The rental is worth $500,000 and Elmore collected rental income of $24,000 during the year.For the year, how much is Elmores gross income as a result of the inheritance?

Correct Answer : $24,000, the amount of the rental income.

58 : Karina receives a scholarship of $10,000 to a college. She is also given a job which pays $5,000 a year to help with her expenses. $7,000 of the scholarship is earmarked for tuition and $3,000 is for room and board. How much of the money from the scholarship and the job are taxable to Karina?

Correct Answer : The $5,000 earnings from the job are taxable, as is $3,000 of the scholarship. There is no exclusion for payments made for room and board. $7,000 is not taxable, since scholarships for tuition are specifically excluded from taxable income.

59 : Kim earned $30,000 from Pfizer before she was laid off. She then collected $7,000 of unemployment benefits. Finally, Kim received a $12,500 scholarship for tuition so she could return to college to earn a microbiology degree. How much does Kim need to report as income on her tax return?

Correct Answer : Kim needs to report $37,000 on her tax return: $30,000 from her employment at Pfizer and $7,000 from unemployment benefits received. The $12,500 scholarship is excluded from income.

60 : Joey is a single taxpayer. Joeys employer pays $1,800 per year for his health insurance. During the year, Joey had medical expenses of $2,500 and the insurance company reimbursed him for the full $2,500. How much of the above amounts, if any, must be included in Joeys gross income? Why?

Correct Answer : None. The health insurance premiums paid by the employer are not income to Joey and the reimbursement of medical expense by the insurance company is not income to Joey.

61 : Marco and his family are covered by his companys health insurance plan. The health insurance costs his company $8,500 a year. During the year, Marcos daughter is diagnosed with a serious illness and the health insurance pays $25,000 for treatment. How much of the insurance and treatment costs are taxable to Marco?

Correct Answer : None of the cost of the family insurance or amounts paid by the insurance company for treatment are taxable to Marco. These amounts are specifically excluded from taxable income under the tax law.

62 : Bob is a machinist in a remote Alaskan crab-freezing plant. The plant is accessible only by boat or airplane and has no available lodging for rent. Bobs employer provides him with lodging at the plant and pays for all of his electricity, gas, and other utilities, valued at $700 per month. Is the value of the lodging taxable to Bob? Explain.

Correct Answer : No. The lodging costs paid by the employer are not taxable to the employee because the lodging is on the business premises and must be accepted as a requirement for employment.

63 : As a new benefit to employees, the Acme Company is providing a dining allowance every Tuesday for use in one of the twenty restaurants that they own around town. Should this benefit be included in the wages of the employees?

Correct Answer : Yes. The meals are not being provided for the convenience of the employer. Therefore, the value of the meals should be included in the wages of the employees.

64 : A taxpayer in the 33 percent tax bracket invests in a New York City Bond paying 5 percent interest. What taxable interest rate would provide the same after-tax return?

Correct Answer : 7.46% = 5% / (1 - 0.33)

65 : Mable is a wealthy widow who has come to you for tax advice. She is in the 35 percent tax bracket. She has a choice between investing in a high-quality municipal bond paying 3.5 percent or a high-quality corporate bond paying 7 percent. From a tax standpoint, which investment would you advise her to make and why?

Correct Answer : She should invest in the corporate bond. At the 35 percent tax bracket, the after-tax equivalent rate on the corporate bond is 4.55 percent or 7 percent times (1 - 0.35), which is greater than the 3.5 percent rate of return on the municipal bond.

66 : A taxpayer in the 28 percent tax bracket invests in a City of San Diego bond paying 8 percent interest. What taxable interest rate would provide the same after-tax return?

Correct Answer : 11.11 percent = 8 percent / (1 - 0.28)

67 : Jim, a single individual, was unemployed for a few months during the current year. During the year, he received $3,600 in unemployment compensation payments. How much of his unemployment compensation payments must be included in gross income?

Correct Answer : $3,600. Unemployment compensation is included in gross income.

68 : Which of the following fringe benefits is taxable to the employee receiving the benefit?

Correct Answer : $100, the discount on toys from the toy division.

69 : Curts tax client, Terry, is employed at a large company that offers health care flexible spending accounts to its employees. Terry must decide at the beginning of the year whether he wants to put as much as $2,600 of his salary into the medical flexible spending account. Terry has excellent insurance through the company and is very healthy. He does not expect to have any medical expenses during the year. Terry does not itemize deductions. Should Curt recommend that Terry put the maximum in his health care flexible spending account? Why or why not?

Correct Answer : No. Terry will be better off keeping his salary $2,600 higher and paying tax on the salary, since he will likely have no medical costs to reimburse from a health care spending account during the year. If Terry has no medical expenses, he could lose part of the $2,600 in the account after the end of the year.

70 : Answer the following questions regarding the taxability of Social Security payments.a. Will a taxpayer with no income other than Social Security have to include the Social Security in taxable income?b. Will a taxpayer with a large amount of municipal bond income, but no taxable income, likely have to pay tax on part of his or her Social Security?c. What is the maximum percentage of Social Security benefits which may be subject to tax on an individuals tax return?

Correct Answer : a. No. The taxpayer’s income is below the threshold amount used in the formula to determine whether Social Security is taxable.b. Yes. Tax-free municipal bond income is added to AGI in the formula to determine the amount of taxable Social Security.c. 85 percent. High-income taxpayers must include 85 percent of Social Security receipts in taxable income.

71 : During the tax year, Thomas and Yolanda received $24,000 in Social Security benefits. The amount of their adjusted gross income for the year was $2,000 and they received no tax-exempt interest income.Calculate the amount of the Social Security benefits that Thomas and Yolanda must include in their gross income for the year.

Correct Answer : $0. Their modified adjusted gross income is less than the base amount required to have taxable Social Security.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

72 : Which of the following amounts must be included in the gross income of the recipient?
A : Child support payments
B : Welfare payments
C : Gifts
D : Royalties
E : All of the above are included in gross income

Correct Answer : D

73 : All of the following amounts must be included in gross income, except:
A : Gambling winnings
B : Partnership income
C : Accident insurance proceeds
D : Dividends
E : Jury duty fees

Correct Answer : C

74 : All of the following amounts are excluded from gross income, except:
A : Tips and gratuities
B : Child support payments
C : Scholarship grants for tuition
D : Gifts
E : Veterans benefits

Correct Answer : A

75 : Which of the following is generally excluded from gross income?
A : Dividends
B : Rewards
C : Disability benefits
D : Passive income
E : None of the above

Correct Answer : C

76 : Which of the following is excluded from gross income?
A : Prizes
B : Scholarships for tuition
C : Hobby income
D : Rental income
E : All of the above are included in gross income

Correct Answer : B

77 : Which of the following is classified as nontaxable income?
A : Unemployment compensation
B : Dividend income
C : Income from real estate rental property
D : Welfare payments

E : None of the above

Correct Answer : D

78 : In the tax law, the definition of gross income is:
A : All cash payments received unless excluded by the tax code
B : All cash payments received for services performed
C : All income from whatever source derived
D : All income of any kind unless the income is earned illegally

Correct Answer : C

79 : Which of the following is not taxable income?
A : Dividends
B : Income from relief of debt
C : Interest
D : Royalties
E : Welfare benefits

Correct Answer : E

80 : All of the following amounts are taxable income to the recipient except:
A : Prizes
B : Unemployment compensation
C : Salaries
D : Farm income
E : Gifts

Correct Answer : E

81 : All of the following amounts are taxable income to the recipient except:
A : $0
B : $100
C : $135
D : $600
E : $635

Correct Answer : E

82 : As a Christmas thank you for being a good employee, Eds TV Repair gave 62-year-old Edwina three shares of its stock worth $20 per share. Edwina then received dividends of $1 per share related to the stock. How much should be included in Edwinas gross income?
A : $0
B : $3
C : $60
D : $63
E : None of the above

Correct Answer : D

83 : Which of the following is nontaxable income to the recipient for tax purposes?
A : Salary income
B : Income from real estate rental property

C : Income from tips
D : Inheritances
E : None of the above

Correct Answer : D

84 : In 2017, Uriah received the following interest payments:Interest of $300 on an overpayment of 2016 Federal income taxesInterest of $400 from his bank certificate of deposit.Interest of $1,000 on municipal bondsInterest of $1,500 on United States savings bonds (Series HH)What amount, if any, should Uriah report as taxable interest income on his 2017 individual income tax return?
A : $0
B : $700
C : $2,200
D : $3,200
E : None of the above

Correct Answer : C

85 : In 2017, Uriah received the following interest payments:Interest of $300 on an overpayment of 2016 Federal income taxesInterest of $400 from his bank certificate of deposit.Interest of $1,000 on municipal bondsInterest of $1,500 on United States savings bonds (Series HH)What amount, if any, should Uriah report as taxable interest income on his 2017 individual income tax return?
A : $0
B : $175
C : $1,475
D : $1,650
E : None of the above

Correct Answer : C

86 : In 2017, Uriah received the following interest payments:Interest of $300 on an overpayment of 2016 Federal income taxesInterest of $400 from his bank certificate of deposit.Interest of $1,000 on municipal bondsInterest of $1,500 on United States savings bonds (Series HH)What amount, if any, should Uriah report as taxable interest income on his 2017 individual income tax return?
A : $0
B : $250
C : $420
D : $500
E : None of the above

Correct Answer : B

87 : Tim receives $500 of qualified dividends from Exxon in the current year. He is in the 10 percent ordinary tax bracket. Tims tax on the dividends will be:
A : $0
B : $25
C : $50
D : $75
E : $100

Correct Answer : A

88 : Tim receives $500 of qualified dividends from Exxon in the current year. He is in the 10 percent ordinary tax bracket. Tims tax on the dividends will be:
A : $300
B : $500
C : $2,300
D : $2,500
E : None of the above

Correct Answer : B

89 : Under a divorce agreement executed in the current year, periodic payments of either cash or property must be made at regular intervals to be deductible as alimony.
A : $0
B : $6,000
C : $10,000
D : $4,000
E : None of the above

Correct Answer : D

90 : Jerry and Sally were divorced under an agreement executed July 1, 2017. The terms of the agreement provide that Jerry will transfer to Sally his interest in a rental house worth $250,000 with a tax basis to Jerry of $80,000. What is the amount of the gain that must be recognized by Jerry on the transfer of the property and what is Sallys tax basis in the property after the transfer, respectively?
A : $170,000 and $250,000
B : $0 and $250,000
C : $170,000 and $170,000
D : $0 and $80,000
E : None of the above

Correct Answer : D

91 : Richard and Alice are divorced and under the terms of their written divorce agreement signed on December 30, 2010, Richard was required to pay Alice $1,500 per month of which $600 was designated as child support. He made 12 such payments in 2017. Additionally, Richard voluntarily paid Alice $1,200 per month for 12 months of 2017, no portion of which was designated as child support. Assuming that Alice has no other income, her tax return for 2017 should show gross income of:
A : $0
B : $7,200
C : $10,800
D : $18,000
E : None of the above

Correct Answer : C

92 : Steve and Laura were divorced in 2011. Laura pays Steve alimony of $1,200 a month. The payment amount was agreed upon in the decree of divorce. To save money, Steve and Laura still live together. Are the alimony payments that Steve receives in 2017 included in his income?
A : Yes, the payments meet all alimony payment requirements.

B : Yes, alimony is always taxable.
C : No, only some of it is tax-exempt because Laura pays Steve too much alimony.
D : No, since Steve and Laura still live together, the payments are not considered alimony.
E : Yes, alimony payments are not tax-exempt.

Correct Answer : D

93 : Roger is required under a 2011 divorce decree to pay $500 of alimony and $200 of child support per month for 12 years. In addition, Roger makes a voluntary payment of $100 per month. How much of the total monthly payment is deductible by Roger?
A : $0
B : $200
C : $500
D : $600
E : None of the above

Correct Answer : C

94 : Roger is required under a 2011 divorce decree to pay $500 of alimony and $200 of child support per month for 12 years. In addition, Roger makes a voluntary payment of $100 per month. How much of the total monthly payment is deductible by Roger?
A : $0
B : $4,000
C : $6,000
D : $10,000
E : None of the above

Correct Answer : C

95 : For divorces after 1984, which of the following statements about alimony payments is not correct?
A : The payments must be in cash and must be received by the spouse (or former spouse)
B : Divorced or legally separated parties can be members of the same household at the time the payments are made
C : The payor must have no liability to make payments for any period following the death of the spouse receiving the payments
D : The payments must not be designated in the written agreement as anything other than alimony

Correct Answer : B

96 : Marie had a good year. She received the following prizes and awards:- an iPad from The Famous Daytime Talk Show with a fair market value of $500- lottery winnings of $1,000 received in cash- a plaque worth $25 plus $100 of Godiva chocolate in recognition for 100 days on the job without an accident- a $10,000 cash prize from American IdolHow much of her prizes and awards should Marie report on her tax return?
A : None, they are all excluded from income
B : $11,000; only cash prizes and awards are included
C : $11,500; the award from her job is excluded
D : $11,600; the plaque may be excluded
E : $11,625; everything is included at the highest amount

Correct Answer : C

97 : Which of the following gifts or prizes would be considered taxable income to the person receiving the gift?
A : $5,000 given to the taxpayer by his friend
B : A mobile home given to the taxpayer by his mother
C : A ski boat won by the taxpayer on the Price is Right game show
D : A Mustang GT given to the taxpayer by his brother
E : None of the above would be considered taxable

Correct Answer : C

98 : Richard, who retired on April 30, 2017, receives a monthly employee annuity benefit of $1,400 payable for life, beginning May 1, 2017. During his years of employment, Richard contributed $29,400 to the companys plan. Richards age on May 1 is 66. Using the simplified method, how much of the $11,200 annuity payment received during 2017 may Richard exclude from gross income?
A : $427
B : $1,120
C : $1,680
D : $11,200
E : None of the above

Correct Answer : B

99 : Sam died on January 15, 2006 and left his wife, Terry, an insurance policy with a face value of $100,000. Terry elected to receive the proceeds over a 10-year period ($10,000 plus interest each year). This year Terry receives $11,500 ($10,000 proceeds plus $1,500 interest) from the insurance company. How much income must Terry report from this payment?
A : $0
B : $500
C : $1,500
D : $11,500
E : None of the above

Correct Answer : C

100 : Seymore named his wife, Penelope, the beneficiary of a $100,000 insurance policy on his life. The policy provided that, upon his death, the proceeds would be paid at a rate of $4,000 per year plus interest over a 25-year period. Seymore died June 25 of last year, and in the current year Penelope received a payment of $5,200 from the insurance company. What amount should she include in her gross income for the current year?
A : $200
B : $1,200
C : $4,000
D : $5,200
E : None of the above

Correct Answer : B

101 : Which of the following would result in life insurance proceeds that are taxable to the recipient?
A : A life insurance policy transferred to a creditor in payment of a debt
B : A life insurance policy in which the insured is the daughter of the taxpayer and the

beneficiary is the taxpayer
C : A life insurance policy transferred by a shareholder to a corporation
D : A life insurance policy purchased by a taxpayer insuring his or her business partner
E : A life insurance policy purchased by a corporation insuring an officer.

Correct Answer : A

102 : Nicole is a student at USB Law School; she receives a $52,000 scholarship for 2017. Of the $52,000, $40,000 is used for tuition, $5,000 is used for books, and $7,000 is used for room and board. How much of the scholarship is excluded from taxable income for Nicole in 2017?
A : $5,000
B : $7,000
C : $45,000
D : $47,000
E : $52,000

Correct Answer : C

103 : To pay for college, Henry received the following:$1,000 scholarship from the Thespian Club to pay for books$4,000 scholarship from the Elks Lodge for tuition$5,000 worth of room and board as a dorm supervisor through a work-study programHow much income must Henry report on his tax return?
A : $0
B : $4,000
C : $5,000
D : $6,000
E : $10,000

Correct Answer : C

104 : Robert works for American Motors. American Motors pays a $1,200 premium on Roberts health insurance in 2017. Robert has an operation on his big toe in 2017 that cost $7,200. The insurance company paid for $6,800 of it. Which one of the following is true for 2017?
A : Robert must claim the $1,200 premium paid by his employer as income.
B : Robert must claim the $6,800 paid by the insurance company for the operation as income.
C : Robert must claim the $1,200 premium and the $6,800 insurance payment as income.
D : None of these events are taxable on his 2017 return.

Correct Answer : D

105 : Which of the following may be excluded from income?
A : Payment for the loss of an arm
B : Premiums for health insurance paid by the employer
C : Reimbursement from the insurance company for a physical examination
D : All of the above are excluded from gross income
E : None of the above are excluded from gross income

Correct Answer : D

106 : Anthony is a marine biologist who spends months living on a boat in the ocean studying the impact of runoff water a hundred miles off the coast as a part of his job. Which of the following sentences is the most accurate?
A : Lodging is included in his income.

B : He may exclude meals from his income.
C : The fuel used to power the boat is excluded from his income.
D : b & c are correct, not a.
E : All are correct.

Correct Answer : D

107 : In which of the following cases may the employee exclude the meals and/or lodging:
A : A taxpayer lives rent-free at the property she manages even though the owner does not require the manager to live on site.
B : A headmaster at a boarding school is required to be on campus all night.
C : A president of a major film studio receives a cash allowance to live in Beverly Hills.
D : An employee has an option of dining in an employer-sponsored cafeteria or dining out of the office.

Correct Answer : B

108 : An investor is comparing the following two bonds: a bond from ABC Corp which pays an interest rate of 9 percent per year and a municipal bond which pays an interest rate of 7.9 percent per year. The investor is in the 15 percent tax bracket. Which bond will give the investor a higher after-tax interest rate and for which reason?
A : The ABC bond because it pays a 9 percent interest rate, while the municipal bond only pays 7.9 percent .
B : The ABC bond because it pays an equivalent after-tax rate of 10.6 percent, while the municipal bond pays out an equivalent after-tax rate of 9.3 percent.
C : The municipal bond because it pays an equivalent after-tax rate of 9.3 percent, while the ABC bond pays out a 9 percent interest rate.
D : The municipal bond because it pays an equivalent after-tax rate of 7.9 percent, while the ABC bond pays out an equivalent after-tax rate of 10.6 percent.
E : None of the above is correct.

Correct Answer : C

109 : Which taxpayer would benefit the most from a tax-free municipal bond compared to a taxable bond?
A : A taxpayer whose only income is from Social Security
B : A taxpayer who won a mega-million-dollar lottery
C : The average blue collar worker
D : They would all equally benefit from the tax-free municipal bond

Correct Answer : B

110 : Steve worked as a tech supervisor for a computer company. In September of this year, he was laid off. He was paid unemployment compensation for the rest of the year totaling $7,000. Which of the following is true?
A : Steve will have to report all $7,000 of the unemployment compensation as income.
B : Steve will have to report $4,600 of the unemployment compensation as income.
C : Unemployment compensation is never taxable.
D : As long as the unemployment compensation payments are less than the taxpayers previous salary, they are not taxable.
E : None of the above is true.

Correct Answer : A

111 : Susie received unemployment benefits in the current year.
A : All of the unemployment benefits are taxable.
B : All of the unemployment benefits are non-taxable.
C : Half of the unemployment benefits are taxable and half are non-taxable.
D : The taxability of the unemployment benefits depends upon other income received for the year.

Correct Answer : A

112 : Employer-provided spending accounts:
A : May be set up for tax-free vacation savings
B : Are not allowed for dependent care
C : Do not require that the employee provide receipts for the expenses incurred
D : Allow qualifying expenses to be treated as tax-free reductions in the employees salaries

Correct Answer : D

113 : Indicate which of the following statements is true.
A : Dependent care plans can only be used to cover the costs of caring for a dependent child.
B : Health care flexible spending accounts can be used to cover dentist fees.
C : Public transportation may be covered by an employer-provided spending account, but parking can not be covered.
D : Dependent care accounts may include day care but not preschool

Correct Answer : B

114 : Which of the following is correct?
A : Employee discounts are always included in gross income.
B : Employee discounts of up to 20 percent may be taken on personal property held for investment.
C : Employee discounts are not tax-free if they exceed the employers gross markup for merchandise.
D : Tax-free employee discounts include discounts in lines of business in which the employee does not work.

Correct Answer : C

115 : Which of the following fringe benefits is taxable to the employee receiving the benefit?
A : A subscription to a tax journal provided by the employer to a corporations tax accountant
B : A small discount on toys granted to the salesperson for a toy store
C : Incidental use of the companys copier by an office worker
D : A 15 percent discount on investment real estate granted to the employee of a real estate developer
E : All of the above are tax-free

Correct Answer : D

116 : Which of the following are not excludable as an employee fringe benefit?
A : Employee deductions of $4,200 for dependent childcare expenses
B : Premiums for up to $50,000 of group term life insurance
C : An employee discount that permits the sale of merchandise to employees for just over cost
D : Public transportation costs of $130 per month provided by the employer

E : All of the above are excludable as an employee fringe benefit

Correct Answer : E

117 : In regards to Social Security benefits:
A : The Social Security inclusion formula is the same amount for each filing status.
B : Social Security benefits are always excluded because wages are subject to Social Security tax when earned.
C : Tax-free interest income must be included in the formula used to determine if Social Security is included in taxable income.
D : Up to 100 percent of Social Security benefits received may be included in taxable income.

Correct Answer : C

118 : For the current year, the maximum percentage of Social Security benefits which might be included in a taxpayers gross income is?
A : 0%
B : 50%
C : 65%
D : 85%
E : 100%

Correct Answer : D

MATCHING

119 : Indicate whether each of the items listed below would be (a) included in gross income or (b) excluded from gross income for the 2017 tax year.

A : Alimony	A : Included
B : Lottery winnings	B : Excluded
C : Life insurance proceeds received upon the death of a family member	
D : Child support payments	
E : Reimbursement of hospital expenses from a health insurance plan	
F : Municipal bond interest	
G : Unemployment compensation	
H : Scholarships for tuition and books	
I : Wages	
J : Farm income	
K : Inheritances	

Correct Answer :
A : A

B : A

C : B

D : B

E : B

F : B

G : A

H : B

I : A

J : A

K : B

FILL IN THE BLANK

120 : Craig, a single taxpayer, received the following items in 2017: dividends of $450, wages (which include the public transportation reimbursement from his employer) of $32,000, child support from his ex-spouse of $400 per month, a new television worth $1,200 from a door prize at a conference he attended, a gift of $3,000 from Craigs parents, and $200 of interest on bonds issued by the State of Arizona. Craig put $4,000 of his wages into his employers dependent care flexible spending account (the $4,000 has not been deducted from the $32,000 of wages listed previously). He also receives a reimbursement of $270 per month to pay for public transportation passes each month (the monthly reimbursement of $270 has not been deducted from the $32,000 of wages). Based on the above, what is Craigs gross income in 2017?

Correct Answer : $26,590

ESSAY

121 : Ordinarily life insurance proceeds are excluded from gross income. Why would they be taxable if the policy had been transferred for valuable consideration, prior to the death of the insured?

Correct Answer : If a policy is transferred for valuable consideration, it takes on the nature of an investment for the new owner. Generally, the excess of the amount realized on disposal of an investment over the cost of the investment is subject to taxation.

122 : During the current year, Margaret and John received $24,000 in Social Security benefits. The amount of their adjusted gross income for the year before any Social Security income was $140,000 and they received $19,000 in tax-exempt income.Explain the treatment of their Social Security income for tax purposes and the likely percentage of the Social Security income that will be taxable to Margaret and John.

Correct Answer : Social Security income is partially taxed based on the taxpayer’s modified adjusted gross income. Modified adjusted gross income includes adjusted gross income plus tax exempt interest plus half of the Social Security received. For low income taxpayers, no Social Security income is taxable. Higher income taxpayers must include 50 percent to 85 percent of the Social Security receipts in income. Given the high level of income reported by

Margaret and John, it is safe to say they would have to include 85 percent of the Social Security payments in taxable income. To be certain, the IRS Social Security worksheet should be used to calculate the taxable amount.