

## Chapter 01: Understanding and Working with the Federal Tax Law

True / False

1. Many states have balanced budgets because laws or constitutional amendments preclude deficit spending.

- a. True
- b. False

*ANSWER:* True

*POINTS:* 1

*DIFFICULTY:* Easy

*QUESTION TYPE:* True / False

*HAS VARIABLES:* False

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2. The U.S. Federal government has a provision in the Constitution that precludes deficit spending.

- a. True
- b. False

*ANSWER:* False

*RATIONALE:* There is no such provision, and the national debt continues to grow.

*POINTS:* 1

*DIFFICULTY:* Easy

*QUESTION TYPE:* True / False

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3. Revenue-neutral tax laws reduce deficits.

- a. True
- b. False

*ANSWER:* False

*RATIONALE:* They do not reduce deficits but do not aggravate the problem.

*POINTS:* 1

*DIFFICULTY:* Easy

*QUESTION TYPE:* True / False

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4. Longer class lives for depreciable property and the required use of the straight-line method of depreciation would likely dampen the tax incentive for purchasing capital assets.

- a. True
- b. False

*ANSWER:* True

*POINTS:* 1

*DIFFICULTY:* Easy

*QUESTION TYPE:* True / False

*HAS VARIABLES:* False

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5. The Internal Revenue Code is a compilation of Federal tax legislation that appears in Title 26 of the United States Code.

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- a. True
- b. False

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*POINTS:* 1  
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6. The favorable treatment of research and development expenses (via amortization deductions and tax credits) is one means of controlling the economy.

- a. True
- b. False

*ANSWER:* False  
*RATIONALE:* This favorable treatment encourages certain activities (e.g., fostering technological progress). It does not control the economy.  
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7. The encouragement of private-sector pension plans can be justified under the encouragement of certain industries.

- a. True
- b. False

*ANSWER:* False

*RATIONALE:* Justified under social considerations and encouragement of certain activities (e.g., savings).

*POINTS:* 1

*DIFFICULTY:* Easy

*QUESTION TYPE:* True / False

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8. One Internal Revenue Code section enables shareholders in a small business corporation to obtain an ordinary deduction for any loss recognized on a stock investment.

- a. True
- b. False

*ANSWER:* True

*POINTS:* 1

*DIFFICULTY:* Easy

*QUESTION TYPE:* True / False

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9. One of the justifications for the enactment of the tax law governing corporate reorganizations was the economic benefit it would provide businesses (including making them more efficient).

- a. True
- b. False

*ANSWER:* True

*POINTS:* 1

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10. Although a corporation is subject to a Federal income tax, a partnership is not.

- a. True
- b. False

*ANSWER:* True

*POINTS:* 1

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11. The Federal income tax law allows a taxpayer to claim a deduction for state and local income taxes but limits all state taxes to a maximum of \$10,000.

- a. True

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b. False

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12. Alabama and South Carolina are community property states.

a. True

b. False

*ANSWER:* False  
*RATIONALE:* They are common law states.  
*POINTS:* 1  
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13. A tax bill cannot originate in the Senate Finance Committee.

a. True

b. False

*ANSWER:* False

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*RATIONALE:* Tax bills typically originate in the House Ways and Means Committee, but the Senate Finance Committee may attach a tax bill as a rider to other legislative proposals as was the case with the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012.

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*DIFFICULTY:* Easy

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14. Taxpayers may read Committee Reports to determine the intent of Congress.

- a. True
- b. False

*ANSWER:* True

*POINTS:* 1

*DIFFICULTY:* Easy

*QUESTION TYPE:* True / False

*HAS VARIABLES:* False

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15. These Internal Revenue Code citations are incorrect: § 212(1) and § 1221(1).

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- a. True
- b. False

*ANSWER:* False  
*RATIONALE:* These sections are correct (and a part of the Internal Revenue Code).  
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*DIFFICULTY:* Easy  
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16. Internal Revenue Code § 6 involves gross income and § 7 outlines itemized deductions.

- a. True
- b. False

*ANSWER:* False  
*RATIONALE:* These sections do not appear in the Internal Revenue Code.  
*POINTS:* 1  
*DIFFICULTY:* Easy  
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17. Subchapter P refers to the subchapter in the Internal Revenue Code that deals with partners and partnerships.

- a. True
- b. False

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*ANSWER:* False  
*RATIONALE:* Subchapter K (not Subchapter P) in the Internal Revenue Code deals with partners and partnerships.  
*POINTS:* 1  
*DIFFICULTY:* Easy  
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18. Regulations are arranged in a different sequence than the Internal Revenue Code.
- a. True
  - b. False

*ANSWER:* False  
*RATIONALE:* Regulations are arranged in the same sequence as the Internal Revenue Code.  
*POINTS:* 1  
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19. Proposed Regulations have the force and effect of law.
- a. True
  - b. False

*ANSWER:* False

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**RATIONALE:** They carry little, if any, weight.  
**POINTS:** 1  
**DIFFICULTY:** Easy  
**QUESTION TYPE:** True / False  
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20. Temporary Regulations have the same authoritative value as Final Regulations for four years.

- a. True
- b. False

**ANSWER:** False

**RATIONALE:** Temporary Regulations have the same authoritative value for three (not four) years.

**POINTS:** 1

**DIFFICULTY:** Easy

**QUESTION TYPE:** True / False

**HAS VARIABLES:** False

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21. Proposed Regulations are published in the *Federal Register*.

- a. True
- b. False

**ANSWER:** True

**RATIONALE:** Proposed Regulations are published in the *Federal Register*.

**POINTS:** 1

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22. Regulations are issued by the Treasury Department.

- a. True
- b. False

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*POINTS:* 1  
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23. Revenue Rulings carry the same legal force and effect as Regulations.

- a. True
- b. False

*ANSWER:* False  
*RATIONALE:* They do not carry the same legal force as Regulations.  
*POINTS:* 1  
*DIFFICULTY:* Easy  
*QUESTION TYPE:* True / False  
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24. A Revenue Ruling is a legislative source of Federal tax law.

- a. True
- b. False

*ANSWER:* False

*RATIONALE:* A Revenue Ruling is an administrative source of Federal tax law.

*POINTS:* 1

*DIFFICULTY:* Easy

*QUESTION TYPE:* True / False

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25. Revenue Procedures deal with the internal management practices and procedures of the IRS.

- a. True
- b. False

*ANSWER:* True

*POINTS:* 1

*DIFFICULTY:* Easy

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26. Treasury Decisions are issued by the Treasury Department to promulgate new Regulations.
- True
  - False

*ANSWER:* True  
*POINTS:* 1  
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27. Determination letters usually involve proposed transactions.
- True
  - False

*ANSWER:* False  
*RATIONALE:* They involve *completed* transactions.  
*POINTS:* 1  
*DIFFICULTY:* Easy  
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28. Letter rulings are issued by the National Office of the IRS.

- a. True
- b. False

*ANSWER:* True

*POINTS:* 1

*DIFFICULTY:* Easy

*QUESTION TYPE:* True / False

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29. A taxpayer must pay any tax deficiency assessed by the IRS and sue for a refund to bring suit in the U.S. District Court.

- a. True
- b. False

*ANSWER:* True

*RATIONALE:* Only in the U.S. Tax Court can a taxpayer file suit without first paying the assessed tax deficiency.

*POINTS:* 1

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30. In a U.S. District Court, a jury can decide both questions of fact and questions of law.
- True
  - False

*ANSWER:* False  
*RATIONALE:* Questions of law are resolved by the presiding judge.  
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31. A U.S. District Court must abide by the precedents set by the U.S. Court of Appeals of its jurisdiction.
- True
  - False

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32. Appeals from the U.S. Court of Federal Claims go to the U.S. Supreme Court.
- True
  - False

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*ANSWER:* False  
*RATIONALE:* The appeals are to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.  
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33. A jury trial is available when a case is heard by a U.S. Court of Appeals.
- True
  - False

*ANSWER:* False  
*RATIONALE:* Jury trials do not occur in appellate courts.  
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34. Only one judge hears a trial in a U.S. District Court.
- True
  - False

*ANSWER:* True  
*POINTS:* 1

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35. The *Golsen* rule no longer applies to the U.S. Tax Court.

- a. True
- b. False

**ANSWER:** False  
**RATIONALE:** U.S. Tax Court still follows *Golsen*.  
**POINTS:** 1  
**DIFFICULTY:** Easy  
**QUESTION TYPE:** True / False  
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36. When there is a direct conflict between an Internal Revenue Code section and a treaty provision, the most recent item takes precedence.

- a. True
- b. False

**ANSWER:** True  
**POINTS:** 1  
**DIFFICULTY:** Easy  
**QUESTION TYPE:** True / False  
**HAS VARIABLES:** False

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37. "Legislative" regulations carry more weight than "interpretative" regulations.

a. True

b. False

*ANSWER:* True

*POINTS:* 1

*DIFFICULTY:* Easy

*QUESTION TYPE:* True / False

*HAS VARIABLES:* False

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38. The U.S. national debt is around \$20 trillion.

a. True

b. False

*ANSWER:* False

*RATIONALE:* The U.S. national debt is more than \$32 trillion.

*POINTS:* 1

*QUESTION TYPE:* True / False

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39. A change in the individual tax rate has an almost immediate impact on the economy.

- a. True
- b. False

*ANSWER:* True

*RATIONALE:* Either increasing or decreasing tax rates will affect individual consumption (and, therefore, the economy).

*POINTS:* 1

*QUESTION TYPE:* True / False

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40. The like-kind tax free exchange treatment is an example of the wherewithal to pay concept.

- a. True
- b. False

*ANSWER:* True

*RATIONALE:* Without relief, any realized gain would be recognized (and the taxpayer would not have the funds to pay any tax).

*POINTS:* 1

*DIFFICULTY:* Easy

*QUESTION TYPE:* True / False

*HAS VARIABLES:* False

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41. Indexation of various income tax components was eliminated by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017.

- a. True
- b. False

*ANSWER:* False

*RATIONALE:* The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 merely changed the indexation measure from the consumer price index for all-urban consumers (CPI-U) to chained CPI-U.

*POINTS:* 1

*DIFFICULTY:* Easy

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42. When there is a direct conflict between a tax treaty and the Internal Revenue Code, the Internal Revenue Code takes precedence.

- a. True
- b. False

*ANSWER:* False

*RATIONALE:* The most recent item takes precedence.

*POINTS:* 1

*DIFFICULTY:* Easy

*QUESTION TYPE:* True / False

*HAS VARIABLES:* False

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43. The Standard Federal Tax Reporter is published by Research Institute of America.

- a. True
- b. False

*ANSWER:* False

*RATIONALE:* Published by Wolters Kluwer (formerly Commerce Clearing House).

*POINTS:* 1

*DIFFICULTY:* Easy

*QUESTION TYPE:* True / False

*HAS VARIABLES:* False

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44. The annual gift tax exclusion in 2024 is \$16,000.

- a. True
- b. False

*ANSWER:* False

*RATIONALE:* The exclusion increased to \$18,000 in 2024 (from \$17,000 in 2023).

*POINTS:* 1

*DIFFICULTY:* Easy

*QUESTION TYPE:* True / False

*HAS VARIABLES:* False

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45. Internal Revenue Code Section 318, which deals with the definition of related parties with respect to stock redemptions, includes brothers and sisters in the related-party definition.

- a. True
- b. False

*ANSWER:* False  
*RATIONALE:* Brothers-sisters are not included in the § 318 related-party definition.  
*POINTS:* 1  
*DIFFICULTY:* Easy  
*QUESTION TYPE:* True / False  
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46. Complete avoidance of a capital gain tax occurs when the owner of appreciated property transfers it by death.

- a. True
- b. False

*ANSWER:* True  
*RATIONALE:* The related “step-up” in basis eliminates any appreciation.  
*POINTS:* 1  
*DIFFICULTY:* Easy  
*QUESTION TYPE:* True / False  
*HAS VARIABLES:* False  
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47. The taxation part of the CPA exam (REG) includes both multiple choice questions and task-based simulations.

- a. True
- b. False

*ANSWER:* True

*RATIONALE:* The REG section is about 50% multiple choice questions and 50% task-based simulations.

*POINTS:* 1

*DIFFICULTY:* Easy

*QUESTION TYPE:* True / False

*HAS VARIABLES:* False

*LEARNING OBJECTIVES:* CPET.SWFT.2025.LO: 1-10 - LO: 1-10

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### Multiple Choice

48. Which provision could best be justified as a means of controlling the economy?

- a. Write-off of research and development expenditures.
- b. The § 179 immediate expensing of depreciable capital expenditures.
- c. Amortization of pollution control facilities.
- d. The rehabilitation tax credit.

*ANSWER:* b

*POINTS:* 1

*DIFFICULTY:* Easy

*QUESTION TYPE:* Multiple Choice

*HAS VARIABLES:* False

*LEARNING OBJECTIVES:* CPET.SWFT.2025.LO: 1-02 - LO: 1-02

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49. Which provision could best be justified as encouraging small business?

- a. Ordinary loss allowed on § 1244 stock.
- b. Percentage depletion.
- c. Charitable contributions deduction.
- d. Interest deduction on home mortgage.

*ANSWER:* a

*POINTS:* 1

*DIFFICULTY:* Easy

*QUESTION TYPE:* Multiple Choice

*HAS VARIABLES:* False

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50. Which provision is *not* justified by social considerations?

- a. Refundable earned income credit.
- b. Adoption tax credit.
- c. Like-kind exchange treatment.
- d. Disallowance of illegal kickbacks.

*ANSWER:* c

*POINTS:* 1

*DIFFICULTY:* Easy

*QUESTION TYPE:* Multiple Choice

*HAS VARIABLES:* False

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51. Which state is *not* a community property state?

- a. Arizona.
- b. Texas.
- c. New Mexico.
- d. Virginia.

*ANSWER:* d

*POINTS:* 1

*DIFFICULTY:* Easy

*QUESTION TYPE:* Multiple Choice

*HAS VARIABLES:* False

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52. Douglas and Sue, related parties, are landlord and tenant as to certain business property. If the IRS questions the amount of rent Sue is paying to Douglas, this is an illustration of the:

- a. Arm's length concept.
- b. Continuity of interest concept.
- c. Tax benefit rule.
- d. Substance over form concept.

*ANSWER:* a

*POINTS:* 1

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*QUESTION TYPE:* Multiple Choice

*HAS VARIABLES:* False

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53. Federal tax legislation generally originates in what committee?

- a. House Budget Committee.
- b. Senate Finance Committee.
- c. House Ways and Means Committee.
- d. House Taxation Committee.

*ANSWER:* c

*RATIONALE:* The point of origination normally is the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives.

*POINTS:* 1

*DIFFICULTY:* Easy

*QUESTION TYPE:* Multiple Choice

*HAS VARIABLES:* False

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54. Regulations are first published in:

- a. *Federal Register.*
- b. *Cumulative Bulletin.*
- c. *Internal Revenue Bulletin.*
- d. *I.R.S. Digest.*

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**ANSWER:** a  
**RATIONALE:** Regulations are first published in the *Federal Register*.  
**POINTS:** 1  
**DIFFICULTY:** Easy  
**QUESTION TYPE:** Multiple Choice  
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55. Which citation is considered to be a statutory (legislative) citation?
- Ltr. Rul. 199952058.
  - Ann. 94-5, 1994-2 I.R.B. 39.
  - Reg. § 1.1014-1(c)(1).
  - § 351.

**ANSWER:** d  
**POINTS:** 1  
**DIFFICULTY:** Easy  
**QUESTION TYPE:** Multiple Choice  
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56. A Technical Advice Memorandum is issued by:
- Treasury Department.
  - National Office of the IRS.
  - Office of Chief Council.

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d. Area Director.

**ANSWER:** b  
**POINTS:** 1  
**DIFFICULTY:** Easy  
**QUESTION TYPE:** Multiple Choice  
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57. Revenue Procedures are published in the:

- a. *Congressional Record.*
- b. *Federal Revenue Bulletin.*
- c. *Internal Revenue Bulletin.*
- d. *I.R.S. Digest.*

**ANSWER:** c  
**RATIONALE:** Revenue Procedures are published weekly in the *Internal Revenue Bulletin.*  
**POINTS:** 1  
**DIFFICULTY:** Easy  
**QUESTION TYPE:** Multiple Choice  
**HAS VARIABLES:** False  
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58. Determine the incorrect citation:

- a. TAM 20002704.

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- b. *George W. Guill*, 112 T.C. \_\_\_, No. 22 (1999).
- c. *John H. Wong*, T.C. Summary Opinion 2009-152.
- d. Rev. Rul. 98-32, 1998-25 I.R.B. 4.

**ANSWER:** a  
**RATIONALE:** This citation should have 9 digits.  
**POINTS:** 1  
**DIFFICULTY:** Easy  
**QUESTION TYPE:** Multiple Choice  
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59. Regarding Technical Advice Memoranda, which statement is *incorrect*?
- a. Issued by the National Office of IRS.
  - b. Most often deal with a completed transaction.
  - c. May be cited and used as precedent.
  - d. Issued with multi-digit file numbers.

**ANSWER:** c  
**POINTS:** 1  
**DIFFICULTY:** Easy  
**QUESTION TYPE:** Multiple Choice  
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60. Which of the following sources has the *highest* tax authority?

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- a. Treasury Regulation.
- b. Revenue Procedure.
- c. Internal Revenue Code.
- d. Temporary Regulation.

**ANSWER:** c  
**POINTS:** 1  
**DIFFICULTY:** Easy  
**QUESTION TYPE:** Multiple Choice  
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61. Which of the following is an administrative source of tax law?

- a. Rev. Rul. 2010-19.
- b. Joint Conference Committee Report.
- c. Section 12(a) of the *Internal Revenue Code*.
- d. All of these.

**ANSWER:** a  
**RATIONALE:** Revenue Rulings are issued by the National Office of the IRS.  
**POINTS:** 1  
**DIFFICULTY:** Easy  
**QUESTION TYPE:** Multiple Choice  
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62. A decision in which of the following courts carries the lowest tax authority?

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.
- U.S. District Court.
- U.S. Supreme Court.

*ANSWER:* c

*POINTS:* 1

*DIFFICULTY:* Moderate

*QUESTION TYPE:* Multiple Choice

*HAS VARIABLES:* False

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63. In *Forty-Four Cigar Co.*, 2 B.T.A. 1156, the 1156 stands for:

- The volume number.
- The year of the decision.
- The paragraph number.
- The page number.

*ANSWER:* d

*POINTS:* 1

*DIFFICULTY:* Easy

*QUESTION TYPE:* Multiple Choice

*HAS VARIABLES:* False

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64. Which statement is *not* true about this citation: *Bonkowski v. Comm.*, 29 TCM 1645 (1970), *aff'd* 458 F.2d 709 (CA-7, 1972), *cert. den.*?

- The Supreme Court decided not to agree or disagree with the Seventh Court of Appeals.
- The Seventh Court of Appeals disagreed with the Tax Court.
- The Tax Court decision starts on page 1645.
- The Seventh Court of Appeals decision appears in Vol. 458.

ANSWER: b

POINTS: 1

DIFFICULTY: Easy

QUESTION TYPE: Multiple Choice

HAS VARIABLES: False

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65. Which of these notations would appear after a U.S. Tax Court citation if the IRS disagrees with the decision?

- Rev'd* 935 F.2d 203 (1991).
- Nonacq.* 1979-1 C.B. 1.
- Cert. den.* 361 U.S. 875 (1959).
- Acq.* 1990-1 C.B. 2.

ANSWER: b

POINTS: 1

DIFFICULTY: Easy

QUESTION TYPE: Multiple Choice

HAS VARIABLES: False

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66. Which of the following refers to a trial court rather than an appellate court decision?

- a. *Forgeus v. Comm.*, 6 B.T.A. 291 (1927).
- b. *Farris v. Comm.*, 222 F.2d 320 (CA-10, 1955).
- c. *Danville Plywood Corp.*, 899 F.2d 3 (Fed Cir. 1990).
- d. *Boehm v. Comm.*, 326 U.S. 287 (1945).

*ANSWER:* a

*POINTS:* 1

*DIFFICULTY:* Easy

*QUESTION TYPE:* Multiple Choice

*HAS VARIABLES:* False

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67. Which citation refers to a Third Circuit Court of Appeals decision?

- a. 40 T.C. 1018.
- b. 2 TCM 205 (1951).
- c. 354 F.Supp. 1003 (D. Ct. Ga, 1972).
- d. 914 F.2d 396 (CA-3, 1990).

*ANSWER:* d

*POINTS:* 1

*DIFFICULTY:* Easy

*QUESTION TYPE:* Multiple Choice

*HAS VARIABLES:* False

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68. Which state is located in the jurisdiction of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals?

- a. Louisiana.
- b. California.
- c. New York.
- d. South Carolina.

ANSWER: a

POINTS: 1

DIFFICULTY: Easy

QUESTION TYPE: Multiple Choice

HAS VARIABLES: False

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69. Interpret the following citation: 64-1 USTC 9618, *aff'd* in 344 F. 2d 966.

- a. A U.S. Tax Court Small Cases Division decision that was affirmed on appeal.
- b. A U.S. Tax Court decision that was affirmed on appeal.
- c. A U.S. District Court decision that was affirmed on appeal.
- d. A U.S. Court of Appeals decision that was affirmed on appeal.

ANSWER: c

RATIONALE: USTCs report decisions of the U.S. District Courts, U.S. Court of Federal Claims, U.S. Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court. They do not report the decisions of the U.S. Tax Court. West's F. 2d series reports the decisions of the U.S. Claims Court (before October 1982) and the U.S. Courts of Appeal. They do not report the decisions of the U.S. Tax Court, U.S. District Courts, and the U.S. Supreme Court. In the light of these conditions, what are the possibilities?

· Choice a. is not possible, as there is no appeal from the Small Cases Division of the U.S. Tax Court.

· Choice b. is not possible because the USTC series does not contain the decision of the U.S. Tax Court.

· Choice d. is not possible as an appeal from the U.S. Court of Appeals would have been to the U.S. Supreme Court.

What the citation represents, therefore, is the affirmation of an appeal of a U.S. District Court decision (reported in the USTCs) by a U.S. Court of Appeals (reported in the F.2d series), or choice c.

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70. Which citation refers to a Second Circuit Court of Appeals decision?

- a. 40 T.C. 1018.
- b. 159 F. 2d 848 (CA-2, 1947).
- c. 354 F. Supp. 1003 (D. Ct. Ga, 1972).
- d. 914 F. 2d 396 (CA-3, 1990).

*ANSWER:* b

*POINTS:* 1

*DIFFICULTY:* Easy

*QUESTION TYPE:* Multiple Choice

*HAS VARIABLES:* False

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71. Which citation refers to a U.S. Court of Federal Claims decision?

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- a. *Apollo Computer, Inc. v. U.S.*, 95-1 USTC ¶ 50,015 (Fed. Cl., 1994).
- b. *Westreco, Inc.*, T.C. Memo. 1992-561 (1992).
- c. *Bausch & Lomb, Inc. v. Comm.*, 933 F. 2d 1084 (CA-2, 1991).
- d. *Portland Manufacturing Co. v. Comm.*, 35 AFTR 2d 1439 (CA-9, 1975).

**ANSWER:** a  
**POINTS:** 1  
**DIFFICULTY:** Easy  
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72. If these citations appeared after a trial court decision, which one means that the decision was viewed favorably?

- a. *Aff'd* 633 F. 2d 512 (CA-7, 1980).
- b. *Rem'd* 399 F. 2d 800 (CA-5, 1968).
- c. *Rev'd* 914 F. 2d 396 (CA-3, 1990).
- d. *Rev'd* 935 F. 2d 203 (CA-5, 1991).

**ANSWER:** a  
**POINTS:** 1  
**DIFFICULTY:** Easy  
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73. Which trial court normally has 16 judges?

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- a. U.S. Tax Court.
- b. U.S. Court of Federal Claims.
- c. U.S. Supreme Court.
- d. U.S. Court of Appeals.

*ANSWER:* b

*RATIONALE:* The U.S. Tax Court normally has 19 regular judges. The U.S. Court of Federal Claims normally has 16. Neither the U.S. Court of Appeals nor the U.S. Supreme Court is a trial court.

*POINTS:* 1

*DIFFICULTY:* Easy

*QUESTION TYPE:* Multiple Choice

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74. Which trial court's jurisdiction depends on the geographical location of the taxpayer?

- a. U.S. Tax Court.
- b. U.S. District Court.
- c. U.S. Court of Federal Claims.
- d. Small Cases Division of the Tax Court.

*ANSWER:* b

*POINTS:* 1

*DIFFICULTY:* Easy

*QUESTION TYPE:* Multiple Choice

*HAS VARIABLES:* False

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75. Which trial court decision is generally less authoritative?

- a. U.S. District Court.
- b. U.S. Tax Court.
- c. U.S. Court of Federal Claims.
- d. Small Cases Division of the Tax Court.

*ANSWER:* d  
*POINTS:* 1  
*DIFFICULTY:* Easy  
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76. A Memorandum decision of the U.S. Tax Court could be cited as:

- a. T.C. Memo. 1990-650.
- b. 68-1 USTC 9200.
- c. 37 AFTR 2d 456.
- d. All of these.

*ANSWER:* a  
*RATIONALE:* The T.C. Memo. citation (choice a.) refers to a memorandum decision of the U.S. Tax Court. CCH's U.S. Tax Cases series (USTC in choice b.) does not include decisions of the U.S. Tax Court. The same holds true of RIA's American Federal Tax Report (AFTR 2d in choice c.).  
*POINTS:* 1  
*DIFFICULTY:* Easy

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77. Which court decision is generally more authoritative?

- A U.S. Tax Court decision.
- A U.S. Court of Federal Claims decision.
- A U.S. District Court decision.
- A U.S. Court of Appeals decision.

*ANSWER:* d

*POINTS:* 1

*DIFFICULTY:* Easy

*QUESTION TYPE:* Multiple Choice

*HAS VARIABLES:* False

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78. Which of the following statements about an acquiescence is correct?

- An acquiescence is issued in the *Federal Register*.
- Acquiescences are published only for certain regular decisions of the U.S. Tax Court.
- An acquiescence is published in the *Internal Revenue Bulletin*.

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d. The IRS does not issue acquiescences to adverse decisions that are not appealed.

**ANSWER:** c  
**POINTS:** 1  
**DIFFICULTY:** Easy  
**QUESTION TYPE:** Multiple Choice  
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79. Which is a primary source of tax law?

- a. *J.W. Yarbo v. Comm.*, 737 F. 2d 479 (CA-5, 1984).
- b. Article by a Federal judge in *Harvard Law Review*.
- c. IRS Determination letter.
- d. IRS Letter ruling.

**ANSWER:** a  
**POINTS:** 1  
**DIFFICULTY:** Easy  
**QUESTION TYPE:** Multiple Choice  
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80. A landlord leases property upon which the tenant makes improvements. The improvements are significant and are not made in lieu of rent. At the end of the lease, the value of the improvements is not income to the landlord. This rule is an example of:

- a. The wherewithal to pay concept.
- b. The tax benefit rule.

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- c. The arm's length concept.
- d. A clear reflection of income result.

*ANSWER:* a

*RATIONALE:* At the end of the lease, the landlord does not have the wherewithal to pay tax (but will, once the property is sold).

*POINTS:* 1

*DIFFICULTY:* Easy

*QUESTION TYPE:* Multiple Choice

*HAS VARIABLES:* False

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81. The Internal Revenue Code was codified for the first time in what year?

- a. 1913.
- b. 1923.
- c. 1939.
- d. 1954.

*ANSWER:* c

*RATIONALE:* The Internal Revenue Code was first codified in 1939 and then recodified in 1954 and 1986.

*POINTS:* 1

*DIFFICULTY:* Easy

*QUESTION TYPE:* Multiple Choice

*HAS VARIABLES:* False

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82. What statement is not true with respect to Temporary Regulations?

- a. They may not be cited as precedent.
- b. They are issued with Proposed Regulations.
- c. They automatically expire within three years after the date of issuance.
- d. They can be found in the Federal Register.

*ANSWER:* a

*RATIONALE:* Temporary Regulations may be cited as precedent.

*POINTS:* 1

*QUESTION TYPE:* Multiple Choice

*HAS VARIABLES:* False

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83. What administrative release deals with a proposed transaction rather than a completed transaction?

- a. Letter Ruling.
- b. Technical Advice Memorandum.
- c. Determination Letter.
- d. Field Service Advice.

*ANSWER:* a

*RATIONALE:* Choices b., c., and d. all are issued in response to completed transactions.

*POINTS:* 1

*DIFFICULTY:* Easy

*QUESTION TYPE:* Multiple Choice

*HAS VARIABLES:* False

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84. If a taxpayer decides not to pay a tax deficiency, they must go to which court?
- Appropriate U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.
  - U.S. District Court.
  - U.S. Tax Court.
  - U.S. Court of Federal Claims.

*ANSWER:* c  
*RATIONALE:* Only the U.S. Tax Court allows a taxpayer to seek a remedy without paying any tax deficiency up front.  
*POINTS:* 1  
*DIFFICULTY:* Easy  
*QUESTION TYPE:* Multiple Choice  
*HAS VARIABLES:* False  
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85. Both economic and social considerations can be used to justify:
- Various tax credits, deductions, and exclusions that are designed to encourage taxpayers to obtain additional education.
  - Disallowance of any deduction for expenditures deemed to be contrary to public policy (e.g., fines, penalties, illegal kickbacks, bribes to government officials).
  - Favorable tax treatment for accident and health plans provided for employees and financed by employers.
  - Allowing a deduction for state and local income taxes paid.

*ANSWER:* a  
*RATIONALE:* Choice b. discourages undesirable practice; choice c. encourages certain activity; choice d. political considerations.

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*DIFFICULTY:* Easy

*QUESTION TYPE:* Multiple Choice

*HAS VARIABLES:* False

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86. Social considerations can be used to justify:

- a. Allowing a federal income tax deduction for state and local sales tax.
- b. Allowing excess capital losses to be carried over to other years.
- c. Allowing accelerated amortization for the cost of installing pollution control facilities.
- d. Allowance of a credit for child care expenses.

*ANSWER:* d

*RATIONALE:* Equity considerations justify choices a. and b., and economic considerations justify choice c.

*POINTS:* 1

*DIFFICULTY:* Easy

*QUESTION TYPE:* Multiple Choice

*HAS VARIABLES:* False

*LEARNING OBJECTIVES:* CPET.SWFT.2025.LO: 1-02 - LO: 1-02

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87. Allowing a net operating loss (NOL) carryforward can be justified:

- a. As mitigating the effect of the annual accounting period concept.

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- b. By economic considerations.
- c. As promoting administrative feasibility.
- d. Based on the wherewithal to pay concept.

*ANSWER:* a

*RATIONALE:* Allowing an NOL carryforward mitigates the effect of the annual accounting period concept.

*POINTS:* 1

*DIFFICULTY:* Easy

*QUESTION TYPE:* Multiple Choice

*HAS VARIABLES:* False

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88. Which, if any, of the following provisions of the tax law cannot be justified as promoting administrative feasibility (simplifying the task of the IRS)?

- a. Penalties are imposed for failure to file a return or pay a tax on time.
- b. Prepaid income is taxed in the year received, not in the year earned.
- c. Annual adjustments for indexation increase the amount of the standard deduction allowed.
- d. A deduction is allowed for charitable contributions.

*ANSWER:* d

*RATIONALE:* Choices a. through c. aid the IRS in administering the tax laws. Choice d., particularly when trying to value property contributions, will add to the audit effort required by the IRS.

*POINTS:* 1

*DIFFICULTY:* Easy

*QUESTION TYPE:* Multiple Choice

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89. What impact has the community property system had on our Federal tax laws?

*ANSWER:* The position of the residents of community property states was so advantageous that many common law states actually adopted community property systems. The political pressure placed on Congress to correct the disparity in tax treatment was considerable. To a large extent, this correction was accomplished in the Revenue Act of 1948, which extended many of the community property tax advantages to residents of common law jurisdictions. Thus, common law states avoided the trauma of discarding their time-honored legal system familiar to everyone. The impact of community property law on the Federal estate and gift taxes is further explored in Chapters 18 and 19.

*POINTS:* 1

*DIFFICULTY:* Easy

*QUESTION TYPE:* Essay

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90. How does a treaty with a foreign country impact a section in the Internal Revenue Code?

*ANSWER:* The United States enters into tax treaties (sometimes called tax conventions) with foreign countries to render mutual assistance in tax enforcement and to avoid double taxation. Neither a tax law nor a tax treaty takes precedence. When there is a conflict, the most recently enacted item will take precedence.

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91. Explain the *Golsen* doctrine.

*ANSWER:* Because the Tax Court is a national court, it decides cases from all parts of the country. For many years, the Tax Court followed a policy of deciding cases based on what it thought the result should be, even though its decision might be appealed to a U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that had previously decided a similar case differently. A number of years ago, this policy was changed in the *Golsen* decision. After that change, the Tax Court will decide a case as it feels the law should be applied *only* if the Circuit Court of Appeals of the appropriate jurisdiction has not yet passed on the issue or has previously decided a similar case in accord with the Tax Court's decision. If the Circuit Court of Appeals of the appropriate jurisdiction has previously held otherwise, the Tax Court will conform under the *Golsen* rule even though it disagrees with the holding.

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92. What is the value of Actions on Decisions to a tax researcher?

*ANSWER:* Actions on Decisions tell a taxpayer the IRS's reaction to certain court decisions. The IRS follows a practice of either acquiescing (agreeing) or nonacquiescing (not agreeing) with court decisions where guidance may be helpful. This practice does not mean that a particular decision has no value if the IRS has nonacquiesced in the result. It does, however, indicate that the IRS will continue to litigate the issue involved.

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93. What value is a tax citator to a tax researcher?

**ANSWER:** The use of manual citators or a computer citator search is invaluable to tax research. A citator provides the history of a case including the authority relied on (e.g., other judicial decisions) in reaching the result. Reviewing the references listed in the citator discloses whether the decision was appealed and, if so, with what result (e.g., affirmed, reversed, and remanded). It also reveals other cases with the same or similar issues and how they were decided. Thus, a citator reflects on the validity of a case and may lead to other relevant judicial material.

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