**Chapter One Test Item File Problems  
TIF PROBLEM ONE - 1  
Introduction - Essay Questions**1. The major source of federal revenues is the personal income tax. Indicate three other  
types of taxes that contribute to federal revenues.  
2. What is the meaning of "person" when the term is used in the *Income Tax Act*?  
3. Briefly describe the procedures used in calculating provincial income taxes for individuals  
in provinces other than Quebec.  
4. The Canadian income tax system is often used to achieve various economic objectives.  
Give three examples that illustrate this point.  
5. Provide an example of how taxation policy can be used to influence resource allocation.  
6. The government pays a "child tax benefit" to the parents of children who are under 18  
years of age. The payments are reduced by a percentage of income in excess of a specified  
level. What objectives are achieved by this benefit system?  
7. Indicate three disadvantages of a tax system that uses progressive rates.  
8. A regressive tax is one that taxes high income individuals at lower effective rates. Explain  
why a sales tax levied at a flat rate of 8 percent can be regressive.  
9. Distinguish between horizontal equity and vertical equity as these terms are used in describing tax systems.  
10. What are some of the factors that have led to the entrenched use of tax expenditures as opposed to program spending?  
11. While the Sections of the *Income Tax Act* are numbered 1 through 260, there are actually  
more than 260 Sections. Explain why this is the case.  
12. What purposes are served by Canada's international tax treaties?  
13. List four non-legislative sources of income tax information.  
14. What is the meaning of "taxation year" as the phrase is used in the *Income Tax Act*?  
15. Under what circumstances will a person who is not resident in Canada be required to pay  
Canadian income taxes?  
16. What is the importance of residence in Canadian income taxation?  
17. When an individual leaves Canada, the CRA may take the position that he has retained his  
residence status. What are the primary factors that the CRA will consider in determining  
whether such an individual has, in fact, ceased to be a Canadian resident?  
18. List three factors that would be considered in the determination of whether or not an individual is a resident of Canada.  
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19. If an individual leaves Canada for a temporary absence, this raises the question of whether  
he was a Canadian resident during the period of absence, particularly if some residential  
ties have been retained. What are the major factors that are considered in determining  
whether an individual continues to be a Canadian resident during a temporary absence?  
20. One of your friends is leaving Canada and would like to know when he will no longer be  
considered a Canadian resident. Briefly explain the rules related to terminating an individual's status as a Canadian resident.  
21. For the current year, Jane Doe is deemed to a Canadian resident because she sojourned in  
Canada for 210 days. Also for the current year, Jack Fawn, a long-time resident of Manitoba, was considered a part year resident for the first 210 days, after which he  
permanently departed from Canada. Explain how these two individuals will be taxed in  
Canada.  
22. It is possible that an individual could be considered resident in more than one country. In  
such situations, "tie-breaker" rules are used to avoid the individual being subject to taxation in both countries. List and describe three factors that would be considered in  
implementing the tie-breaker rules.  
23. Are enterprises that are incorporated in Canada always considered to be resident in Canada? Explain your conclusion.  
24. Limon Inc. was incorporated in the U.S. five years ago. However, all of the directors of the  
corporation are Canadian residents, holding all of their meetings in Montreal. How would  
Limon Inc. be taxed?  
25. What are the components of Net Income For Tax Purposes?  
26. ITA 3(b) states that a taxpayer should “determine the amount, if any”, by which taxable  
capital gains exceeds allowable capital losses. In this context, what is the meaning of the  
phrase “the amount, if any”?  
27. What is the difference between tax avoidance and tax deferral?  
28. What is income splitting? Under what circumstances will it provide tax benefits to an individual?  
29. Contributions to a Registered Retirement Savings Plan can be deducted to reduce the  
taxes of an individual in the year that they are made. However, these contributions will be  
subject to tax when they are withdrawn from the plan. What type of tax planning is involved in this arrangement?  
30. Your client, a government employee, would like to reduce his taxes. He is trying to decide  
whether he should contribute $5,000 to an RRSP this year. He has an RRSP as does his  
wife, a part time employee at a day care centre.  
Briefly describe the basic goals of tax planning. What advice would you give your client  
regarding his RRSP contribution? Explain your conclusion.  
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**TIF PROBLEM ONE - 2  
Introduction - True Or False**1. A value added tax is a tax levied on the increase in value of a commodity or service that has  
been created by the taxpayer’s stage of the production or distribution cycle.  
True or False?  
2. A partnership can be a taxable entity for income tax purposes.  
True or False?  
3. A partnership can be a taxable entity for GST purposes.  
True or False?  
4. In general, provincial income taxes are based on a specified percentage of federal tax payable.  
True or False?  
5. The federal government does not collect personal or corporate taxes for Ontario or Quebec.  
True or False?  
6. A sales tax is a regressive tax even when it is applied at a single rate on all transactions.  
True or False?  
7. A major advantage of progressive tax rates is that their use encourages economic growth.  
True or False?  
8. Tax expenditures are less costly to administer than direct funding programs.  
True or False?  
9. Part I of the *Income Tax Act* is the largest and most important part.  
True or False?  
10. The citation ITA 61(4)(b)(ii) would be read Paragraph 61, Subparagraph 4, Section b, Subsection ii.  
True or False?  
11. Any taxpayer can choose the calendar year as their taxation year.  
True or False?  
12. If there is a conflict between an international tax treaty and Canadian tax legislation, the  
Canadian tax legislation will prevail.  
True or False?  
13. An income tax is payable for each taxation year on the Taxable Income of every person  
resident in Canada at any time in the year.  
True or False?  
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14. Canadian citizens are required to file a Canadian income tax return, without regard to  
where they currently live.  
True or False?  
15. When an individual is absent from Canada for some period of time, the length of their absence is an important factor in determining whether they continued to be a Canadian  
resident during the period of their absence.  
True or False?  
16. If an individual moves to Canada and is here less than 183 days prior to the end of the year,  
that individual will be subject to Part I tax on their world wide income for the entire year.  
True or False?  
17. The residency of a trust depends on the country in which the central management and  
control of the trust takes place, not where the beneficiaries reside.  
True or False?  
18. If an individual leaves Canada, the three most significant factors in determining whether  
he has ceased to be a resident are:  
Whether he continues to own a dwelling in Canada.  
Whether he is accompanied by his spouse or common-law partner.  
Whether he maintains social ties in Canada.  
True or False?  
19. If an individual returns to Canada after an absence of less than two years, S5-F1-C1 indicates that, in general, he will be considered to have retained Canadian residency during  
his absence.  
True or False?  
20. A part year resident for the current year is an individual who either establishes residency  
in Canada during the current year or, alternatively, terminates residency in Canada during  
the current year.  
True or False?  
21. A sojourner is any individual who has been present in Canada for 183 consecutive days in  
one year.  
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**TIF PROBLEM ONE - 3  
Introduction - Multiple Choice  
Canadian Tax System**1. Which of the following types of taxes is not currently in use by the federal government of  
Canada?  
A. Excise Taxes  
B. Custom Duties  
C. Head Tax  
D. Transfer Tax  
2. Which of the following is **NOT** a taxable entity for Canadian income tax purposes?  
A. Darklyn Ltd., a Canadian resident corporation.  
B. Ms. Sarah Bright, a Canadian resident.  
C. Walters and Walters, a group of CPAs operating as a partnership.  
D. The Martin family trust.  
3. Which of the following could be required to file a GST return?  
A. Chan’s Clothing Store (an unincorporated business)  
B. The Chan Foundation (a registered charity)  
C. Min Chan (an individual)  
D. All of the above could be required to file a GST return.  
4. Which of the following forms of taxation provides the largest component of federal government taxation revenues?  
A. Personal income tax  
B. Corporate income tax  
C. Goods and services tax  
D. Employment insurance premiums  
5. With respect to provincial income taxes, other than those assessed in Quebec, which of  
the following statements is **NOT** correct?  
A. Each province can apply different rates to as many brackets for individuals as it wishes.  
B. The federal government collects the provincial income tax for individuals for every  
province except Quebec.  
C. Each province can establish its own tax credits to apply against Tax Payable for individuals.  
D. Each province can establish rules for determining the Taxable Income of individuals.  
6. Which of the following groups of entities are all subject to taxation on income?  
A. Individuals, proprietorships and corporations  
B. Proprietorships, corporations and trusts  
C. Individuals, trusts and corporations  
D. Individuals, partnerships and corporations  
7. Income tax is calculated for which of the following groups of jurisdictions?  
A. Municipal, provincial, and federal  
B. Provincial, federal, and international  
C. Municipal, federal, and international  
D. Municipal, provincial, and international  
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**Tax Policy Concepts**8 Which of the following statements with respect to Canadian tax policy is **NOT** correct?  
A. The economic burden of a particular tax may not fall on the same group that has the legal liability to pay the tax.  
B. Extremely high rates of tax will always encourage individuals to work harder so that  
they will have more after tax income.  
C. The inability to harmonize the GST in some provinces has increased the complexity of  
tax compliance.  
D. A progressive tax system is unfair to individuals with incomes that fluctuate significantly from year to year.  
9. Which of the following goals is **NOT** a current economic policy objective of the Canadian  
tax system?  
A. Ensure the continued provision of public goods  
B. Redistribute income and wealth among taxpayers  
C. Ensure fairness in the allocation of resources to different levels of government.  
D. Economic stabilization such as stimulating the economy or creating jobs.  
10. Which of the following can be considered an advantage of an income tax system based on  
progressive rates?  
A. A progressive rate system is simpler to administer.  
B. A progressive rate system provides greater stability in the context of changing economic conditions.  
C. A progressive system discourages tax evasion.  
D. A progressive system encourages greater effort on the part of individuals.  
11. Which of the following statements accurately describes a regressive tax?  
A. A tax which results in higher effective tax rates for higher income taxpayers.  
B. A tax which results in lower effective tax rates for higher income taxpayers.  
C. A tax in which the same effective rate applies to all levels of income.  
D. A tax that is shifted to consumers through price increases on the goods purchased.  
12. Which of the following statements with respect to using tax expenditures rather than program spending is **NOT** correct?  
A. It is more costly to administer tax expenditures as opposed to program spending.  
B. Tax expenditures reduce the visibility of government actions.  
C. Tax expenditures leave fewer decisions in the hands of the private sector, thereby providing for more efficient allocation of resources.  
D. Tax expenditures reduce the impact of progressive rates on higher income taxpayers.  
13. Which of the following would **NOT** be considered a desirable characteristic of a tax system?  
A. Balance between sectors.  
B. Inelasticity.  
C. Neutrality.  
D. Flexibility.  
14. Which of the following would be considered a desirable characteristic of an effective tax  
system?  
A. Inelasticity.  
B. Lack of international competitiveness.  
C. Simplicity.  
D. Ambiguity.  
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15. "We should not have a tax system which encourages investment in particular assets or in  
specific areas of the country." This statement reflects which of the following qualitative  
characteristics of an effective tax system?  
A. Neutrality.  
B. Horizontal equity.  
C. Simplicity.  
D. Elasticity.  
16. "Taxpayers who earn $100,000 in dividends should pay the same amount of tax as taxpayers who earn $100,000 in capital gains." This statement reflects which of the following  
qualitative characteristics of an effective tax system?  
A. Vertical equity.  
B. Neutrality.  
C. Elasticity.  
D. Horizontal equity.  
**Income Tax Reference Materials**17. Which of the following statements with respect to tax reference materials is correct?  
A. Income Tax Folios are a legislative source of guidance.  
B. Income Tax Regulations are gradually being replaced by Income Tax Folios.  
C. Interpretation Bulletins are gradually being replaced by Information Circulars.  
D. The *Income Tax Act* is the most important source of information for dealing with matters related to the federal income tax.  
18. With respect to the structure of the *Income Tax Act*, which of the following statements is  
correct?  
A. The major components of the *Income Tax Act* are called Divisions.  
B. The *Income Tax Act* has Parts numbered I through XVII, reflecting the fact that there  
are 17 Parts in the *Act*.  
C. All Parts of the *Income Tax Act* have Divisions.  
D. All Parts of the *Income Tax Act* contain at least one Section.  
19. Of the following publications, indicate the one that is **NOT** a legislative source.  
A. *Income Tax Act*.  
B. Income Tax Folios.  
C. Income Tax Application Rules.  
D. International Tax Treaties.  
E. Income Tax Regulations.  
20. Of the following publications, indicate the one that is **NOT** published by the CRA.  
A. Income Tax Folios.  
B. Information Circulars.  
C. Dominion Tax Cases.  
D. Income Tax Technical News.  
21. There are a number of common areas of litigation involving the CRA. Indicate which type  
of transaction is least likely to be in dispute.  
A. Arm’s length versus non-arm’s length transactions.  
B. Capital versus income transactions.  
C. Unreported revenues from business transactions.  
D. Establishment of fair market value.  
E. The deductibility of farm losses against other sources of income.  
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22. Where would an individual find the formula for determining the prescribed rate?  
A. The Income Tax Act.  
B. The Income Tax Regulations.  
C. A CRA Income Tax Folio.  
D. A CRA Information Circular.  
23. Which of the following statements is **NOT** correct?  
A. Most major income tax changes are introduced in the annual Federal Budget.  
B. A federal election can prevent passage of draft legislation.  
C. Proposed changes in tax law are usually introduced to parliament in the form of a Notice of Ways and Means Motion.  
D. When there is a conflict between the Canadian *Income Tax Act* and an international  
agreement, the terms of the Canadian *Income Tax Act* prevail.  
**Liability For Tax**24. Of the following statements related to liability for Canadian income tax, which statement  
is **NOT** correct?  
A. As used in the *Income Tax Act*, the term person refers to individuals, trusts, and corporations.  
B. Corporations must use the calendar year as their taxation year.  
C. The Canadian Part I tax is assessed on residents of Canada.  
D. The Canadian Part I tax is assessed Canadian employment income earned by a  
non-resident.  
25. An individual is liable for income tax in Canada if he:  
A. is a resident in Canada.  
B. is a citizen of Canada.  
C. has lived in Canada at any time during the year.  
D. All of the above are required.  
26. Which of the following persons is **NOT** liable for Canadian income tax under Part I of the  
*Income Tax Act*?  
A. Pheap Chom, an individual who has resided in Canada for the past 15 years.  
B. Chom Incorporated, a Canadian resident corporation.  
C. Phon Im, a resident of the United States who earns employment income in Canada.  
D. Bunly Im, a resident of the United States who earns interest income in Canada.  
27. Which of the following types of income earned by a non-resident is **NOT** subject to Canadian income tax under Part I of the *Income Tax Act*?  
A. Employment income earned in Canada  
B. Business income earned in Canada  
C. Rental income earned in Canada  
D. Income from the disposition of Canadian real estate  
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**Residence  
Residence Of Individuals**20. Which of the following is an essential factor in determining whether an individual has  
ceased to be a resident of Canada?  
A. The individual has closed his Canadian savings account.  
B. The individual has given up his membership in the Canuck Country Club.  
C. The individual has become a resident of another country.  
D. The individual given up his Ontario driver's licence.  
29. Ms. Floot has been out of Canada for several years. She is presumed to be a non-resident  
as long as certain tests are met. Indicate the condition that does **NOT** have to be met.  
A. She did not leave a spouse or other dependants in Canada.  
B. She does not return to Canada on a regular or frequent basis.  
C. She did not leave personal property or social ties in Canada.  
D. She did not leave taxable Canadian property in Canada.  
E. She did establish permanent residence in another jurisdiction.  
30. All of the following statements are true, except:  
A. Canadian residents must report their worldwide income for tax purposes.  
B. If an individual is a resident of Canada for part of the calendar year, that individual  
only has to report his worldwide income during the period of residency for Canadian  
tax purposes.  
C. An individual who immigrates to Canada during the year is a resident of Canada for tax  
purposes for the full calendar year.  
D. An individual can be a resident of Canada for tax purposes, even if she is not a Canadian citizen.  
31. Of the following individuals, who would be a resident or deemed resident of Canada for  
tax purposes this year?  
Alex is a U.S. citizen who commutes each day to Canada for employment purposes.  
Bob is a U.S. citizen who lives in Canada during the week for employment purposes,  
but returns to the U.S. on weekends to the house he shares with his wife and children.  
Charles is a Canadian citizen who lived in Toronto until March of last year, at which  
time he left for a four year aid mission in Africa under an agreement with the Canadian  
International Development Agency.  
Dick is a Canadian citizen who goes to school in the U.S. for eight months of each year  
but returns to Canada to live with his parents each summer.  
A. Alex, Bob and Charles.  
B. Bob, Charles and Dick.  
C. Bob and Charles.  
D. Alex and Dick.  
32. With respect to the residency of an individual, which of the following statements is **NOT**correct?  
A. To be a resident for tax purposes, an individual must be a Canadian citizen.  
B. If an individual leaves or enters Canada during the current year, he will be considered  
a part-year resident for tax purposes.  
C. An individual is a Canadian resident for tax purposes if his principal residential ties are  
in Canada.  
D. An individual is considered to be a Canadian resident for tax purposes if he visits for  
more than 183 days in a calendar year.  
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33. Which of the following factors would **NOT** be relevant under the Canada/U.S. tax treaty  
tie-breaker rules for determining the residence of an individual?  
A. The country in which the individual earns business income.  
B. The country in which the individual is a citizen.  
C. The country in which the individual has a permanent home available to him.  
D. The country in which the individual has a habitual abode.  
34. Jamal, his wife and two teenage children are all Canadian citizens. For the last 2 years he  
and his family have been living in Mexico while he works for the Mexican subsidiary of a  
Canadian company. Jamal still owns his house in Canada. His wife and children stay there  
for 2 months in the summer and he spends 4 weeks a year there. The rest of the time the  
house is empty as his wife visits family in Canada regularly. Jamal has no definite plans to  
return to Canada and loves living in Mexico. However, since his mother-in-law is very ill,  
it is possible that his wife will have to return to Canada for at least 6 months to nurse her  
mother. Which of the following statements is correct?  
A. Jamal is considered a part-time resident of Canada for the 4 weeks he spends in Canada.  
B. If Jamal's wife returns alone to Canada to care for her mother, Jamal is considered a  
part-time resident of Canada for the 6 months she is in Canada.  
C. Jamal is considered a non-resident of Canada.  
D. Since Jamal owns a house in Canada that is not rented out under a long-term lease he  
is considered a Canadian resident for income tax purposes.  
35. Of the following individuals, who would be considered a part-year resident of Canada for  
the current taxation year?  
A. Ravi is a citizen of India, where he was born and lived until moving to Canada on  
March 1 of the current year with his wife and child. He was transferred by his employer to its Canadian head office.  
B. Helga had lived and worked in Canada for 10 years. She was transferred by her employer to its flagship hotel in Switzerland on March 1 of the current year for a 1 year  
training assignment. Her husband remained in Canada to complete his MBA.  
C. Marc is a French citizen who lives in Paris. On March 1 of the current year he begins  
work as a translator in Ottawa. It is a 1 year assignment.  
D. Billy Bob is a U.S. Marshall on loan to the RCMP detachment in Nunavut. It is a 9  
month assignment.  
36. Dominique, a Canadian citizen, lives in Buffalo, NY, USA. Throughout the current year  
she commutes to Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada, where she is the bartender at the Cross Border Bar. She normally works 7 pm to 3 am Tuesday through Saturday. Dominique is:  
A. A deemed resident (sojourner)  
B. A non-resident  
C. A full-time resident  
D. A part-year resident  
37. Vanessa moves to Germany on July 15 of the current year. She is 35 and has lived in Canada all of her life. Which one of the following best indicates Vanessa’s Canadian residency  
status for the current year?  
A. A deemed resident (sojourner)  
B. A non-resident  
C. A full-time resident  
D. A part-year resident  
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**Residence Of Corporations**38. Which of the following corporations would **NOT** be considered a resident of Canada?  
A. Dram Inc. was incorporated in Alberta in 2005. While it has operations in both the  
U.S. and Canada, its management has always been located in New York.  
B. Craser Ltd. was incorporated in Ontario in 2010. All of its business activities are in  
Canada and its management is located in Toronto.  
C. Alor Inc. was incorporated in British Columbia in 2004. While most of its operations  
are in Canada, management is located in Seattle.  
D. Exeter Ltd. was incorporated in Alberta in 1956. However, it has never carried on  
business in Canada and its management has always been located in Montana.  
**Residence Of Individuals/Corporations**39. Of the persons described, which one would **NOT** be considered a Canadian resident?  
A. A person who lives in Leamington, Ontario and commutes to work each day in Detroit, Michigan.  
B. A corporation that was incorporated in North Dakota, but carries on all of its business  
in southern Manitoba.  
C. A member of the Canadian armed forces who has, for the last 3 years, been stationed  
in Germany.  
D. A corporation that was incorporated in Winnipeg, but carries on all of its business in  
North Dakota.  
40. In which of the following situations is the person considered a non-resident of Canada, in  
2017, for income tax purposes?  
A. James Arder, a recently qualified CPA, based in Montreal, accepted a transfer to an office in Sydney, Australia for the period May 1, 2017 to August 31, 2017. James is not  
married and had lived at his parent’s house in Montreal.  
B. Karen Cotin, a computer programmer, had been employed by ABC Systems Ltd. in Toronto. In 2016, she accepted a minimum two-year contract with CS Services Inc. in  
London, England. Her position with CS Services Inc. started October 1, 2016. Before  
moving to England, where she will join her fiance, Karen terminated the lease on her  
apartment in Toronto and sold her car.  
C. N Limited was incorporated in Canada in 1996 and, until May 2016, its manufacturing plant was located in Mississauga, Ontario. In May 2016, it moved all of its  
operations, including the manufacturing plant, to North Carolina, U.S.A.  
D. B. Bath, a member of the Canadian Armed Forces, who was stationed in Lahr, Germany from September 1, 2015 to February 1, 2018.  
**Alternative Concepts of Income**41. Which of the following statements with respect to the relationship between accounting  
Net Income and Net Income For Tax Purposes is **NOT** correct?  
A. Both accounting Net Income and Net Income For Tax Purposes value many assets at  
their historical cost.  
B. Accounting Net Income requires that costs be matched with revenues.  
C. Net Income For Tax Purposes requires that costs be matched with revenues.  
D. Accounting Net Income is determined by applying Generally Accepted Accounting  
Principles.  
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42. Which of the following statements accurately describes the *Income Tax Act* view of income?  
A. Net income is determined by adding revenue based on recognition at the point of sale  
and deducting expenses which are determined based on generally accepted accounting principles.  
B. Net income is determined by adding together several different types of income based  
on an ordering rule.  
C. Net income is the amount paid to an employee after an employer deducts CPP, EI, income taxes and any other source deductions from employee pay.  
D. Net income is the total increase in a taxpayer’s net worth for the year.  
**Calculation Of Net Income For Tax Purposes**43. With respect to the determination of Net Income For Tax Purposes, which of the following  
statements is correct?  
A. Property losses are deducted from business income before the deduction of RRSP  
contributions.  
B. Allowable capital losses can be deducted to the extent of other positive sources of income.  
C. If not used during the current period, all subdivision e deductions can be carried forward to subsequent periods.  
D. If a business loss exceeds all other positive sources of income, Net Income For Tax Purposes is equal to nil.  
44. With respect to the calculation of Net Income For Tax Purposes, which of the following  
statements is **NOT** correct?  
A. Subdivision e deductions are subtracted from the total of all positive sources of income.  
B. Allowable capital losses for the year can only be deducted to the extent of taxable capital gains for the year.  
C. Business losses can be netted against employment income in determining the positive  
amounts to be included under ITA 3(a) and 3(b).  
D. Property losses can only be deducted after the subtraction of Subdivision e deductions.  
45. Minjie Liu has the following sources of income and deductions:

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| Employment income  Interest income | $35,000 5,000 |
| Taxable dividend income | 7,000 |
| Taxable capital gain | 5,000 |
| Allowable capital loss | 12,000 |
| Subdivision e deductions  What is Minjie’s Net Income for Tax Purposes? A. $47,000 | 2,000 |

B. $40,000  
C. $45,000  
D. $49,000  
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46. Tanya Turek has the following sources of income and deductions:

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| Gross employment income  Net employment income | $35,000 34,000 |
| Business loss | 14,000 |
| Taxable capital gain | 4,000 |
| Allowable capital loss  What is Tanya’s Net Income for Tax Purposes? A. $23,000 | 2,000 |

B. $22,000  
C. $36,000  
D. $24,000  
47. Fadel Ghanem has the following sources of income and deductions:

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| Net employment income | 34,000 |
| Property income | 6,000 |
| Business loss | 54,000 |
| Taxable capital gain | 4,000 |
| Allowable capital loss | 7,000 |

What is Fadel’s Net Income or Loss for Tax Purposes?  
A. $40,000 Income  
B. Nil  
C. $44,000 Income  
D. $12,000 Loss  
48. ITA 3(b) requires the taxpayer to “determine the amount, if any, by which taxable capital  
gains exceed allowable capital losses”. The rule that is established by this phrase is:  
A. That allowable capital losses in excess of taxable capital gains during a year are never  
deductible from income.  
B. That the current year allowable capital losses can only be deducted to the extent that  
there are taxable capital gains during the current year.  
C. That taxable capital gains are only included in income in a year when there are also allowable capital losses that can be used to reduce the effect on income.  
D. That unused allowable capital losses are deductible against any type of income in one  
of the past 3 years or in a future year.  
49. Fred Hopkins has employment income of $45,000, a business loss of $14,000, capital  
gains of $20,000, capital losses of $12,000, and subdivision deductions of $3,000. Fred’s  
Net Income For Tax Purposes is equal to:  
A. $36,000  
B. $50,000  
C. $39,000  
D. $32,000  
**TIF Problem One - 3***Introduction - Multiple Choice****Test Item File Problems*** *for Canadian Tax Principles 2017 - 2018* **13**  
**Net Income to Taxable Income**50. Which of the following items would be deducted in converting Net Income For Tax Purposes to Taxable Income?  
A. A deduction for spousal support payments made during the year.  
B. A deduction for the extra costs related to living in prescribed areas of the Canadian  
north.  
C. Current year allowable capital losses in excess of current year taxable capital gains.  
D. Current year business losses in excess of other positive sources of income.  
51. Which of the following amounts is **NOT** deducted in converting Net Income for Tax Purposes to Taxable Income?  
A. Losses of other years.  
B. The lifetime capital gains deduction.  
C. An amount related to the exercise or sale of stock options.  
D. The excess of allowable capital losses over taxable capital gains for the year.  
**Tax Planning**52. Which of the following items does not result in tax avoidance?  
A. Use of the lifetime capital gains deduction.  
B. Employer contributions to group disability plans.  
C. Employer contributions to private health care plans.  
D. Accelerated depreciation (CCA) on rental properties.  
53. Providing employees with private health care benefits involves what type of tax planning?  
A. Tax evasion.  
B. Tax deferral.  
C. Income splitting.  
D. Tax avoidance.  
54. Making contributions to an RRSP always involves what type of tax planning?  
A. Tax avoidance and tax deferral.  
B. Tax deferral.  
C. Tax avoidance.  
D. Income splitting.  
55. Which of the following will always result in tax avoidance?  
A. Making contributions to a registered retirement savings plan.  
B. Making contributions to an employer’s registered pension plan.  
C. Making use of the lifetime capital gains deduction.  
D. Making maximum capital cost allowance deductions.  
**TIF Problem One - 3***Introduction - Multiple Choice****Test Item File Problems*** *for Canadian Tax Principles 2017 - 2018* **14**  
**TIF PROBLEM ONE - 4  
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**TIF Problem One - 4***Introduction - Exam Exercises****Test Item File Problems*** *for Canadian Tax Principles 2017 - 2018* **15**  
**Exam Exercise One - 1 (Taxable Entities For Income Tax Purposes)**Which of the following entities could be required to file an income tax return?  
Sally Forbes (an individual)  
Forbes Boutique (an unincorporated business)  
Forbes and Delaney (a partnership)  
The Forbes family trust (a trust)  
Forbes Enterprises Ltd. (a corporation)  
The Forbes Foundation (an unincorporated charity)  
**Exam Exercise One - 2 (Taxable Entities For GST Purposes)**Which of the following entities could be required to file a GST return?  
Sally Forbes (an individual)  
Forbes Boutique (an unincorporated business)  
Forbes and Delaney (a partnership)  
The Forbes family trust (a trust)  
Forbes Enterprises Ltd. (a corporation)  
The Forbes Foundation (an unincorporated charity)  
**Exam Exercise One - 3 (Federal And Provincial Taxes Payable)**Joan Smith has Taxable Income of $37,500. For the current year her federal tax rate is 15  
percent, while the corresponding provincial rate is 8.2 percent. Determine Ms. Smith’s  
combined federal and provincial tax payable, before consideration of any available credits  
against Tax Payable.  
**Exam Exercise One - 4 (Federal And Provincial Taxes Payable)**Karla Ho has Taxable Income of $26,700. For the current year her federal tax rate is 15  
percent and the corresponding provincial rate is 10 percent. Determine Ms. Ho's combined  
federal and provincial Tax Payable, before consideration of any available credits against Tax  
Payable.  
**Exam Exercise One - 5 (Regressive Taxes)**Samantha Taylor has Taxable Income for the current year of $625,000, of which $216,000 is  
spent on goods and services that are subject to Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) at a rate of 13  
percent. Her sister, Martha Taylor, is a part-time student living in the same province and has  
Taxable Income of $12,000. During the current year, as a result of using some of her savings,  
she spends $21,400 on goods and services that are all subject to HST.  
Determine the effective HST rate as a percentage of the income of the two sisters.  
**Exam Exercise One - 6 (Regressive Taxes)**Veronica Simms has Taxable Income for the current year of $843,000. Because of her modest  
life style, only $162,000 of this amount is spent on goods and services that are subject to the  
Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) at a rate of 13 percent. Her sister is currently attending university  
on a full time basis and lives in the same city. Her Taxable Income for the current year is  
$8,000. Because she is able to use savings accumulated during several years of employment,  
she spends $36,000 on goods and services that are subject to HST at 13 percent.  
Determine the effective HST rate as a percentage of the income of the two sisters.  
**TIF Problem One - 4***Introduction - Exam Exercises****Test Item File Problems*** *for Canadian Tax Principles 2017 - 2018* **16**  
**Exam Exercise One - 7 (Non-Resident Liability For Tax)**Ms. Michelle Walker, a U.S. citizen, has Canadian employment income of $42,000 and U.S.  
employment income of $40,000 Canadian. She lives in Seattle, Washington and is a resident  
of the United States for the entire year. Ms. Walker does not believe that she is subject to taxation in Canada.  
Is she correct? Explain your conclusion.  
**Exam Exercise One - 8 (Non-Resident Liability For Tax)**Daniel Bourne is a U.S. citizen who lives in Fargo, North Dakota. For many years, he has had a  
cottage on Manitoba's Lake Winnipeg. In recent years, however, he has made little use of this  
property and, given this, he has sold the property. While there was a gain of $50,000 on the  
sale, Daniel assumes that he will not pay Canadian taxes on this amount as he is a U.S. citizen.  
Is he correct? Explain your conclusion.  
**Exam Exercise One - 9 (Residential Ties)**At the end of the current year, Michael Resner departed from Canada in order to take a permanent position in Mexico. He was accompanied by his common-law partner and their children,  
as well as what personal property he had not sold. Due to the intent of his neighbour to start a  
pig farm, he was unable to sell his residence at a satisfactory price. However, he was able to  
rent it for a period of two years. He also retained his membership in the CPA (Chartered  
Professional Accountants) Alberta. After his departure, would he still be considered a Canadian resident for tax purposes? Explain your conclusion.  
**Exam Exercise One - 10 (Temporary Absences)**Mary is a Canadian citizen who is employed by a corporation operating in Canada and the U.S.  
While she has worked for many years in the Canadian office of this organization, she agreed to  
transfer to the corporation's U.S. head office in New York City. Before leaving, she disposed of  
her residence and other personal property that she did not wish to move. She canceled her  
Saskatchewan driver's licence and health care card, and closed all of her Canadian banking  
and brokerage accounts.  
Because her boyfriend remained in Regina, she found herself flying back to Canada at least  
once a month. After two years, she concluded that between the high cost of living in New York  
City and the travel required to maintain the relationship with her boyfriend, she would return  
to Canada. Would Mary be considered a Canadian resident during the two years that she was  
absent from Canada? Explain your conclusion.  
**Exam Exercise One - 11 (Temporary Absences)**John Acheever is employed by Research In Limbo. He has worked for a number of years in  
their office in Kitchener, Ontario. However, he has become convinced that he would have  
quicker advancement if he transferred to their office in New York City. He requests this  
transfer and moves to that location in September, 2017. Before leaving he cancels his apartment lease, sells all of the personal property that he does not wish to move, and cancels his  
Ontario driver's licence. However, he retains his Canadian banking and brokerage accounts  
and, because of concerns about the cost of U.S. health care, he does not cancel his Ontario  
health care card (he changes the address to that of his parents in Waterloo, Ontario). He has  
also left his dog, Bart with his parents.  
After the move, he is shocked to realize how much he misses Bart. He finds himself flying back  
to Kitchener at least twice a month to spend the weekend caring for Bart. By February, 2019,  
after not being able to find a suitable dog-friendly apartment in New York City, John returns to  
his position in Kitchener. He has no plans to return to the U.S. Would John be considered a  
Canadian resident during the 18 months that he was absent from Canada? Explain your  
conclusion.  
**TIF Problem One - 4***Introduction - Exam Exercises****Test Item File Problems*** *for Canadian Tax Principles 2017 - 2018* **17**  
**Exam Exercise One - 12 (Part Year Residence)**Melissa is a Canadian citizen who has been employed in Vancouver for the last five years. She  
has accepted a new position in the United States and, as of March 15 of the current year, flies  
to New Mexico to assume her responsibilities. She has been granted a green card to enable  
her to work in the U.S. Her husband remains behind with the children until July 1, after the  
end of their school year. On that date, they fly to New Mexico to join Melissa. Their residence  
is sold on August 1 of the current year, at which time a moving company picks up their furniture and other personal possessions. The moving company delivers these possessions to their  
new house in New Mexico on August 15. Explain how Melissa will be taxed in Canada during  
the current year.  
**Exam Exercise One - 13 (Part Year Residence)**Barton Vader is a Canadian citizen who has always lived in London, Ontario. He has a spouse  
and two school-aged children. As of May 2017, he accepts a new employment position in  
Akron, Ohio. On October 1, 2017, he moves to Akron to locate housing for his family. In  
order for his children to finish the school term, his family remains in London until January 1,  
2018. When they move, John severs all residential ties with Canada other than the family residence. The residence is placed on the market in January, 2018. However, it has not been sold  
as of December 31, 2018.  
While Barton was scheduled to begin working in the U.S. in early 2018, he is unable to obtain  
the required residency documents until July 1, 2018.  
Explain Barton's Canadian tax status for the years 2017 and 2018.  
**Exam Exercise One - 14 (Individual Residency)**Mary Sothor is the Canadian ambassador to Tanzania. She was a resident of Canada immediately prior to her appointment as ambassador. Living with her in Tanzania’s capital city are her  
husband and two children. Her husband was born in Canada and was a Canadian resident at  
the time of their marriage. He is exempt from Tanzanian taxation because he is the spouse of a  
foreign diplomat. Her 25 year old son was born in Canada and works for a Tanzanian  
company. His income exceeds $30,000 annually. Her 16 year old son was born in Kenya and  
is a full time student with no income of his own. Which of these individuals would be considered Canadian residents for tax purposes? Explain your conclusions.  
**Exam Exercise One - 15 (Individual Residency)**Ms. Sharon Washton was born 26 years ago in Bahn, Germany. She is the daughter of a Canadian High Commissioner serving in that country. Her father still holds this position. However,  
Ms. Washton is now working in Prague, Czechoslovakia. The only income that she earns in the  
year is from her Prague marketing job and is subject to taxes in Czechoslovakia. She has never  
visited Canada. Determine the residency status of Sharon Washton.  
**Exam Exercise One - 16 (Corporate Residency)**Nixon Inc. was incorporated as an Ontario corporation in 2009. However, since 2012, all of  
the Company’s business has been carried on outside of Canada. Determine the residency  
status of Nixon Inc.  
**Exam Exercise One - 17 (Corporate Residency)**Wolfhowl Ltd. was incorporated in Banff, Alberta in 1961. Despite its Canadian charter, the  
Company has never carried on business in Canada. However, until 1971, all meetings of the  
Board of Directors were held in Banff. Since 1971, all board of directors meetings have been  
held in Wyoming. Determine the residency status of Wolfhowl Ltd.  
**TIF Problem One - 4***Introduction - Exam Exercises****Test Item File Problems*** *for Canadian Tax Principles 2017 - 2018* **18**  
**Exam Exercise One - 18 (Corporate Residency)**Acton Enterprises was incorporated in Montana in 1964. Until 2013, all of the company's  
directors were residents of Bozeman, Montana, with all meetings held in that city. However,  
in 2013, all of the directors moved to Calgary, Alberta, with all subsequent meetings held in  
that city. Determine the residency status of Acton Enterprises for the taxation year ending  
December 31, 2017.  
**Exam Exercise One - 19 (Net Income For Tax Purposes)**Ms. Sonia Nexus is a computer specialist with net employment income of $66,000. During  
the current year she has:  
a taxable capital gain on the sale of land of $13,500,  
an allowable capital loss on the sale of shares of $24,000,  
interest income of $10,250,  
net rental losses of $6,750, and  
a loss from her unincorporated business of $28,000.  
In addition, she makes spousal support payments of $14,000 and makes a deductible contribution to her RRSP of $3,000 (these are Subdivision e deductions). Determine her minimum  
Net Income For Tax Purposes for the current year and indicate the amount and type of any loss  
carry overs that are available at the end of the year. Show all of your calculations.  
**Exam Exercise One - 20 (Net Income For Tax Purposes)**Harvey Nicastro has current year net employment income of $45,000. In addition, he has the  
following additional sources of income, gains, and losses:  
A loss from an unincorporated business of $23,000.  
Interest income of $4,500.  
A taxable capital gain of $13,500.  
An allowable capital loss of $18,200.  
Spousal support paid of $24,000.  
A net rental loss of $14,500.  
Determine Harvey's minimum Net Income For Tax Purposes for the current year and indicate  
the amount and type of any loss carry overs that are available at the end of the year. Show all of  
your calculations.  
**Exam Exercise One - 21 (Tax Planning)**Mr. Jack Bronson makes a $5,000 contribution to his Registered Retirement Savings Plan.  
What type of tax planning is involved in this transaction? Explain your conclusion.  
**Exam Exercise One - 22 (Tax Planning)**Ms. Sarah Bloom convinces her employer to provide her with a private drug plan in lieu of  
additional salary. What type of tax planning is involved in this transaction? Explain your  
conclusion.  
**Exam Exercise One - 23 (Tax Planning)**Mr. John Lenonovitz is an unemployed poet. As Mr. Lenonovitz has no known sources of  
income, his wife Natasha, a successful painter, has decided to make contributions to an RRSP  
in his name, rather than making contributions to her own plan. What type of tax planning is  
involved in this decision? Explain your conclusion.  
**TIF Problem One - 4***Introduction - Exam Exercises****Test Item File Problems*** *for Canadian Tax Principles 2017 - 2018* **19**  
**Exam Exercise One - 24 (Tax Planning)**Ms. Tricia Jones makes contributions to a Registered Pension Plan sponsored by her employer.  
What type of tax planning is involved in this transaction? Explain your conclusion.  
**Exam Exercise One - 25 (Tax Planning)**Mrs. Janice Theil gives $50,000 in Canada Savings Bonds to her 27 year old, unemployed  
daughter. What type of tax planning is involved in this transaction? Explain your conclusion.  
**Exam Exercise One - 26 (Tax Planning)**Mr. Norman Rock transfers some dividend paying shares to his 25 year son who is attending  
university on a full time basis. What type of tax planning is involved in this transaction?  
Explain your conclusion.  
**TIF Problem One - 4***Introduction - Exam Exercises****Test Item File Problems*** *for Canadian Tax Principles 2017 - 2018* **20**  
**TIF PROBLEM ONE - 5A  
Introduction - Key Term Matching (Easy)  
Note to Instructor** There are two versions of this matching problem. The list of key  
terms is the same in both versions, but the potential definitions given are different.  
Version A is easy, there is only one possible answer for each term.  
Version B is more difficult in that there are additional possible answers that are  
similar to the correct answers.  
The following eight key terms are listed at the end of Chapter 1, “Introduction To Federal Taxation In Canada”:  
A. Fiscal Period  
B. Flat Tax System  
C. Part Year Resident  
D. Net Income For Tax Purposes  
E. Person  
F. Regressive Tax System  
G. Sojourner  
H. Dual Resident  
The following list contains ten potential definitions for the preceding key terms.  
1. A taxation year that does not exceed 53 weeks.  
2. A tax system that applies higher effective rates for individuals with lower incomes and  
lower effective rates for individuals with higher incomes.  
3. The total of net employment income, net business and property income, net taxable capital gains, other sources of income, and other deductions from income.  
4. A CRA publication providing their interpretation of various technical issues related to income taxes.  
5. A term used in the *Income Tax Act* to refer to taxable entities.  
6. An individual who is deemed under ITA 250 to be a Canadian resident for the full taxation  
year as the result of having been temporarily present in Canada for 183 days or more.  
7. A taxpayer who is considered to be a resident of two countries.  
8. A tax on income that is applied at the same rate to all taxpayers, without regard to the level  
of their income.  
9. An individual who either enters Canada during the year and becomes a resident or, alternatively, an individual who departs from Canada during the year and gives up their  
Resident status.  
10. A tax system that applies higher effective rates for individuals with higher incomes and  
lower effective rates for individuals with lower incomes.  
11. None of the above definitions apply. (This answer can be used more than once.)  
**TIF Problem One - 5A***Introduction - Key Term Matching (Easy)****Test Item File Problems*** *for Canadian Tax Principles 2017 - 2018* **21**  
**Required:** For each of the eight key terms listed (A through H), indicate the number of the  
item (1 through 10) that provides the **BEST** definition of that term, or, alternatively, that none  
of the definitions apply (11). Explanations are not required.  
Indicate only one number for each key term. No marks will be awarded if you indicate more  
than one number for any key term.  
**TIF Problem One - 5A***Introduction - Key Term Matching (Easy)****Test Item File Problems*** *for Canadian Tax Principles 2017 - 2018* **22**  
**TIF PROBLEM ONE - 5B  
Introduction - Key Term Matching (Moderate)  
Note to Instructor** There are two versions of this matching problem. The list of key  
terms is the same in both versions, but the potential definitions given are different.  
Version A is easy, there is only one possible answer for each term.  
Version B is more difficult in that there are additional possible answers that are  
similar to the correct answers.  
The following eight key terms are listed at the end of Chapter 1, “Introduction To Federal Taxation In Canada”:  
A. Fiscal Period  
B. Flat Tax System  
C. Part Year Resident  
D. Net Income For Tax Purposes  
E. Person  
F. Regressive Tax System  
G. Sojourner  
H. Dual Resident  
The following list contains 14 potential definitions for the preceding key terms.  
1. A taxation year that does not exceed 53 weeks.  
2. An individual who has a residence in more than one country.  
3. A tax system that applies higher effective rates for individuals with lower incomes and  
lower effective rates for individuals with higher incomes.  
4. The total of net employment income, net business and property income, net taxable capital gains, other sources of income, and other deductions from income.  
5. A CRA publication providing their interpretation of various technical issues related to income taxes.  
6. A term used in the *Income Tax Act* to refer to taxable entities.  
7. The total of all positive sources of income, including employment income, business and  
property income, net taxable capital gains, and other sources of income.  
8. An individual who is deemed under ITA 250 to be a Canadian Resident for the full taxation  
year as the result of having been temporarily present in Canada for 183 days or more.  
9. A taxpayer who is considered to be a resident of two countries.  
10. A tax on income that is applied at the same rate to all taxpayers, without regard to the level  
of their income.  
11. An individual human being.  
12. A taxation year that is longer or shorter than 52 weeks.  
**TIF Problem One - 5B***Introduction - Key Term Matching (Moderate)****Test Item File Problems*** *for Canadian Tax Principles 2017 - 2018* **23**  
13. An individual who either enters Canada during the year and becomes a resident or, alternatively, an individual who departs from Canada during the year and gives up their  
Resident status.  
14. A tax system that applies higher effective rates for individuals with higher incomes and  
lower effective rates for individuals with lower incomes.  
15. None of the above definitions apply. (This answer can be used more than once.)  
**Required:** For each of the eight key terms listed (A through H), indicate the number of the  
item (1 through 14) that provides the **BEST** definition of that term, or, alternatively, that none  
of the definitions apply (15). Explanations are not required.  
Indicate only one number for each key term. No marks will be awarded if you indicate more  
than one number for any key term.  
**TIF Problem One - 5B***Introduction - Key Term Matching (Moderate)****Test Item File Problems*** *for Canadian Tax Principles 2017 - 2018* **24**  
**TIF PROBLEM ONE - 6  
Application Of Qualitative Characteristics**Since it came into power in 2015, the new Liberal government has made a number of changes  
in the Canadian tax system. A brief description of five of these changes follows.  
**Increase In Maximum Tax Rate** For many years the maximum federal tax rate for  
individuals has been 29 percent. For 2016 and subsequent years, this maximum has  
been increased to 33 percent. This has resulted in a situation where the maximum  
combined federal/provincial rate on individuals is over 50 percent in most provinces.  
It reaches as high as 54 percent in one province.  
**Repeal Of The Family Tax Cut** This provision provided a tax reduction based on a  
limited amount of income splitting. Specifically, a separate calculation of Tax Payable  
was based on the assumption that up to $50,000 of Taxable Income was transferred  
from a higher income spouse to a lower income spouse. It was only available to  
couples with a child under the age of 18. It was repealed for 2016 and subsequent  
years.  
**Reduction To Tax Free Savings Account (TFSA) Contributions Limit** The TFSA  
provision allows non-deductible contributions to be made to a registered account  
where earnings accumulate on a tax free basis. Withdrawals from these accounts are  
not taxed. For 2016 and subsequent years, the maximum annual contribution has  
been reduced from $10,000 to $5,500.  
**Small Business Tax Rate** For many years, the federal tax rate on active business  
income earned by Canadian Controlled Private Corporations was 11 percent, 4  
percentage points less than the rate applicable to most other corporate income. In  
2015, the Conservative government announced that the rate would gradually be  
reduced to 9 percent by 2019. The new Liberal government accepted the scheduled  
rate reduction to 10.5 percent for 2016, but cancelled any further reduction in the  
rate.  
**Early Child Educator School Supply Tax Credit** The new Liberal government has  
introduced a new tax credit equal to 15 percent of eligible expenditures for supplies  
(e.g., paper, glue, paint for art projects, etc.). The maximum base for the credit will be  
$1,000 of eligible supplies in each year. To qualify, the taxpayer must have a certificate or diploma in early childhood education.  
**Required:** Analyze each of the described changes using two of the qualitative characteristics of tax systems that are listed in your text. For your convenience, the list of qualitative  
characteristics presented in the text is as follows:  
equity or fairness  
neutrality  
adequacy  
elasticity  
flexibility  
simplicity and ease of compliance  
certainty  
balance between sectors  
international competitiveness  
**TIF Problem One - 6***Application Of Qualitative Characteristics****Test Item File Problems*** *for Canadian Tax Principles 2017 - 2018* **25**  
**TIF PROBLEM ONE - 7  
Application Of Qualitative Characteristics  
Note** Alsaskatoba is a fictional Canadian province. Any resemblance to an actual  
Canadian province is purely coincidental.  
The Province of Alsaskatoba is experiencing large deficits and, because there is a real possibility of a credit rating downgrade, the Premier has concluded that some type of change is  
required. The Province has a corporate income tax which is assessed at the lowest rate of any  
Canadian province. It also has an income tax on individuals which is assessed at a flat rate of 9  
percent. However, the province does not participate in the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST)  
regime and has never had a provincial sales tax.  
The Premier has consulted with a large group of experts as to the appropriate solution to the  
problem. The following suggestions have been put forward:  
1. Introduce a provincial sales tax at a rate of 8 percent.  
2. Participate in the federal HST regime at a rate of 13 percent.  
3. Cut provincial contributions to education services by 10 percent.  
4. Cut provincial contributions to health care by 10 percent.  
5. Introduce progressive income tax rates on individuals.  
6. Increase corporate income tax rates.  
7. Introduce a one-time entry fee of $5,000 per person on new immigrants to the province.  
**Required**: Evaluate these alternative suggestions on the basis of the qualitative characteristics that are presented in the text.  
**TIF Problem One - 7***Application Of Qualitative Characteristics****Test Item File Problems*** *for Canadian Tax Principles 2017 - 2018* **26**  
**TIF PROBLEM ONE - 8  
Residency After Departure From Canada**Mr. Desmond Morris has spent his entire working life with his current employer, the Alcorn  
Manufacturing Company. In his first years with the Company, he was located in Winnipeg,  
Manitoba as a production supervisor. More recently, he was transferred to the Company’s  
Calgary based subsidiary, where he has served as a manufacturing vice president until the  
current year.  
Early in the current year, Mr. Morris was asked to move to the United States by April 1 to  
oversee the construction of a new manufacturing operation in Sarasota, Florida. It is expected  
that when the facility is completed, Mr. Morris will remain as the senior vice president in  
charge of all of the Florida operations. He does not have any intention of returning to live in  
Canada during the foreseeable future.  
On April 1, Mr. Morris left Canada. In preparation for his departure, he had taken care to sell  
his residence, dispose of most of his personal property, and resign from all memberships in  
social and professional clubs. However, because Mr. Morris and his wife had three school age  
dependent children, it was decided that they would remain in Canada until the end of the  
current school year. As a consequence, Mrs. Morris and the children did not leave Canada  
until June 30. Until their departure, they resided in a small furnished apartment, rented on a  
month to month basis.  
**Required** For purposes of assessing Canadian income taxes, determine when Mr. Morris  
ceased to be a Canadian resident and the portion of his annual income which would be  
assessed for Canadian taxes. Explain your conclusions.  
**TIF Problem One - 8***Residency After Departure From Canada****Test Item File Problems*** *for Canadian Tax Principles 2017 - 2018* **27**  
**TIF PROBLEM ONE - 9  
Residence Of Individuals**The following independent Cases describe situations in which income has been earned by an  
individual. In each of the Cases, indicate whether the income amounts described would be  
subject to Canadian taxation. Explain the basis for your conclusions.  
**Case A** Donald Plesser is a U.K. citizen who immigrated to Canada on July 1 of the  
current year. He immediately began employment as a retail clerk and, during the  
period July 1 through December 31, his employment income totaled $11,000. In  
addition, he has retained a large savings account in the U.K. Interest on this account,  
which was earned uniformly over the current year, totaled £11,000.  
**Case B** Uta Jurgens is the spouse of Colin Jurgens, a member of the Canadian armed  
forces stationed in Germany. Mrs. Jurgens is a German citizen and has never visited  
Canada. During the current year, she has employment income of €28,000. She is  
exempt from German taxation because she is the spouse of a member of the Canadian  
armed forces.  
**Case C** Martin Downs is a U.S. citizen who lives in Detroit, Michigan. He is  
employed two days each week in Windsor, Ontario by a local landscaping business.  
During the current year, he is paid $15,000 (Canadian) for this work. In addition, he  
maintains a savings account at a bank in Windsor. This account earned interest of  
$1,500 during the current year.  
**Case D** Sarah Mennan is a Canadian citizen who lives in Syracuse, New York. She  
works as an accountant in that city, and has professional income of $72,000. Ten years  
ago, she left her husband at the end of the second period of the final game of the  
Stanley Cup Playoffs. She departed from Canada the following day, and has vowed to  
never set foot in Canada again. She is divorced from her husband and has no assets in  
Canada, other than a small savings account on which she earned interest of $150  
during the current year.  
**TIF Problem One - 9***Residence Of Individuals****Test Item File Problems*** *for Canadian Tax Principles 2017 - 2018* **28**  
**TIF PROBLEM ONE - 10  
Residency Of Corporations**Indicate which of the corporations described in the following Cases would be considered residents of Canada for the current year. Explain the basis for your conclusion.  
**Case A** Bonix Ltd. was incorporated in Canada in 1981. While it operated in  
Canada for a number of years, all of its operations, management and directors relocated to the United States in 2008.  
**Case B** Dorad Inc. was incorporated in Ohio in 2003. For several years, all of its  
directors were residents of Canada, with board meetings being held in Windsor,  
Ontario. However, in 2008, all of the directors moved to Toledo, Ohio. All Board Of  
Directors meetings are now held in that city.  
**Case C** Upton Inc. was incorporated in Delaware in 2008. However, the head  
office of the corporation is in Halifax, Nova Scotia. All of the directors of the corporation are Canadian residents and all meetings of the board of directors are held in  
Halifax.  
**Case D** Carlin Inc. was incorporated in Canada in 2005. However, its directors  
have always been residents of the United States, with all of the company’s Board Of  
Directors meetings held in that country.  
**TIF Problem One - 10***Residency Of Corporations****Test Item File Problems*** *for Canadian Tax Principles 2017 - 2018* **29**  
**TIF PROBLEM ONE - 11  
Residence - Individuals And Corporations**For each of the following persons, indicate how they would be taxed in Canada for the current  
year. Your answer should explain whether the person is a Canadian resident, what parts of  
their income would be subject to Canadian taxation, and the basis for your conclusions.  
A. Mr. Samuel Salazar lives in Detroit, Michigan and is a full time employee of a business in  
Windsor, Ontario. His responsibilities with the business in Windsor require him to be  
present for about eight hours per day, five days per week. His annual salary in his Windsor  
position is $72,000 per year.  
B. Mr. John Wills is a Canadian citizen who, until September 1 of the current year, had spent  
his entire life living in Regina. On September 1 of the current year, after disposing of all of  
his Canadian property, Mr. Wills moved his entire family to Bismarck, North Dakota  
where he opened a mixed martial arts school.  
C. Joan Brothers was born in Livonia, Michigan. She is seven years old and has never visited  
Canada. She has no income of her own. Her father has been consul in the Canadian Consulate in Livonia for the past 15 years. He was a resident of Canada immediately prior to  
his appointment as consul.  
D. Brogan Inc. was incorporated in Montana in 1990, but until five years ago, all of the directors’ meetings were held in Calgary, Alberta. Five years ago, the president of the Company  
moved to Butte, Montana and since that time all of the directors meetings have been held  
in Butte.  
E. Mercer Ltd. was incorporated in British Columbia in 1963 and all of its directors’ meetings  
were held in Vancouver until May, 1994. In June, 1994, all of the directors moved to Portland, Oregon and all subsequent directors’ meetings were held in Portland.  
F. The Booker Manufacturing Company was incorporated in 1963 in Minnesota. The directors of the Company have always been residents of Winnipeg and, as a consequence, all  
meetings of the Board of Directors have been held in Winnipeg since the Company was  
first incorporated