GENERAL INFORMATION BOOK ON EXAMS

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General Information

The Oregon Board of Tax Practitioners
The Oregon Board of Tax Practitioners was founded by the Legislature in 1973 to protect the public by regulating tax professionals, conducting examinations of candidates before licensure, and ensuring that practitioners receive annual continuing education. Through these activities and compliance enforcement, the Board achieves its mission: protecting Oregon consumers by ensuring Oregon tax practitioners are competent and ethical in their professional activities. There are approximately 3,500 tax professionals and 1,200 tax preparation businesses licensed by the Oregon Board of Tax Practitioners. The agency is funded entirely by exam fees, license fees, and civil penalties. The Oregon Legislature approves the Board’s budget every two years.

Types of Licenses

**Tax Preparer:** This is an entry-level license that enables individuals to prepare personal income tax returns in Oregon for a fee. All Tax Preparers must work under the supervision of a licensed Tax Consultant. Tax preparer licenses expire every year on September 30th.

**Tax Consultant:** This license allows individuals to prepare personal income tax returns in Oregon for a fee as a self-employed or independent tax practitioner. Licensed Tax Consultants may also supervise licensed Tax Preparers. Every tax preparation office registered with the Board is required to have a licensed Tax Consultant on site. Tax Consultant licenses expire every year on May 31st.

**Tax Preparation Business Registration:** Any business or branch office that prepares personal income tax returns for a fee must be registered with the Board. Each location must also have a licensed Tax Consultant on site. Business and branch registrations expire annually on either June 15 or October 15.

**Exempt Individuals:** Certain individuals are exempt from licensure by the Oregon Board of Tax Practitioners. These include attorneys-at-law, certified public accountants (CPAs) and employees of attorneys and CPAs.

**Enrolled Agents:** This is a national certification administered and regulated by the Internal Revenue Service. This certification gives the holder the right to represent taxpayers before the IRS. **Enrolled agents must obtain an Oregon tax preparer or tax consultant license if they wish to prepare personal income taxes in Oregon. Applicants must submit a copy of a current Treasury card, take the Oregon exam and pass with a score of 75%.** Additional information on Enrolled Agent requirements may be found on the IRS website here: https://www.irs.gov/tax-professionals/enrolled-agents/enrolled-agent-information
Initial License Requirements

All licensees must:
• Be 18 years of age or older
• Possess a high school diploma or have passed an equivalency examination (GED)
• Possess a Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN) issued by the IRS
• Pass a state-administered exam with a score of 75% or higher

Licensed Tax Preparers must:
• Have successfully completed a Board-approved 80-hour personal income tax course

Licensed Tax Consultants must:
• Have 1,100 hours of work experience as a tax preparer within at least two of the past five years*
• Completed 15 hours of continuing education within the past 12 months
• Pass a state-administered licensing exam with a score of 75% or higher

*Enrolled agents are exempt from the work experience requirement if they hold a valid and signed Treasury Card

Please note: You may wish to contact the Board before applying for licensure if you answer “yes” to any of the following questions:

1. Has a license in any other occupation or professional capacity issued in your name by any governmental entity ever been refused, suspended, revoked, or restricted, OR have you ever voluntarily relinquished a professional license?

2. Are you aware of any current, proposed, pending or threatened professional complaints or civil or criminal action against you? Have you been convicted of, OR are you now under indictment for any criminal offense(s) of which an essential element is dishonesty, fraud or deception, per ORS 673.700(4)(b)?

3. Have you ever been required to appear before or been sanctioned by any professional body or federal or state agency for alleged misconduct?

If your answer is yes to any of these questions, you will be required to supply an explanation and provide date(s), location(s), and nature of the infractions(s).
**Examinations**

The tax preparer and tax consultant exams cover personal income tax law, theory and practice. Exam questions are a combination of true/false, multiple-choice and scenario-based mini-problems. Approximately 75% of the questions are on federal personal income tax law. Twenty-five percent of the questions are on Oregon personal income tax law and Oregon tax practitioner administrative rules.

All exams are administered by PSI in an electronic format at various testing locations across Oregon. A passing score on all exams is 75% or higher. Examinees receive their score immediately upon completion of their exam. There is no limit on the number of times an individual may attempt an exam, nor is there a mandatory waiting period between exam attempts. Exams are updated annually with new exams released on October 1st. Exams taken on or before September 30, 2019 will cover 2017 tax law. Exams taken on or after October 1, 2019 will cover 2018 tax law.

**Tax Preparer Examination**
This is an “open-book” exam consisting of 163 questions. Four hours are provided to complete the exam. The exam is mostly true/false and multiple choice, with approximately 19 scenario-based mini-problems that require some basic calculations. All schedules, worksheets, and forms needed to solve the mini-problems are available on the Board’s website and must be downloaded prior to your exam. The 80-hour basic tax course provides the information and experience necessary to pass this exam. No prior tax preparation experience is required.

**Tax Consultant Examination**
This is a “closed-book” exam that contains 200 questions. The only document allowed in the exam room is IRS Publication 850. Examinees are given five hours to complete the test. Questions are much more complicated and advanced than those in the tax preparer examination. The tax consultant exam requires significant experience and knowledge gained from preparing personal income taxes over several years.

**Enrolled Agent State-Only Examination**
This “closed-book” exam consists of 50 questions with a 90-minute time limit. Only Enrolled Agents with valid Treasury Cards are eligible to take this exam. This exam covers Oregon personal income tax law and Chapter 800 of the Oregon Administrative Rules, which cover licensing requirements and the code of conduct. The only document allowed in the exam is IRS Publication 850.

**Exam Fees**
There are two fees associated with the Board’s licensing exams. The first is a $60 application fee that is payable to the Board with submission of the initial exam application. The second fee is an exam administration fee that is paid directly to PSI for each exam scheduled. The exam administration fee for the tax preparer exam is $50. The exam administration fee for the tax
consultant exam or Enrolled Agent state-only exam is $85. Fees are non-refundable and “no-shows” will forfeit any fees paid.

Exam Applications
Applications are available on the Board’s website here: https://www.oregon.gov/obtp/Pages/Forms.aspx. It is very important that all fields on the application be completed legibly. Incomplete or illegible applications will not be processed. An email address is required.

Approvals / Notifications
Exam applications are typically processed within two business days. You will be notified by the Board via email whether your application has been approved or if additional information is required. Your approval to sit for an exam is valid for 60 days. You may take the exam as many times as necessary within 60 calendar days of the date on your approval email from the Board (you must pay PSI for each exam taken). If you have not passed your exam within 60 days, you need to re-apply to the Board and pay the $60 application fee. If you have not received a response from the Board within four business days of submitting your application, please call the Board at 503-378-4034 or email tax.bd@oregon.gov.

Scheduling Your Exam
Within 24 hours of receiving the Board’s approval notice, you should receive an email from PSI with instructions on how to pay for and schedule your exam. PSI has testing centers in the following cities: Aurora, Baker City, Bend, Eugene, Independence, Medford, Portland, and Wilsonville. Exams can be scheduled online at PSI’s website www.psiexams.com, or by calling PSI at 800-733-9267 (Please call Monday through Friday between 4:30 am and 7:00 pm, and Saturday-Sunday between 8:00 am and 2:30 pm, Pacific Time.). Note: the exam fee must be paid to PSI before you can schedule an exam. Please contact the Board if you did not receive an email from PSI within two days after receiving an approval notification from the Board.

Testing Centers
You should arrive at the testing site 30 minutes before your scheduled exam time. You must have a valid government-issued identification or you will not be allowed to test. Arriving early will ensure there is ample time to confirm your eligibility, verify your identity, and familiarize yourself with the testing procedures. All exams are administered electronically on a personal computer. Examinees will receive an overview of the testing procedures, including the opportunity to view and answer a few sample questions before the exam begins.
Items Not Allowed in the Exam Room (All Exams)

• Electronic devices of any type, including cellular or mobile phones, recording devices, electronic watches, cameras, pagers, laptop computers, tablet computers (e.g., iPads), music player (e.g., iPods), smart watches, radios, or electronic games.

• Other personal items, including purses, backpacks, and non-transparent bags or containers, notebooks, briefcases, wallets, food or drinks.

• Programmable calculators

Retake Examinations
There is no limit on the number of times an individual may retake an examination, and there is no waiting period before rescheduling an exam. Applicants within the 60-day Board-approval period may reschedule an exam directly with PSI. Applicants outside the 60-day Board-approval period must re-apply to the Board and be re-approved before scheduling an exam.
Tax Preparer Exam Resources

Source Documents Allowed in the Tax Preparer Exam

Federal
• Publication 17 – Your Federal Income Tax
• Publication 850 – English/Foreign Language Glossary of Tax Words and Phrases
• Publication 915: Worksheet 1 – Figuring Your Taxable Benefits
• Publication 974 - Premium Tax Credit
• Form 1040 – U.S. Individual Income Tax Return
• Instructions for Form 1040
• Schedule A – Itemized Deductions (form only)
• Schedule B – Interest and Ordinary Dividends (form only)
• Schedule C – Profit or Loss from Business (form only)
• Schedule D – Capital Gains and Losses (form only)
• Schedule E – Supplemental Income and Loss (form only)
• Schedule SE – Self-Employment Tax (form only)
• Form 4137 – Social Security and Medicare Tax on Unreported Tip Income (form only)
• Form 8829 – Expenses for Business Use of Your Home (form only)
• Form 8863 – Education Credits (form only)
• 2018 Quick Reference Sheets (from the Board’s website)

Oregon
• Publication OR-17 – Oregon Individual Income Tax Guide
• Publication - Oregon Income Tax Full-Year Resident, including:
  o Forms OR-40 and OR-40-V
• Schedules OR-ASC, OR-ADD-DEP, OR-529 and OR-DONATE
• Publication - Oregon Income Tax Part-Year Resident/Nonresident, including:
  o Forms OR-40N and OR-40P
• Schedule OR-WFHDC – Oregon Working Family Household and Dependent Care Credit for Full-year Households
• Oregon Administrative Rules, Chapter 800
• Divisions 800-010-0015 through 800-030-0050
• Oregon Revised Statutes, Sections 673.605 through 673.990

Source documents in languages other than English are acceptable. All source documents must be official publications or copies downloaded from the official websites of the IRS, the Department of Revenue or the Board.

Note: Publications, quick reference sheets and instructions may contain notes and highlighting. Schedules and Forms must be completely blank with no markings or highlighting whatsoever.
**Tax Preparer Examination Outline**

**Federal**

**How to file -- 10%**
- Filing status
- Dependents
- Filing requirements

**Income -- 11.5%**
- Earned income
- Tips
- Interest
- Dividends
- Business, farm
- Schedule C Income
- Retirement, pensions
- Rentals Income
- Depreciation
- Social Security Income
- Investment Other income

**Assets -- 8.5%**
- Capital/ordinary
- Basis
- Sale of capital assets
- Sale of Stock
- Personal residence

**Adjustments -- 5%**
- IRA, SEP, Keogh, simple
- Alimony
- Married Filing Separately
- Student Loan Interest
- Self-employed health-insurance
- Self-employment tax
- Penalty on early withdrawal

**Itemized deductions -- 10%**
- Medical
- Taxes
- Interest
- Contributions
- Casualty

**Credits -- 10%**
- Child care
- Health care
- Elderly, disabled
- Earned income
- Education
- Child tax
- Adoption
- Other credits

**Other Taxes -- 2.5%**
- Self-employment
- Alternative minimum
- Averaging/lump sum
- Tax computation
- IRAs and other retirement plans
- Other

**Payments -- 2.5%**
- Estimated
- Excess FICA
- Other

**Federal and State Mini Problems -- 12%**
Oregon

How to file – 4%
Filing status
Filing requirements, Non-resident status
Additions -- 4%
Interest
Taxes
Other
Subtractions -- 8%
Taxes
Interest
Military
Federal pensions
Social Security/railroad retirement
Oregon refunds
American Indian
Lottery winnings
Domestic partner benefits
Special medical

Deductions -- 2%
Standard
Itemized
Credits -- 3%
Retirement income
Political
Working family household and dependent care
Earned income
Exemptions
Residential energy
Other
Payments -- 1%
Estimates
Tax computation
Tax Payments on Real Property Conveyances
Oregon License Law -- 6%
Tax Preparer Examination Sample Questions

1. Ryan is single. His only income is self-employment. Ryan’s business had $15,000 income and $20,000 in expenses, creating a net loss of $5,000. Ryan does not have to file a tax return.
   A. True
   B. False

2. Which one of the following children will not meet the age test for qualifying “child”.
   A. Sally, age 17
   B. Miles, a full-time student age 23
   C. Cory, age 34, who was in an accident that left him permanently disabled.
   D. Susie, age 22, a full-time student for 3 months of the year

3. Louise’s employer forgives her loan of $1,000. Louise will report this as income.
   A. True
   B. False

4. You babysit your sister’s child while she takes classes at the local community college. She pays you $1,300 and does not claim the child care credit. Because this is a relative, you do not have to declare it as income.
   A. True
   B. False

5. A taxpayer inherits 1,000 shares of stock from her grandmother. The grandmother purchased the stock for $1,200. The fair market value of the stock was $1,800 when the grandmother passed away. The taxpayer sold all the shares for $6,800. What is the taxpayer’s reportable gain?
   A. $3,800
   B. $5,000
   C. $5,600
   D. $5,800

6. Taxpayer bought 5 shares of ABC stock for $100 each. The stock split into 10 shares. Taxpayer sold 5 shares for $1,000 total. What is the taxpayer’s reportable gain on the sale?
   A. $500
   B. $750
   C. $850
   D. $1,000
7. Which of the following are not deductible on Schedule A?
   A. State income tax
   B. Personal property tax
   C. Property tax on a rental property
   D. Property tax on a personal residence

8. Which is an allowable medical expense?
   A. Funeral expenses
   B. Life insurance
   C. Elective surgery
   D. Stop-smoking program

9. Joe took out a Home Equity Line of Credit (HELOC) for $50,000. He spent the money on
   the following: New carpet ($10,000); New car ($20,000); New roof ($20,000). He paid $350
   in interest. He can deduct the full $350 of interest on Schedule A.
   A. True
   B. False

10. Which of the following is not taxable on a federal return?
    A. Interest on tax refunds
    B. Fair market value of gifts for opening a savings account
    C. US Treasury bond interest
    D. State municipal bond interest

11. You have one child who qualifies for the $2,000 Child Tax Credit. Your tax on Form
    1040, Line 11 is zero. You cannot claim the Child Tax Credit to reduce your tax, but you do
    qualify for a refundable credit of $1,000 - 50% of the qualifying Child Tax Credit.
    A. True
    B. False

12. You are a single parent and work part-time three days a week. Your day care provider
    charges a fee of $500 per week, no matter how many days a week your child is at the day
    care. You can figure your credit including the expenses for the days you took your child to
    the day care on the days you didn’t work.
    A. True
    B. False

13. Amounts you receive for work performed while you are in a work release program or
    while you are at a half-way house is considered earned income for the Earned Income Credit.
    A. True
    B. False
14. Generally, estimated taxes do not need to be paid throughout the year if the amount due, after applying withholding and refundable credits, is less than $1,000.
   A. True
   B. False

15. A taxpayer is a full-year Oregon resident. She marries a full-year California resident on December 31 of the tax year. They will file a joint federal income tax return. They are required to file a joint Oregon tax return.
   A. True
   B. False

16. A taxpayer earned the interest below. What is the taxpayer’s Oregon addition?
   $500 US Treasury T-Bills
   $20 California Municipal Bond
   $75 City of Chicago, Illinois Bond
   $1,000 City of Portland, Oregon Bond
   A. $95
   B. $595
   C. $1,095
   D. $1,590

17. A taxpayer’s federal adjusted gross income (AGI) is composed of the following. What is their Oregon subtraction?
   $50,000 Pension
   $15,000 Social Security
   $30,000 Capital Gains
   A. $7,500
   B. $15,000
   C. $45,000
   D. $50,000

18. Sam, 67, and Betty, 61, file a joint return. They have $5,000 in medical bills. They may use it all to compute their Oregon special medical subtraction.
   A. True
   B. False
19. Joe and his spouse, Susan, are active duty members of the military and are domiciled in Oregon. Joe earned $10,000 out of state and $14,000 in Oregon. Susan earned $3,000 in Oregon and $20,000 out of state. What is their Oregon active duty military pay subtraction?
   A. $9,000
   B. $30,000
   C. $39,000
   D. $47,000

20. Winnings from the Oregon lottery totaling $600 or less and included in your Federal return may be subtracted on your Oregon return.
   A. True
   B. False

21. An Enrolled Agent is authorized to prepare personal income tax returns for valuable consideration within the state of Oregon.
   A. True
   B. False

22. A tax professional licensed by the Oregon Board of Tax Practitioners is typically required to have __________ hours of annual continuing education.
   A. 16 hours
   B. 30 hours
   C. 32 hours
   D. 72 hours

23. Licensees may complete their continuing education hours for the prior enrollment period after renewing their license.
   A. True
   B. False
Mini Problem - Schedule A
George and Stella, both 62, file a joint return. Their adjusted gross income (AGI) totaled $82,055 for the tax year. They paid the following expenses:

- $2,857 Medical expenses
- $430 for George’s hospital expenses
- $6,206 Medical insurance premiums
- $19 Over-the-counter vitamins
- $950 Prescribed stop-smoking program for Stella
- $1,784 Gym memberships for George and Stella
- $7,200 Mortgage interest paid to bank
- $3,610 Real estate taxes on their residence
- $500 Contributions to church
- $7,385 Oregon withholding
- $602 Credit card interest
- $215 Federal excise tax

24. What is the amount on Schedule A, Line 4?
   A. $4,289
   B. $6,092
   C. $6,154
   D. $10,443

25. What is the amount of deductible taxes on Schedule A, Line 9?
   A. $7,385
   B. $10,000
   C. $10,995
   D. $11,210

Answer key
1 = B
2 = D
3 = A
4 = B
5 = B
6 = B
7 = C
8 = D
9 = B
10 = D
11 = B
12 = A
13 = B
14 = A
15 = B
16 = A
17 = B
18 = B
19 = C
20 = A
21 = B
22 = B
23 = B
24 = A
25 = B
Tax Consultant Examination Resources

Federal

- Pub. 17 – Your Federal Income Tax
- Pub. 225 – Farmer’s Tax Guide
- Pub. 463 – Travel, Gift, and Car Expenses
- Pub. 502 – Medical and Dental Expenses
- Pub. 523 – Selling Your Home
- Pub. 525 – Taxable and Nontaxable Income
- Pub. 535 – Business Expenses
- Pub. 536 – Net Operating Losses (NOLs) for Individuals, Estates, and Trusts
- Pub. 537 – Installment Sales
- Pub. 544 – Sales and Other Dispositions of Assets
- Pub. 551 – Basis of Assets
- Pub. 575 – Pension and Annuity Income
- Pub. 587 – Business Use of Your Home
- Pub. 590 – Individual Retirement Arrangements
- Pub. 925 – Passive Activity and At-Risk Rules
- Pub. 936 – Home Mortgage Interest Deduction
- Pub. 946 – How to Depreciate Property
- Pub. 970 – Tax Benefits for Education
- 1040 Booklet - Instructions

Oregon

- Pub. OR-17 – Individual Income Tax Guide
- Pub. OR-40-FY – Oregon Income Tax for Full-year Resident
- Pub. OR-40-NP – Oregon Income Tax for Part-year Resident/Nonresident
- OAR Chapter 800
Tax Consultant Examination Subject Outline

Federal

How to file -- 4%
Filing status
Filing requirements
Dependents
Earned income -- 2.5%
Wages
Tips
Fringe benefits
Interest -- 2%
Taxable
Exempt
OID
Dividends -- 2%
Ordinary
Nontaxable
Capital gain
Business income, deductions -- 8%
Passive activities, rentals -- 7%
Farms -- 1.5%
Pensions & annuities -- 3%
Social Security -- 1%
Depreciation -- 4%
Sales of property -- 16%
Basis
Capital assets
Business property
Residence
Installment and repossessions
Depreciation recapture
Involuntary conversions
Nontaxable exchanges

Miscellaneous income -- 3%
Itemized deductions -- 5.5%
Medical
Taxes
Interest
Contributions
Casualty losses
Miscellaneous deductions
Credits -- 4%
Child care
Child tax
Earned income
Education
Other
Estimated payments -- 1%
Self-employment tax -- .5%
Alternative minimum tax -- .5%
Other taxes -- 3%
Lump sum distributions
Penalties
Tips
Household employment
Net operating losses and
at-risk amounts -- 1%
Amended returns -- 1.5%
Adjustments -- 3%
IRA, SEP, KEOGH
Alimony
Other
Qualified Business Income Deductions – 1%

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Oregon

How to file -- 3%
Filing status
Requirements
Non-residents
Exemptions
Additions -- 3%
Municipal bonds
Other
Subtractions -- 4%
Taxes
Interest
Military pensions
Other pensions
Other subtractions

Deductions -- 2.5%
Standard deduction
Itemized deductions
Oregon medical
Credits -- 4%
Political
Exemption credits
Retirement
Working family
Other
Payments -- 1%
Estimated
Part year/non-resident -- 2%
Oregon License law -- 5.5%
Enrolled Agent State-Only Exam Outline

Oregon

How to file -- 12%
Filing status
Requirements
Non-residents
Exemptions
Additions -- 12%
Municipal bonds
Other
Subtractions -- 16%
Taxes
Interest
Military pensions
Other pensions
Other subtractions
Deductions -- 10%
Standard deduction
Itemized deductions
Oregon medical
Credits -- 16%
Political
Exemption credits
Retirement
Working family
Other
Payments -- 4%
Estimated
Part-year/non-resident -- 8%
Oregon License law -- 22%
Tax Consultant Examination Sample Questions

1. Which of the following fringe benefits is included in gross income?
   A. Free use of company software
   B. Free parking
   C. $25 Walmart gift card
   D. Christmas goose

2. Jacob is a self-employed landscaper. One of his clients offered to exchange a painting for Jacob’s services in March. The client paid $300 for the painting, but the two agreed that the fair market value of the painting was now $400. Jacob’s other clients paid him a total of $17,000 during the year. Jacob’s income from self-employment is:
   A. $17,000
   B. $17,300
   C. $17,400
   D. $17,700

3. Catherine owns and operates a magazine store at the airport. This tax year she purchased $12,000 in magazines for sale. $150 of these magazines were pulled for personal use. $75 in magazines were returned for various reasons. Her inventory at the beginning of the year was $2,890. Her inventory at the end of the year was $3,010. Her expense for cost of goods sold was:
   A. $11,380
   B. $11,655
   C. $11,730
   D. $11,805

4. Ed, a self-employed sole proprietor, has two separate businesses. One business is in accounting and the other is in auto repair. Each business may use a different accounting method.
   A. True
   B. False

5. Excess Capital loss may only be carried over for a maximum of 10 years.
   A. True
   B. False

6. A taxpayer lost two cows that were born and raised on his farm. The cows were valued at $500 each. The taxpayer may claim a $1,000 deduction on Schedule F for the loss.
   A. True
   B. False
7. A taxpayer retired during the tax year and received a total distribution of $10,200 from her pension plan. The distribution includes $3,000 from post-tax contributions, $7,000 from employer contributions, and $200 of earnings. What is the taxable amount the taxpayer has to report on her return?
   A. $200
   B. $7,000
   C. $7,200
   D. $10,200

8. A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) generally is a nontaxable distribution made directly by the trustee of your IRA to an organization eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions.
   A. True
   B. False

9. Rob borrowed $10,000 from his employer-sponsored 401(k) plan. He quit his job six months later. He is required to do the following:
   A. Pay back the borrowed funds within 90 days
   B. Continue to make payments on the loan until it is paid off
   C. Treat the loan balance as a distribution or pay it back within 60 days
   D. Do nothing

10. David and Sarah are a married couple who lived together all year. David’s only income is his Social Security and a small pension. In addition to her Social Security, Sarah inherited an estate from her deceased mother. The couple chose to file separately this year. What percentage of David’s Social Security may be subject to tax?
    A. 0
    B. 50%
    C. 85%
    D. 100%

11. A taxpayer had a rental house for 15 years and then moved into it as his primary residence. The taxpayer lived in the house for five years. The home was converted back into a rental this tax year. What is the class life of the current rental?
    A. 7 ½
    B. 12 ½
    C. 27 ½
    D. 31

12. Taxpayers spent $12,000 to replace the flooring in the dance studio they lease. The taxpayers may elect to use 179 expensing for this asset.
    A. True
    B. False
13. Taxpayer bought a new executive desk for her Schedule C business. The desk was delivered on January 1 of the tax year and it cost $3,000. Assuming the taxpayer does not elect out of bonus depreciation and the desk has a seven-year class life, what is the taxpayer’s depreciation for the tax year?
   A. $429
   B. $1,500
   C. $1,929
   D. $3,000

14. A taxpayer traded a shipping truck used exclusively for business for a $2,500 trade-in-value on a new truck. The adjusted basis in the truck was $1,000. The new business truck’s contract price is $26,000. What is the taxpayer’s basis in the new truck?
   A. $24,500
   B. $25,000
   C. $26,000
   D. $28,000

15. A taxpayer exchanges a residential rental in a like-kind exchange for a new rental. What is the basis of the new rental?
   Old Rental
   - Purchase price: $200,000
   - Accumulated depreciation: $25,000
   - Sales price: $300,000
   - Cost of sale: $18,000
   - No mortgage

   New Rental
   - Purchase price: $300,000
   - Cost of sale: $10,000
   - No mortgage

   A. $175,000
   B. $193,000
   C. $203,000
   D. $300,000

16. A taxpayer sells his commercial rental at a loss. The taxpayer is providing financing for the sale. The taxpayer may report the sale as an installment sale.
   A. True
   B. False
17. A married couple sold their principal residence of 10 years for $250,000. They bought the home for $135,000. They have an office in the home (OIH) that takes up 25 percent of the space. Depreciation for the OIH up to the date of sale is $15,000. What are the tax consequences of the sale?
   A. $0 of recognized gain per Section 121
   B. $15,000 of unrecaptured Section 1250 gain taxed as ordinary income and $0 recognized gain per Section 121
   C. $15,000 of unrecaptured Section 1250 gain taxed as ordinary income and $26,250 in long-term capital gains
   D. $130,000 long-term capital gain

18. Married couple bought their first home for $200,000. They used it as their primary residence for 20 months and were then forced to sell it due to a change of employment. The home sold for $240,000 with no expense of sale. What is the taxpayers’ maximum allowable excludable gain under Section 121?
   A. $0
   B. $33,333
   C. $40,000
   D. $208,333

19. Mary makes quilts for a hobby and sells them to her neighbors and friends. Her sale price for one quilt is $100. Her cost of goods sold was $50. How much does Mary report on line 21 for the sale of the one quilt?
   A. $0
   B. $50
   C. $100
   D. $150

20. John borrowed $100,000 from Bank USA to purchase a luxury car. In the middle of the five-year loan term John loses his job and defaults on the loan. Bank USA cancels the remaining $30,000 loan balance, repossesses the car, and sends him a Form 1099-C for $30,000. John has to claim the $30,000 as taxable income.
   A. True
   B. False

21. Sam, age 41, takes $20,000 from his 401(k) to buy a car. He qualifies for an exception to the 10% early withdrawal penalty.
   A. True
   B. False

22. Mary, age 35, took $10,000 out of her 401(k) to pay medical bills of $25,000. She may qualify for an exception to the 10% early withdrawal penalty.
   A. True
   B. False
23. Social Security received is not used to calculate income for repayment of the Premium Tax Credit.
   A. True
   B. False

24. Which of the following are limitations on the qualified business income deduction QBID deduction?
   A. The type of trade or business
   B. The amount of W-2 wages
   C. A Taxpayer’s taxable income
   D. All of the above

25. If you and your spouse file a federal MFJ return but each of you has a different residency status, you can choose to file two Oregon MFS returns.
   A. True
   B. False

26. If you withdraw funds from an Oregon 529 College Savings Network account to pay tuition at a K-12 school, you must report the amount used as an addition on Schedule OR-ASC.
   A. True
   B. False

27. Juan has retired and is now receiving a federal pension from the US Post Office. This year he received a total of $11,250. His federal service was as follows:
   1/1/88 to 10/1/90 (33 months) – US Post Office
   10/2/90 to 3/1/91 (5 months) – Medical Leave
   3/2/91 to 11/1/14 (296 months) – US Post Office
What is Juan’s federal pension subtraction for the current tax year?
   A. $1,114
   B. $1,283
   C. $1,373
   D. $1,542

28. Emily’s (age 36) federal tax from the tax table is $6,120. She claims a $300 Child and Dependent Care Credit. She also claimed the AOC Credit, receiving $1,000 as a refundable credit and $1,500 as a non-refundable credit. To help pay for her summer vacation, Emily withdrew $4,000 from her 401(k). Emily’s Oregon FTLS is
   A. $3,320
   B. $3,720
   C. $4,320
   D. $4,820

29. If you take the standard deduction on your federal return, you must take the standard deduction on your Oregon return?
   A. True
30. Jane is claimed on her parents’ return. She can take the Personal Exemption Credit.
   A. True
   B. False
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