

American College

HS330 Exam

Fundamentals of Estate Planning test

[Questions & Answers Demo]

Question: 1

Which of the following is an example of a taxable gift for federal gift tax purposes?

- A. A father gives his 19-year-old daughter a note promising to give her his Rolls Royce when she reaches the age of 21.
- B. Instead of parents paying an outside executive \$60,000, a son runs their business for 8 months without charging a fee.
- C. The parents of a married son permit their son and his family to use a summer cottage that rents for \$3,000 per month on a rent-free basis.
- D. A father cancels a \$50,000 note his daughter gave him when he made a loan to her 2 years ago.

Answer: D

Question: 2

The following are facts concerning a decedent's estate:

Taxable estate \$1,700, 000

Pre-1977 taxable gifts 200, 000

Post-1976 adjusted taxable gifts 50, 000

Post-1976 gifts made to a qualified charity 100, 000

The tentative tax base of this estate is

- A. \$1,700,000
- B. \$1,750,000
- C. \$1,850,000
- D. \$1,900,000

Answer: B

Question: 3

An executor elects to value the assets of the estate at the alternative valuation date 6 months after death. Which of the following statements concerning the estate tax value of assets included in this estate is correct?

- A. An annuity included in the gross estate that diminishes with the mere passage of time is includible at the date of death value.
- B. Property sold before the alternate valuation date is valued at the alternate valuation date.
- C. Property that has increased in value since the date of death may be valued at the date of death if the executor so elects.
- D. Property distributed under the will before the alternate valuation date is valued at the date of death.

Answer: A

Question: 4

A father and son have been farming land owned by the father for the past 12 years. Just prior to his death, the father was offered \$1200, 000 for his farm because of its possible use as a shopping center. The son would like to continue to farm the land if it can be included in his father's estate at its current use value. Additional facts are:

1. Average annual gross rentals from nearby farms of similar acreage are \$56,000.
2. Average annual state and local real estate taxes on the farm are \$6,000.
3. The interest rate for loans from the Federal Land Bank is 8 percent.

For federal estate tax purposes, the farm method valuation formula would result in a current use value for the farm of

- A. \$500,000
- B. \$600,000
- C. \$700,000
- D. \$820,000

Answer: B

Question: 5

Which of the following types of real property ownership will be deemed to be a tenancy in common?

- A. Two brothers own equal amounts of all the common stock in a corporation, the only asset of which is real property.
- B. Two brothers own equal undivided interests in a piece of real property, with each brother being able to divest himself of his interest by sale, gift, or will.
- C. Two brothers are equal partners in a general partnership that owns a piece of real property used in the partnership business.
- D. Two brothers own equal fractional interests in a piece of real property and at the death of one of the brothers the survivor will own the entire piece of property.

Answer: B

Question: 6

Which of the following statements concerning property ownership by a married couple residing in a community-property state is correct?

- A. All property owned by the couple is community property.
- B. Community property loses its identity when a couple moves from a community-property state to a common-law state.
- C. Property inherited by one spouse during a marriage becomes community property
- D. Income earned by one spouse becomes community property.

Answer: D

Question: 7

Which of the following statements concerning a simple trust is correct?

- A. Income and principal may be distributed to a qualified charity.
- B. It receives a special tax deduction for income distributed to its beneficiaries.
- C. Income is accumulated at the discretion of the trustee.
- D. It limits the number of permissible beneficiaries.

Answer: B

Question: 8

On the advice of their attorney and accountant, Betsy and John have decided to make substantial transfers. They would like to pass most of their considerable wealth to their grandchildren. Which of the following statements concerning gifts made to their grandchildren is correct?

- A. The GSTT annual exclusion may be utilized by Betsy and John for each grandchild during life time and at death.
- B. The value of Betsy and John's GSTT exemption amounts are slightly increased when used at death rather than during life time.
- C. The GSTT annual exclusion is unavailable for years in which Betsy and John make tuition gifts for the grandchildren.
- D. Betsy and John may elect to split any GSTT transfers to the grandchildren.

Answer: D

Question: 9

The decedent, D, died this year. The facts concerning D estate are:

Gross estate \$3,400,000

Marital deduction 0

Charitable deduction 600,000

Funeral & administration expenses 00,000

Gifts made after 1976 170,000

State death taxes payable 192,000

What is D taxable estate?

- A. \$2,138,000
- B. \$2,358,000
- C. \$2,528,000
- D. \$2,720,000

Answer: C

Question: 10

On January 1, 2004 a father gave his daughter a \$200,000 straight (ordinary) life insurance policy on his life. Premiums are paid annually. The pertinent facts about the policy are:

Date of issue: July 1, 1992

Premium paid on July 1, 2003 \$3200

Terminal reserve on July 1, 2003 20,000

Terminal reserve on July 1, 2004 24,000

What is the value of the policy for federal gift tax purposes?

- A. \$ 21,600
- B. \$23,200
- C. \$23,600
- D. \$200,000

Answer: C

Question: 11

A married man has two adult sons. His entire estate is in excess of \$1,500,000 and consists entirely of probate assets. He wants to make certain that if he predeceases his wife she will receive all estate income as long as she lives, and the assets remaining at her death will pass equally to their two sons. He wants to pass all assets to this wife and sons as free of federal estate taxes as possible. To best accomplish these objectives, the man should include which of the following estate plans in his will?

- A. Establish a QTIP trust for half his estate and bequeath the remainder to his wife
- B. Establish a marital deduction trust with a general power of appointment for half his estate and place the remainder in a QTIP trust
- C. Establish a bypass trust equal to the applicable exclusion amount and place the remainder of his estate in a QTIP trust
- D. Establish a QTIP trust for his entire estate

Answer: C

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