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Assessment Details

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[2 marks]

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C) To provide social welfare programs

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Question 2

[2 marks]

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C) Property tax

D) Tariff

Question 3

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What is the difference between a progressive tax and a regressive tax?

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C) A progressive tax is only applied to high-income individuals, while a regressive tax is only applied to low-income individuals

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Question 4

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Question 5**[2 marks]**

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Section B: Short Answer Questions [40 marks]

Question 6

[8 marks]

Calculate the amount of income tax owed on a taxable income of \$50,000, given a tax rate of 25%.

Question 7

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Explain how an increase in sales tax might affect consumer behavior and the overall economy.

Question 8

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Describe the difference between a tax deduction and a tax credit.

Question 9

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Calculate the amount of sales tax owed on a purchase of \$100, given a sales tax rate of 8%.

Explain how a change in tax rates might affect a business's profitability.

Question 11

[20 marks]

Create a budget for a hypothetical individual with a monthly income of \$4,000, taking into account income tax, sales tax, and other expenses. Analyze how changes in tax rates might affect this individual's financial situation.

Tax Planning Strategies

Effective tax planning is crucial for individuals and businesses to minimize their tax liability and maximize their after-tax income. This section will explore various tax planning strategies, including tax deductions, tax credits, and tax-deferred savings.

Example: Tax Deductions

For example, a business can deduct the cost of equipment and supplies from its taxable income, reducing its tax liability. Similarly, an individual can deduct charitable donations and mortgage interest from their taxable income.

Case Study: Tax Planning for Small Businesses

A small business owner can benefit from tax planning by taking advantage of deductions for business expenses, such as rent, utilities, and equipment. Additionally, the business owner can consider setting up a retirement plan, such as a SEP-IRA, to reduce taxable income and save for retirement.

International Taxation

As globalization increases, individuals and businesses are increasingly subject to international taxation. This section will explore the basics of international taxation, including tax treaties, foreign tax credits, and transfer pricing.

Example: Foreign Tax Credits

For example, a U.S. citizen working abroad may be subject to taxation in both the U.S. and the foreign country. To avoid double taxation, the U.S. citizen can claim a foreign tax credit for taxes paid in the foreign country.

Case Study: International Tax Planning for Multinational Corporations

A multinational corporation can benefit from international tax planning by taking advantage of tax treaties and foreign tax credits. Additionally, the corporation can consider setting up a foreign subsidiary to reduce taxable income and minimize transfer pricing issues.

Tax Audit and Controversy

Tax audits and controversy can be a significant concern for individuals and businesses. This section will explore the basics of tax audits, including the audit process, taxpayer rights, and dispute resolution.

Example: Tax Audit Process

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For example, the IRS may select a taxpayer for audit based on a random selection or a referral from a third party. The taxpayer will receive a notice of audit, and the audit process will typically involve a review of the taxpayer's records and a meeting with the auditor.

Case Study: Tax Controversy Resolution

A taxpayer can resolve a tax controversy by negotiating with the IRS or seeking the assistance of a tax professional. Additionally, the taxpayer can consider appealing the audit decision to the IRS Appeals Office or seeking judicial review in court.

Tax Policy and Reform

Tax policy and reform are critical issues in the field of taxation. This section will explore the basics of tax policy, including the principles of taxation, tax reform, and the impact of tax policy on the economy.

Example: Tax Reform

For example, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 reduced the corporate tax rate from 35% to 21%, aiming to stimulate economic growth and increase competitiveness. However, the reform also limited certain tax deductions and credits, which may have unintended consequences for certain taxpayers.

Case Study: Tax Policy and Economic Growth

A country can benefit from tax policy reform by reducing tax rates and simplifying the tax code, which can stimulate economic growth and increase foreign investment. However, the country must also consider the potential impact on tax revenue and the distribution of income.

Tax Technology and Innovation

Tax technology and innovation are rapidly changing the field of taxation. This section will explore the basics of tax technology, including tax software, blockchain, and artificial intelligence.

Example: Tax Software

For example, tax preparation software can assist taxpayers in preparing and filing their tax returns, reducing errors and increasing efficiency. Additionally, tax software can provide real-time tax calculations and planning tools, enabling taxpayers to make informed decisions.

Case Study: Blockchain and Taxation

A country can benefit from blockchain technology by increasing transparency and security in tax transactions, reducing tax evasion and improving tax compliance. Additionally, blockchain can enable real-time tax reporting and payment, reducing administrative burdens and increasing efficiency.

Tax Education and Professional Development

Tax education and professional development are essential for tax professionals to stay up-to-date with the latest tax laws, regulations, and technologies. This section will explore the basics of tax education, including tax courses, certifications, and conferences.

Example: Tax Courses

For example, a tax professional can take a course on tax planning and preparation to improve their skills and knowledge. Additionally, the professional can attend conferences and seminars to network with other professionals and stay current with industry developments.

Case Study: Tax Certification

A tax professional can benefit from obtaining a tax certification, such as the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) or Enrolled Agent (EA) designation, to demonstrate their expertise and commitment to the field. Additionally, the professional can pursue ongoing education and training to maintain their certification and stay current with industry developments.

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