

MULTIPLE CHOICE. Choose the one alternative that best completes the statement or answers the question.

- 1) In 2015, Leo's wife died. Leo has two small children, ages 2 and 4, living at home whom he supports entirely. Leo does not remarry and is not claimed as a dependent on another's return during any of this period. In 2016, 2017, and 2018, Leo's most advantageous filing status is, respectively 1) _____
A) surviving spouse, surviving spouse, head of household.
B) single for all three years.
C) head of household for all three years.
D) surviving spouse, surviving spouse, single.
- 2) Steven and Susie Tyler have three children ages 13, 15, and 19. The 19-year-old is in the military and not a dependent. Their modified AGI is \$108,000. What is the amount of the child credit to which they are entitled? 2) _____
A) \$0 B) \$6,000 C) \$4,000 D) \$2,000
- 3) Edward, a widower whose wife died in 2015, maintains a household for himself and his 10-year-old daughter. Edward's most favorable filing status for 2018 is 3) _____
A) surviving spouse. B) single.
C) married filing jointly. D) head of household.
- 4) Deborah is claimed as a dependent by her parents. She had a part-time acting job during 2018 and earned \$13,000 during the year, which was her only income. What is her standard deduction? 4) _____
A) \$13,000 B) \$12,000 C) \$1,050 D) \$13,350
- 5) Taquin, age 67 and single, paid home mortgage interest of \$5,000, charitable contributions of \$5,000 and property taxes of \$4,000 in 2018. He has no dependents. In addition to the personal exemption, Taquin will claim a deduction from AGI of 5) _____
A) \$14,000. B) \$15,300. C) \$13,600. D) \$15,600.
- 6) In 2018, Brett and Lashana (both 50 years old) file a joint tax return claiming as a dependent their son who is blind. Their standard deduction is 6) _____
A) \$25,600. B) \$24,000. C) \$13,600. D) \$25,300.
- 7) If a single taxpayer with a marginal tax rate of 24% has a long-term capital gain, it is taxed at 7) _____
A) 15%. B) 25%. C) 0%. D) 20%.
- 8) A corporation has revenue of \$350,000 and deductible business expenses of \$240,000. What is the federal income tax, before credits? 8) _____
A) \$26,400 B) \$38,500 C) \$23,100 D) \$22,000

- 9) Ray is starting a new business and trying to decide between a C corporation, S corporation, and partnership. Which of the following statements regarding his decision is correct? 9) _____
- A) An S corporation owner must pay income taxes only on the salary received.
 - B) A shareholder in a C corporation is taxed on his or her share of corporate income.
 - C) S corporations pay taxes on their current year income.
 - D) A partner in a partnership is taxed on his or her share of partnership income.

- 10) Form 4868, a six-month extension of time to file, allows a taxpayer to 10) _____
- A) extend the filing date of the return as well as payment of the tax due.
 - B) avoid interest on underpayment of taxes due.
 - C) extend the filing date of the return but the estimated amount of tax due must still be paid by the original due date of the return.
 - D) extend the filing date only at the discretion of the IRS.

- 11) Annisa, who is 28 and single, has adjusted gross income of \$55,000, itemized deductions of \$5,000 and a lifetime learning credit of \$1,000. In 2018, Annisa will have taxable income of 11) _____
- A) \$55,000.
 - B) \$50,000.
 - C) \$42,000.
 - D) \$43,000.

- 12) A single taxpayer provided the following information for 2018: 12) _____

Salary	\$80,000
Interest on local government bonds (qualifies as a tax exclusion)	4,000
Allowable itemized deductions	13,000

What is taxable income?
 A) \$62,950 B) \$67,000 C) \$80,000 D) \$71,000

- 13) Dave, age 59 and divorced, is the sole support of his mother age 83, who is a resident of a local nursing home for the entire year. Dave's mother had no income for the year. Dave's filing status is 13) _____
- A) married filing separately.
 - B) head of household.
 - C) married filing jointly.
 - D) single.

- 14) Amanda has two dependent children, ages 10 and 12. She earned \$30,000 from her job, and her income tax before credits is \$1,200. How much of her child credit is refundable? 14) _____
- A) \$4,000
 - B) \$1,200
 - C) \$2,800
 - D) \$1,400

- 15) All of the following items are generally excluded from income except 15) _____
- A) interest on state and local government bonds.
 - B) life insurance proceeds paid by reason of death.
 - C) interest on corporate bonds.
 - D) child support payments.

- 16) David's father is retired and receives \$14,000 per year in Social Security benefits. David's father saves \$4,000 of the benefits and spends the remaining \$10,000 for his support. How much support must David provide for his father to meet the dependent support requirement? 16) _____
- A) \$10,001
 - B) \$10,000
 - C) \$14,000
 - D) \$14,001

- 17) A married taxpayer may file as head of household under the abandoned spouse provisions if all of the following are met except 17) _____
- A) the taxpayer is a U.S. citizen or resident.
 - B) the taxpayer pays over half of the cost of maintaining a household in which the taxpayer and a dependent son or daughter live for over half of the year.
 - C) the taxpayer must have been married for at least two years.
 - D) the taxpayer lived apart from his or her spouse for the last six months of the year.
- 18) Ben, age 67, and Karla, age 58, have two children who live with them and for whom they provide total support. Their daughter is 21 years old, blind, is not a full-time student and has no income. Her twin brother is 21 years old, has good sight, is a full-time student and has income of \$4,800. Which of the following statements is correct regarding Ben and Karla's ability to claim the twins as dependents? 18) _____
- A) The couple can only claim the son as a dependent.
 - B) The couple cannot claim either twin as a dependent.
 - C) The couple can only claim the daughter as a dependent.
 - D) The couple can claim both twins as dependents.
- 19) Tom and Alice were married on December 31 of last year. What is their filing status for last year? 19) _____
- A) They file as single for 364 days and married filing jointly for one day.
 - B) They file as married filing jointly or married filing separately.
 - C) They file as single for half the year and married filing jointly for the other half.
 - D) They file as single.
- 20) Elise, age 20, is a full-time college student with earned income from wages of \$4,400 and interest income of \$500. Elise's parents provide more than half of her support. Elise's 2018 taxable income is 20) _____
- A) \$500.
 - B) \$3,850.
 - C) \$0.
 - D) \$150.
- 21) In order to shift the taxation of dividend income from a parent to a child 21) _____
- A) the parent must transfer ownership of the stock to the child.
 - B) the parent can deposit the dividend in the child's bank account.
 - C) the parent must direct the corporation to pay the dividend to the child.
 - D) all of the above will result in shifting the taxation to the child.
- 22) Anna is supported entirely by her three sons John, James, and Joseph who provide for her support in the following percentages: 22) _____
- John: 10%, James: 40%, Joseph: 50%
- Assuming a multiple support declaration exists, which of the brothers may claim his mother as a dependent?
- A) Joseph only
 - B) James or Joseph
 - C) any of the sons
 - D) None of them.
- 23) Juanita's mother lives with her. Juanita purchased clothing for her mother costing \$1,000 and provided her with a room that Juanita estimates she could have rented for \$4,000. Juanita spent \$5,000 on groceries she shared with her mother. Juanita also paid \$700 for her mother's health insurance coverage. How much of these costs is considered support? 23) _____
- A) \$8,200
 - B) \$10,000
 - C) \$5,000
 - D) \$10,700

- 24) All of the following items are deductions for adjusted gross income except 24) _____
A) state and local income taxes. B) rent and royalty expenses.
C) trade or business expenses. D) charitable contributions made.
- 25) Charlie is claimed as a dependent by his parents in 2018. He received \$8,000 during the year 25) _____
from a part-time acting job, which was his only income. What is his standard deduction?
A) \$12,000 B) \$8,000 C) \$8,350 D) \$1,050
- 26) The filing status in which the rates increase most rapidly is 26) _____
A) married filing jointly. B) head of household.
C) surviving spouse. D) married filing separately.
- 27) All of the following items are included in gross income except 27) _____
A) pension benefits received. B) child support payments received.
C) rent income. D) interest earned on a bank account.
- 28) Taxable income for an individual is defined as 28) _____
A) AGI reduced by itemized deductions and tax credits.
B) gross income reduced by itemized deductions.
C) AGI reduced by the greater of the standard deduction or itemized deductions.
D) AGI reduced by tax credits.
- 29) A taxpayer can receive innocent spouse relief if 29) _____
A) the innocent spouse did not know and had no reason to know that there was an
understatement of tax.
B) the understated tax is attributable to erroneous items of the other spouse.
C) under the circumstances, it would be inequitable to hold the innocent spouse liable for the
understated tax.
D) All of the above conditions apply.
- 30) To qualify as an abandoned spouse, the taxpayer is not required to 30) _____
A) have a son or daughter in the home for the entire year.
B) be a U.S. citizen or resident.
C) live apart from the spouse for the last six months of the year.
D) pay more than half the cost of maintaining the home.
- 31) The oldest age at which the "Kiddie Tax" could apply to a dependent child is 31) _____
A) 23. B) 20. C) 18. D) 17.
- 32) If a single taxpayer with a marginal tax rate of 37% has a long-term capital gain, it is taxed at 32) _____
A) 20%. B) 0%. C) 10%. D) 15%.

33) John supports Kevin, his cousin, who lived with him throughout 2018. John also supports three other individuals who do not live with him: 33) _____

- Donna, who is John's mother
- Melissa, who John's stepsister
- Morris, who is Kevin's brother

Assume that Donna, Melissa, Morris, and Kevin each earn less than \$4,150. How many dependents can John claim?

- A) 1 B) 2 C) 3 D) 4

34) When a spouse dies, the surviving spouse for the year of death 34) _____

- A) must file a tax return using the head of household filing status.
- B) may file a married filing jointly return.
- C) may file a married filing jointly return only if the death occurred in the last half of the year.
- D) must file a tax return using the single filing status.

35) Blaine Greer lives alone. His support comes from the following sources: 35) _____

Buddy (his son)	\$2,600
Ken (his brother)	4,200
Martha (his daughter)	2,300
Natalie (a friend)	<u>1,000</u>
Total support	<u>\$10,100</u>

Assuming a multiple support declaration exists, which of the individuals may claim Blaine as a dependent?

- A) Buddy, Ken, or Martha
- B) Ken or Martha
- C) Ken, Martha, or Natalie
- D) None of them.

36) All of the following items are deductions for adjusted gross income except 36) _____

- A) one-half of self-employment taxes on year's earnings.
- B) interest on student loans.
- C) qualifying contributions to individual retirement accounts.
- D) unreimbursed employee business expenses.

37) The regular standard deduction is available to which one of the following taxpayers? 37) _____

- A) a person who has only unearned income and is a dependent of another
- B) a married taxpayer filing a separate return where the other spouse itemizes
- C) a nonresident alien
- D) None of the above.

38) In order to qualify to file as surviving spouse, all of the following criteria must be met by the widow or widower except 38) _____

- A) he or she and the decedent must have shared the same household as of date of death.
- B) he or she must be qualified to file a joint return in the year of death.
- C) he or she must be a U.S. citizen or resident.
- D) he or she must have at least one dependent child living at home the entire year and pay over half of the expenses of the home.

- 39) Tobe is a 22-year-old college student with \$5,000 of interest income and \$6,000 of earned income. Kiddie tax will apply to him if 39) _____
- A) he is a full-time student and the cost of his support is \$12,000 or less.
 - B) he is a part-time student and the cost of his support exceeds \$12,000.
 - C) he is a part-time student and the cost of his support is \$12,000 or less.
 - D) he is a full-time student and the cost of his support exceeds \$12,000.
- 40) Cheryl is claimed as a dependent by her parents. She had a part-time job during 2018 and earned \$4,900 during the year, in addition to \$600 of interest income. What is her standard deduction? 40) _____
- A) \$5,250
 - B) \$1,050
 - C) \$12,000
 - D) \$4,900
- 41) Michelle, age 20, is a full-time college student with earned income from wages of \$5,200 and interest income of \$700. Michelle's parents provide more than half of Michelle's support. Michelle's 2018 taxable income is 41) _____
- A) \$4,850.
 - B) \$0.
 - C) \$700.
 - D) \$350.
- 42) Anita, who is divorced, maintains a home in which she and her 16-year-old daughter live. Anita provides the majority of the support for her daughter and for a son, age 23, who is enrolled part-time at the university and lives in the dorm. The son also works in the campus bookstore and earns spending money of \$4,500. Which of the following statements is correct regarding the number of dependents Anita can claim? 42) _____
- A) Anita can claim her daughter, but not her son, as a dependent.
 - B) Anita can claim her son, but not her daughter, as a dependent.
 - C) Both the son and daughter qualify as Anita's dependents.
 - D) Neither the daughter nor the son qualify as Anita's dependent.
- 43) Sally divorced her husband three years ago and has not remarried. Since the divorce she has maintained her home in which she and her now sixteen-year-old daughter reside. The daughter is a qualified child. Sally signed the daughter's dependent status over to her ex-spouse by filing the appropriate IRS form. What is Sally's filing status for the current year? 43) _____
- A) married filing separately
 - B) surviving spouse
 - C) head of household
 - D) single
- 44) In October 2018, Joy and Paul separated and have not lived with each other since, but they are still legally married. They do not file a joint return. Joy supports their children after the separation and pays the cost of maintaining their home. Joy's filing status in 2018 and 2019 is, respectively 44) _____
- A) married filing separately and head of household.
 - B) married filing separately for both years.
 - C) single for both years.
 - D) head of household and single.
- 45) On June 1, 2018, Ellen turned 65. Ellen has been a widow for five years and has no dependents. Her standard deduction is 45) _____
- A) \$24,000.
 - B) \$12,000.
 - C) \$25,300.
 - D) \$13,600.
- 46) In 2018, the standard deduction for a married taxpayer filing a joint return and who is 67 years old with a spouse who is 65 years old is 46) _____
- A) \$26,600.
 - B) \$24,000.
 - C) \$27,200.
 - D) \$25,300.

- 47) Which of the following dependent relatives does not have to live in the same household as the taxpayer who is claiming head of household filing status? 47) _____
 A) father B) uncle C) nephew D) brother
- 48) Sarah, who is single, maintains a home in which she, her 15-year-old brother, and her 21-year-old niece live. Sarah provides the majority of the support for her brother, her niece, and her cousin, age 18, who is enrolled full-time at the university and lives in an apartment. While the niece and cousin have no income, her brother has a part-time job and earns \$4,500 per year. How many dependents may Sarah claim? 48) _____
 A) 1 B) 2 C) 3 D) None
- 49) Lewis, who is single, is claimed as a dependent by his parents. He received \$2,000 during the year in dividends, which was his only income. What is his standard deduction for 2018? 49) _____
 A) \$1,050 B) \$12,000 C) \$2,350 D) \$2,000
- 50) Which of the following is not considered support for the dependent support test? 50) _____
 A) clothing
 B) value of services rendered by the taxpayer for the dependent
 C) food
 D) rental value of lodging
- 51) Satish, age 11, is a dependent of his parents. His only source of income in 2018 is \$8,000 of interest income on bonds given him by his grandparents, resulting in taxable income of \$6,950. Under kiddie tax rules, calculation of tax requires dividing taxable income between net unearned income and earned taxable income. Satish's taxable income will be divided as follows: 51) _____
 A) net unearned income -\$8,000 and earned taxable income -\$1,050.
 B) net unearned income -\$0 and earned taxable income -\$6,950.
 C) net unearned income -\$5,900 and earned taxable income -\$1,050.
 D) net unearned income -\$6,950 and earned taxable income -\$0.
- 52) Yusef, age 15, is a dependent of his parents. In 2018 he earned \$5,000 from a part-time job and \$8,000 of interest income on bonds given him by his grandparents, resulting in taxable income of \$7,650. Under kiddie tax rules, calculation of tax requires dividing taxable income between net unearned income and earned taxable income. Yusef's taxable income will be divided as follows: 52) _____
 A) net unearned income -\$1,750 and earned taxable income -\$5,900.
 B) net unearned income -\$7,650 and earned taxable income -\$0.
 C) net unearned income -\$5,900 and earned taxable income -\$1,750.
 D) net unearned income -\$0 and earned taxable income -\$7,650.
- 53) You may choose married filing jointly as your filing status if you are married and both you and your spouse agree to file a joint return. Which of the following facts would prevent you from being considered married for filing purposes? 53) _____
 A) Your spouse died during the year.
 B) You are married but living apart until some problems can be solved.
 C) You were married for several years, but your divorce became final in December.
 D) None of the above.

- 54) Julia provides more than 50 percent of the support for three individuals: Theresa, an unrelated child who lives with Julia all year long; Margaret, Julia's cousin, who lives in another city; and Emma, Julia's daughter, who lives in her own home. Each of the potential dependents earned less than \$4,150. How many dependents can Julia claim? 54) _____
 A) 0 B) 1 C) 2 D) 3
- 55) Married couples will normally file jointly. Identify a situation where a married couple may prefer to file separately. 55) _____
 A) A couple is separated and contemplating divorce.
 B) One spouse can be held responsible for the entire tax liability.
 C) The spouse with lower income has substantial medical expenses.
 D) All of the above.
- 56) Husband and wife, who live in a common law state, are eligible to file a joint return for 2018, but elect to file separately. Wife has adjusted gross income of \$25,000 and has \$2,200 of expenditures which qualify as itemized deductions. Husband deducts itemized deductions of \$14,200. What is the taxable income for the wife? 56) _____
 A) \$22,800 B) \$13,000
 C) \$25,000 D) None of the above.
- 57) If an individual with a taxable income of \$15,000 has a long-term capital gain, it is taxed at 57) _____
 A) 0%. B) 15%. C) 20%. D) 10%.
- 58) Lester, a widower qualifying as a surviving spouse, has \$209,000 of salary, five personal and dependency exemptions and itemizes deductions. Lester must use which form to report his taxable income? 58) _____
 A) Form 1040A B) Form 1040EZ C) Form 1040ES D) Form 1040
- 59) Assuming a calendar tax year and the conventional 15th of the month due date, all of the following business entities must file their 2018 tax returns by the March 15, 2019 except 59) _____
 A) the C corporation.
 B) the partnership.
 C) the S corporation.
 D) All of the above entities must file their 2018 tax returns by March 15, 2019.
- 60) Nate and Nikki have two dependent children ages 12 and 15. Their modified AGI is \$410,000. What is the amount of the child credit to which they are entitled? 60) _____
 A) \$3,500 B) \$500 C) \$0 D) \$4,000
- 61) Silver Inc. is an S corporation. This year it earned \$60,000 of taxable income and paid a \$10,000 distribution to Daisy, its sole shareholder. Daisy has a marginal tax rate of 24%. Due to the corporation's results and the distribution paid, the IRS will receive total taxes of 61) _____
 A) \$9,000. B) \$27,000. C) \$14,400. D) \$14,100.
- 62) Which of the following credits is considered a refundable credit? 62) _____
 A) credit for elderly and disabled B) adoption expense credit
 C) lifetime learning credit D) earned income credit

- 63) The child credit is for taxpayers with dependent children under the age of _____
 A) 17. B) 19. C) 14. D) 24.
- 64) Artco Inc. is a C corporation. This year it earned \$50,000 of taxable income and paid a \$10,000 distribution (dividend) to Lily, its sole shareholder. Lily has a marginal tax rate of 24%. Due to the corporation's results and the distribution paid, the IRS will receive total taxes of _____
 A) \$10,500. B) \$12,000. C) \$12,900. D) \$13,500.
- 65) Ryan and Edith file a joint return showing \$420,000 of AGI. They have three dependent children ages 7, 9, and 13. What is the amount of their child credit? _____
 A) \$5,000 B) \$2,000 C) \$6,000 D) \$0

TRUE/FALSE. Write 'T' if the statement is true and 'F' if the statement is false.

- 66) The standard deduction is the maximum amount of itemized deductions which may be claimed by a taxpayer and is based on an individual's filing status, age, and vision. _____
- 67) A child credit is a partially refundable credit. _____
- 68) When two or more people qualify to claim the same person as a dependent, a taxpayer who is entitled to the exemption through the qualified child rules has priority over a taxpayer who meets the requirements for other relatives. _____
- 69) One requirement for claiming a dependent as a qualifying relative is that the taxpayer provides more than 50 percent of the dependent's support (assuming it is not a multiple support agreement situation). _____
- 70) Tax returns from individual taxpayers and partnerships are due on the 15th day of the fourth month following the close of the tax year. _____
- 71) Nonresident aliens are allowed a full standard deduction. _____
- 72) Generally, deductions for (not from) adjusted gross income are personal expenses specifically allowed by tax law. _____
- 73) The standard deduction may not be claimed by one married taxpayer filing a separate return if the other spouse itemizes deductions. _____
- 74) If a 13-year-old has earned income of \$500 and interest and dividends of \$2,500, all of the income can be reported on the parent's return. _____
- 75) A married couple need not live together to file a joint return. _____
- 76) Generally, itemized deductions are personal expenses specifically allowed by the tax law. _____
- 77) Divya is age 22 and a full-time student with \$8,000 of income from part-time and summer jobs and \$2,600 of interest and dividend income. The total cost of her support for the year is \$15,000. Divya is not subject to the kiddie tax. _____

- 78) For purposes of the dependency criteria, a qualifying child may not provide more than one-half of his or her own support during the year. 78) _____
- 79) The requirement to file a tax return is based on the individual's adjusted gross income. 79) _____
- 80) Nonrefundable tax credits are allowed to reduce or totally eliminate a taxpayer's tax liability but any credits in excess of the tax liability are lost. 80) _____
- 81) The term "gross income" means the total of all income from any source, but after reduction for exclusions. 81) _____
- 82) Theo's wife moved overseas in April, and they have not been in touch, although they are still legally married. Theo pays all the costs of the household which includes his 12-year-old son. Because Theo is still married, his only option is to file his tax return as married filing separately. 82) _____
- 83) Parents must provide more than half the support of their child under the age of 19 in order for the child to be considered as a dependent *qualifying child*. 83) _____
- 84) Generally, when a married couple files a joint return, each spouse is liable for one-half of the entire tax and any penalties incurred. 84) _____
- 85) A widow or widower whose spouse passed away in the current year may file a joint tax return as long as the surviving spouse does not remarry before the end of the year. 85) _____
- 86) The only business entity that pays federal income taxes is the C corporation. 86) _____
- 87) The annual tax reporting form filed with the IRS by C corporations is the Schedule C. 87) _____
- 88) A daughter or son may not satisfy the criteria to be considered a qualifying child but may still qualify as a dependent. 88) _____
- 89) For purposes of the dependency exemption, a qualifying child must be under age 19, a full-time student under age 24, or a permanently and totally disabled child. 89) _____
- 90) A qualifying child of the taxpayer must meet the gross income test. 90) _____
- 91) A building used in a business is sold after five years of use for a gain. The gain will be treated as a long-term capital gain. 91) _____
- 92) The person claiming a dependent under a multiple support declaration must provide more than 25% of the dependent's support. 92) _____
- 93) An unmarried taxpayer may file as head of household if he maintains a home for his qualifying child. 93) _____
- 94) Tax returns from individual and C corporate taxpayers are due on the 15th day of the third month following the close of the tax year. 94) _____

- 95) Although exclusions are usually not reported on an individual's income tax return, interest income on state and local government bonds must be reported on the tax return. 95) _____
- 96) Suri, age 8, is a dependent of her parents and has unearned income of \$6,000. She must file her own tax return. 96) _____
- 97) A taxpayer is able to change his filing status from married filing jointly to married filing separately by filing an amended return. 97) _____
- 98) Ivan Trent, age five, receive \$2,900 of dividends per year from a mutual fund he owns; it is his only source of taxable income. Ivan's parents plan to gift a corporate bond they currently own to him. The bond pays \$4,100 of interest income per year. Ivan's parents are in the 37% tax bracket. The individual income tax rate schedule that generally applies to a single taxpayer indicates a 10% tax rate until taxable income of \$9,525. Ivan's family will save tax at the rate of 27% (37% - 10% tax rates) on the bond interest income if the parents transfer the bond to Ivan. 98) _____
- 99) Mr. and Mrs. Kusra are in the top tax bracket. They have just had a baby. The Kusras plan to gift a corporate bond they currently own to the baby. The bond pays \$2,100 of interest income per year. The Kusra family overall will save taxes if the bond is transferred to the child. 99) _____
- 100) Kelly is age 23 and a full-time student with interest and dividend income of \$2,600 in the current year. The total cost of her support for the year is \$19,000. She is not subject to the kiddie tax. 100) _____
- 101) A \$10,000 gain earned on stock held 13 months is taxed in a more favorable manner than a \$10,000 gain earned on stock held 11 months. 101) _____
- 102) Taxpayers have the choice of claiming either deductions for AGI or the standard deduction. 102) _____
- 103) Refundable tax credits are allowed to reduce or totally eliminate a taxpayer's tax liability but any credits in excess of the tax liability are lost. 103) _____
- 104) Generally, in the case of a divorced couple, the parent who has physical custody of a child for the greater part of the year is entitled to claim the child as a dependent. 104) _____

ESSAY. Write your answer in the space provided or on a separate sheet of paper.

- 105) Oscar and Diane separated in June of this year although they continue to live in the same town. They have twin sons, Blake and Cliff, who remain in the family home with Diane. Oscar's income this year was \$45,000 while Diane worked only part-time and made \$15,000. Oscar also gambles heavily but told Diane that he had no winnings this year. What tax issues should they consider?

- 106) Paige is starting Paige's Poodle Parlor and is considering alternative organizational forms. She anticipates the business will earn \$100,000 from operating before compensating her for her services and before charitable contributions. Page, who is single, has \$6,000 of income from other sources and other itemized deductions of \$12,000. Her compensation for services will be \$50,000. Charitable contributions to be made by the business are expected to be \$5,000. Other distributions (dividends) to her from the business are expected to be \$14,000.

Required: Compare her 2018 income tax assuming she operates the business as a proprietorship, an S corporation, and a C corporation. Ignore payroll and other taxes.

- 107) Kelsey is a cash-basis, calendar-year taxpayer. Her salary is \$60,000, and she is single. She plans to purchase a residence in 2019. She anticipates her property taxes and interest will total \$11,000 in 2019. Each year, Kelsey contributes approximately \$1,500 to charity. Her other itemized deductions total \$2,000. For purposes of this problem, assume the 2018 standard deduction amount remains in effect for 2019.
- What will be her deductions from AGI in 2018 and 2019 if she contributes \$1,500 to charity in each year?
 - What will be her deductions from AGI in 2018 and 2019 if she contributes \$3,000 to charity in 2018 but makes no contribution in 2019?
 - What will be her deductions from AGI in 2018 and 2019 if she makes no contribution in 2018 but contributes \$3,000 to charity in 2019?
 - Why does option C yield the largest deductions over time?
- 108) Hannah is single with no dependents and has a salary of \$102,000 for 2018, along with tax exempt interest income of \$3,000 from a municipality. Her itemized deductions total \$12,600.

Required: Compute her taxable income.

- 109) Indicate for each of the following the most favorable filing status for the 2018 tax year.
- Kenny died on March 2, 2017. Marge, his wife, and Bart, their son, survive. Marge filed a joint return in 2017. Bart, age 18 in 2018, is a full-time college student and continues to live at home with his mother. He works part-time, earning \$3,200. What is Marge's filing status in 2018?
 - Alan Spaulding is single and provides over 50% support of his niece Alicia who lives with him all year long. Alan maintains the household and claims Alicia as a dependent. Alicia makes \$3,600 at a part-time job. She is a full-time student, age 18. What is Alan's filing status?
 - Lily, who was divorced on July 27, 2018, provides 100% of the support for her parents who live in a nursing home in Kansas and have no income. What is Lily's filing status?
 - Holly was abandoned by her husband Fletcher in September of the current year. She has not seen or communicated with him since then. What is Holly's filing status?
 - Rick, whose wife died in December 2015, filed a joint tax return for 2015. He did not remarry, but has continued to maintain his home in which his two dependent children live. What is Rick's filing status for 2018?
- 110) Discuss reasons why a married couple may choose not to file a joint return.
- 111) In 2018, Sam is single and rents an apartment for which he pays \$800 per month, pays state income taxes of \$2,000 and makes charitable contributions of \$1,000. Sam's adjusted gross income is \$47,000.

Required: Compute his taxable income. Show all calculations.

112) Steve Greene, age 66, is divorced with no dependents. In 2018, Steve had income and expenses as follows:

Gross income from salary	\$80,000
Total itemized deductions	5,500

Compute Steve's taxable income for 2018. Show all calculations.

113) Kadeisha is single with no dependents and has a salary of \$102,000 for 2018, along with tax exempt interest income of \$3,000 from a municipality. Her itemized deductions total \$11,600.

Required: Compute her taxable income.

114) Kate is single and a homeowner. In 2018, she has property taxes on her home of \$4,000, pays state income taxes of \$5,000, makes charitable contributions of \$3,000, and pays home mortgage interest of \$6,000. Kate's adjusted gross income for 2018 is \$77,000.

Required: Compute her taxable income for 2018.

115) The following information is available for Bob and Brenda Horton, a married couple filing a joint return, for 2018. Both Bob and Brenda are age 32 and have no dependents.

Salaries	\$200,000
Interest income	12,000
Deductible IRA contributions	11,000
Itemized deductions	25,600
Withholding	31,000

- What is the amount of their gross income?
- What is the amount of their adjusted gross income?
- What is the amount of their taxable income?
- What is the amount of their tax liability (gross tax), rounded to the nearest dollar?
- What is the amount of their tax due or (refund due)?

116) Sean and Martha are both over age 65 and Martha is considered blind by tax law standards. Their total income in 2018 from part-time jobs and interest income from a bank savings account is \$80,000. Their itemized deductions are \$25,000.

Required: Compute their taxable income.

117) The following information for 2018 relates to Emma Grace, a single taxpayer, age 18:

Salary	\$6,500
Interest income	1,200
Itemized deductions	500

- Compute Emma Grace's taxable income assuming she is self-supporting.
- Compute Emma Grace's taxable income assuming she is a dependent of her parents.

- 118) For each of the following taxpayers, indicate the applicable filing status and the number of children who qualify for the child credit.
- Jeffrey is a widower, age 71, who receives a pension of \$10,000, nontaxable social security benefits of \$12,000, and interest of \$2,000. He has no dependents.
 - Selma is a single, full-time college student, age 20, who earned \$6,800 working part-time. She has \$1,700 of interest income and received \$1,000 support from her parents.
 - Olivia is married, but her husband left her three years ago and she has not seen or heard from him since. She supports herself and her six-year-old daughter. She paid all the household expenses. Her income consists of salary of \$18,500 and interest of \$800.
 - Ruben is a single, full-time college student, age 20, who earned \$6,800 working part-time. He has \$250 of interest income and received \$10,000 support from his parents.
 - Cathy is divorced and received \$12,000 alimony from her former husband and earned \$35,000 working as an administrative assistant. She also received \$2,500 of child support for her daughter who lives with her. Cathy filed the appropriate IRS form and gave up the dependency exemption to her former husband.

- 119) Eliza Smith's father, Victor, lives with Eliza who is a single taxpayer. During the year, Eliza purchased clothing for her father costing \$1,200 and provided him with a room that could have been rented for \$6,000. In addition, Eliza spent \$4,000 for groceries she shared with her father. Eliza purchased a new computer for \$900 which she placed in the living room for both her father and her use.

What is the amount of support provided by Eliza to her father?

- 120) Mary Ann pays the costs for her Aunt Hazel to live in a nursing home. Aunt Hazel receives Social Security benefits of \$7,000 a year which are turned over to the nursing home. Mary Ann pays the remaining cost of \$33,000. Hazel has no other income. Mary Ann visits Hazel twice a week and meets with doctors and nurses regarding Hazel's medical care. What tax issues should Mary Ann consider?
- 121) Paul and Hannah, who are married and file a joint return, are in the process of adopting a child who is born in December 2018. The child, a son, comes to live with them a week after his birth on December 12. The adoption is not finalized until February of 2019. What tax issues are present in this situation?
- 122) Gina Lewis, age 16, is claimed as a dependent on her parent's return. She is their only child. She earned \$4,300 from a summer job. She also earned interest of \$3,750. Her parents' marginal tax rate is 37 percent.

Required:

- a. Compute the amount of Gina's tax liability for 2018. The following schedule of tax brackets will be helpful.

Marginal Rate	Portion of TI over ETI Plus	But Not Over ETI Plus
10%		\$2,550
24%	\$2,550	\$9,150
35%	\$9,150	\$12,500
37%	\$12,500	

- b. Can Gina's parents take a child tax credit for her?

- 123) Discuss why Congress passed the innocent spouse provision and detail the requirements to be met in order to qualify as an innocent spouse and be relieved of liability for tax on unreported income.

- 124) Steve and Jennifer are in the 32% tax bracket for ordinary income and the 15% bracket for capital gains. They have owned several blocks of stock for many years. They are considering the sale of two blocks of stock. The sale of one would produce a gain of \$12,000 while the sale of the other would produce a loss of \$18,000. For purposes of this problem, ignore itemized deductions, phase-outs and additional investment taxes. They have no other gains and losses this year.
- How much tax will they save if they sell the block of stock that produces a loss?
 - How much additional tax will they pay if they sell the block of stock that produces a gain?
 - What will be the impact on their taxes if they sell both blocks of stock?
- 125) Alexis and Terry have been married five years and file joint tax returns. Alexis began embezzling funds from her employer during the third year of their marriage. Last year, Alexis suddenly left the country and Terry does not know where she is. In the current year, Terry learned that the IRS had assessed him \$27,000 in unpaid taxes due to Alexis's embezzlement. What tax issue(s) are present in Terry's situation? What questions would you ask Terry to determine his appropriate response to the IRS?

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- 99) TRUE
- 100) FALSE
- 101) TRUE
- 102) FALSE
- 103) FALSE
- 104) TRUE
- 105) Oscar and Diane have several choices for filing status. Since they are still married on December 31, the last day of the tax year, they could file jointly. That will probably result in the lowest overall tax liability. However, they should consider joint and several liabilities, especially if Diane fears that Oscar may be hiding income. If Diane is maintaining the home in which at least one dependent child lives, she may be able to file as head of household. Of course, they could file separately which would result in the highest overall tax liability.

106)	<u>Proprietorship</u>	<u>S Corporation</u>	<u>C Corporation</u>
Business income:			
Operating income	<u>\$100,000</u>	\$100,000	\$100,000
Compensation paid to Paige		<u>(50,000)</u>	(50,000)
Charitable contributions			<u>(5,000)</u>
Net business income	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$ 50,000</u>	<u>\$ 45,000</u>
Corporate income tax			<u>\$ 9,450</u>
Paige's income:			
Business income (above)	\$100,000	\$ 50,000	
Compensation (above)		50,000	\$ 50,000
Dividends			14,000
Other income	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
Adjusted gross income	<u>\$106,000</u>	<u>\$106,000</u>	<u>\$ 70,000</u>
Charitable contributions	5,000	5,000	
Other itemized deductions	<u>12,000</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>12,000</u>
Taxable income	<u>\$ 89,000</u>	<u>\$ 89,000</u>	<u>\$ 58,000</u>
Individual income tax	<u>\$ 15,650*</u>	<u>\$ 15,650*</u>	<u>\$ 7,826**</u>
Total tax	<u>\$ 15,650</u>	<u>\$ 15,650</u>	<u>\$ 14,576</u>

*\$14,089.50 + [.24 × (\$89,000 - 82,500)] rounded

**Tax on dividends: \$14,000 × .15 = \$2,100 plus

Tax on taxable income of \$58,000 - 14,000 or \$44,000: \$4,453.50 + [.22 × (\$44,000 - 38,700)] = \$5,620 (rounded). The total is \$7,720.

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107)	2018	2019
a. Potential itemized deduction	\$ 3,500	\$14,500
Standard deduction	12,000	12,000
Deduction from AGI (larger of above)	<u>\$12,000</u>	<u>\$ 14,500</u>
Deductions across two years		<u>\$ 26,500</u>
b. Potential itemized deduction	\$ 5,000	\$13,000
Standard deduction	12,000	13,000
Deduction from AGI (larger of above)	<u>\$12,000</u>	<u>\$ 13,000</u>
Deductions across two years		<u>\$ 25,000</u>
c. Potential itemized deduction	\$ 2,000	\$16,000
Standard deduction	12,000	12,000
Deduction from AGI (larger of above)	<u>\$12,000</u>	<u>\$ 16,000</u>
Deductions across two years		<u>\$ 28,000</u>
d. The contributions have no tax benefit in 2018 because the standard deduction is taken and charitable contributions are itemized deductions.		
108) Salary	\$102,000	
(Interest income is excluded)		
Less:		
Itemized deductions	<u>(12,600)</u>	
Taxable income	<u>\$ 89,400</u>	
109) a. surviving spouse		
b. head of household		
c. head of household		
d. married filing separately		
e. head of household		
110) 1. One spouse incurs most of medical expenses and itemized deductions can be maximized.		
2. They may not want joint tax liability.		
3. Casualty losses may be deductible on a separate return but not on a joint return because of the 10% floor.		
111) Adjusted gross income	\$47,000	
Minus: Standard deduction	<u>(12,000)</u>	
Taxable income	<u>\$35,000</u>	
112) Adjusted gross income	\$80,000	
Less: Standard deduction (\$12,000 + \$1,600)	<u>(16,600)</u>	
Taxable income	<u>\$63,400</u>	

The additional standard deduction is for Steve's age.

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113) Salary	\$102,000	
(Interest income is excluded)		
Less:		
Standard deduction	<u>(12,000)</u>	
Taxable income	<u>\$ 90,000</u>	
114) Adjusted gross income		\$77,000
Minus: Itemized deductions:		
Property taxes	\$4,000	
State income taxes	5,000	
Home mortgage interest	6,000	
Charitable contributions	<u>3,000</u>	<u>(18,000)</u>
Taxable income		<u>\$59,000</u>

115)	Hortons	
Salary	\$200,000	
Interest	<u>12,000</u>	
Gross Income	\$212,000 a.	
Minus: IRA Contributions	<u>11,000</u>	
Adjusted gross income	\$201,000 b.	
Minus: Itemized deductions	<u>(25,600)</u>	
Taxable Income	<u>\$175,400 c.</u>	

Tax liability (using Rate Schedule) *	\$30,675 d.
Minus: Withholding	<u>- 31,000</u>
Tax due (refund)	<u>(\$ 325) e.</u>

*\$28,179 + [.24 (175,400 - 165,000)]

116) Salary & interest	\$60,000
Less:	
Standard deduction [\$24,000 + (3 × 1,300)]	<u>(27,900)</u>
Taxable income	<u>\$32,100</u>

The standard deduction is increased because of age for both and blindness for Martha.

117) a.	
Salary	\$ 6,500
Interest	<u>1,200</u>
Adjusted gross income	\$7,700
Minus: Standard deduction	<u>(12,000)</u>
Taxable income	<u>0</u>

b.	
Salary	\$ 6,500
Interest	<u>1,200</u>
Adjusted gross income	\$ 7,700
Minus: Standard deduction (\$6,500 + 350)	<u>(6,850)</u>
Taxable income	<u>\$ 850</u>

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118)	Filing Status	Child Credit
a.	Single	0
b.	Single	0
c.	Head-of-Household	1
d.	Single	0
e.	Head-of-Household	0

119) Clothing	\$1,200
Rental value of room	6,000
Groceries (1/2 × \$4,000)	<u>2,000</u>
Total support	<u>\$9,200</u>

120) Can Mary Ann file as head of household? Would Mary Ann be able to claim Hazel as a dependent?

121) Are Paul and Hannah able to claim the baby as a dependent in 2018, allowing them to claim a child tax credit?

122) Adjusted gross income (\$4,300 + \$3,750)	\$8,050
Less: Standard deduction [greater of \$1,050 or (\$4,300 + 350)]	(4,650)
Allowable exemption (None -dependent of another)	<u>0</u>
Taxable income	<u>\$3,400</u>

Gina's net unearned income:

Unearned income: Interest	\$ 3,750
Less: Statutory deduction of \$1,050	(1,050)
Less: Standard deduction	<u>(1,050)</u>
Net unearned income	<u>\$ 1,650</u>

Gina's earned taxable income (ETI):

Taxable income	\$3,400
Less net unearned income	<u>-1,650</u>
Earned taxable income	<u>\$1,750</u>

Tax calculation:

Gina's relevant tax bracket- 10% = \$1,750 ETI + \$2,550 per table = \$4,300 for top of 10% bracket

\$3,400 taxable income × 10% = \$340 tax liability

b. She is under age 17 and their qualifying child so she qualifies for the child credit. The credit will be phased out because the parents' marginal tax rate is 37% so their AGI will be beyond the phaseout range.

123) The provision was passed because each spouse is liable for the entire tax on a joint return as well as penalties imposed. This would not be fair if one spouse concealed information regarding income or deductions from the other spouse.

An innocent spouse is relieved of liability when

1. The amount is attributable to grossly erroneous items of the other spouse.
2. The innocent spouse did not know of and had no reason to know that there was such an understatement of tax.
3. To hold the innocent spouse liable for the understatement would be inequitable.
4. The innocent spouse elects relief within two years after the IRS begins collection activities.

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- 124) a. \$990. A net capital loss is limited to \$3,000 per year $\times .32 = \$960$. They can carryover the remaining \$15,000 loss to next year.
- b. $\$12,000 \times .15$ (maximum rate on long-term capital gains) = \$1,800.
- c. \$12,000 gain - \$18,000 loss = Net capital loss of \$6,000 of which \$3,000 is currently deductible to save taxes of $\$3,000 \times .32 = \960 . They should sell both so that they totally escape taxation of the gain this year. They can carryover the remaining \$3,000 loss to next year.
- 125) Is Terry eligible for innocent spouse relief? Did Terry benefit financially from Alexis's embezzlement? Did Terry have reason to know of the embezzlement?