



Fundamentals of Estate Planning Test

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QUESTION 1

Which of the following statements concerning pooled-income funds is (are) correct?

-A pooled income fund is similar to a mutual fund maintained by a qualified charity.

It is an irrevocable arrangement in which the remainder interest passes to charity.

Α.
Neither 1 nor 2
В.
Both 1 and 2
С.
1 only
D.
2 only
Correct Answer: B

QUESTION 2

Which of the following statements concerning filing the federal estate tax return is correct?

A. For persons dying under current law, an estate tax return must be filed for all U.S. citizen decedents.

B. A one-year extension for filing the estate tax return is granted when the estate contains a closely held business interest.

C. An automatic two-year extension for filing the estate tax return is granted when the decedent dies overseas.

D. The estate tax return must be filed within 9 months of death unless an extension is granted by the IRS.

Correct Answer: D

QUESTION 3

All the following statements concerning filing the federal estate tax return are correct EXCEPT:

A. An automatic one-year extension for filing the estate tax return is granted when the decedent dies overseas.

B. The estate tax return must be filed within 9 months of death unless an extension is granted by the IRS.



C. An extension to file the estate tax return must be received and granted by the IRS before the time for filing the return expires.

D. For persons dying this year, an estate tax return must be filed for gross estates plus adjusted taxable gifts that exceed \$1.5 million.

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 4

All the following statements concerning real property ownership by married couples as joint tenants with right of survivorship are correct EXCEPT:

A. All benefits of ownership remain available to the surviving spouse without interruption during the administration of the deceased spouse\\'s estate.

B. In common-law states the total value of the property receives a stepped-up tax basis in the estate of the first spouse to die.

C. Jointly held property between spouses does not pass through the probate estate of the first spouse to die.

D. The deceased spouse\\'s interest in the property qualifies for the marital deduction since it passes outright to the surviving spouse.

Correct Answer: B

QUESTION 5

The estate planning process includes all the following activities EXCEPT

- A. the selection of the estate plan by the financial planner
- B. evaluating a client\\'s present estate plan
- C. gathering a client\\'s family and financial data
- D. designing a client\\'s new estate plan

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 6

Which of the following statements concerning the inclusion in a decedent-employee\\'s gross estate of a lump-sum distribution from a qualified retirement plan to a beneficiary other than the employee\\'s estate is (are) correct?

1.

Lump-sum distributions of payments attributable to the employer\\'s contributions are excluded from the gross estate.

2.



Lump-sum distributions of payments attributable to the decedent-employee\\'s contributions are excluded from the gross estate.

- A. Both 1 and 2
- B. 1 only
- C. 2 only
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Correct Answer: D

QUESTION 7

Which of the following statements concerning filing the federal estate tax return is (are) correct?

1.

The estate tax return must be filed within 9 months of death unless an extension is granted by the IRS.

2.

For persons dying this year, an estate tax return must be filed for gross estates plus adjusted taxable gifts that exceed \$1.5 million.

- A. Neither 1 nor 2
- B. 2 only
- C. 1 only
- D. Both 1 and 2

Correct Answer: D

QUESTION 8

All the following statements concerning wills are correct EXCEPT:

- A. A testator may lose the capacity to revoke a will prior to death.
- B. A codicil is a valid modification of a will.
- C. Once a person is named as an executor in a will, he or she is required to serve.
- D. In most states a surviving spouse can elect against a will that completely disinherits him or her.

Correct Answer: C

QUESTION 9

All the following statements concerning revocable trusts are correct EXCEPT:

- A. A transfer to a revocable trust is treated as an incomplete gift for gift tax purposes.
- B. A transfer to a revocable trust changes the income tax picture of the grantor.
- C. Property transferred to a revocable trust typically avoids being included in the probate estate of the grantor.
- D. Revocable trusts are created and operate before the death of the settlor.

Correct Answer: B

QUESTION 10

Which of the following types of partial interests in property may be allowed a charitable deduction for estate tax purposes?

1.

A remainder interest in the donor vacation home

2.

A testamentary gift of a percentage of a decedent entire interest in property held in trust

- A. Both 1 and 2
- B. Neither 1 nor 2
- C. 1 only
- D. 2 only

Correct Answer: C

QUESTION 11

Which of the following life insurance settlement options will qualify for the federal estate tax marital deduction?

1.

Proceeds left to the surviving spouse under the interest option, with interest payable to the surviving spouse who has the unrestricted right to withdraw proceeds and with any proceeds not withdrawn payable equally to her children per stirpes

2.

Proceeds left to the surviving spouse under an installment option, with any installments remaining at her death to be commuted and paid to her estate

A. Both 1 and 2

B. 1 only



- C. 2 only
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 12

Ignoring the annual per-donee exclusion, which of the following transfers is a gift for federal gift tax purposes?

- A. A creditor cancels the promissory note of a recently unemployed friend as a charitable gesture.
- B. A father promises to buy his daughter a condominium when she finishes college.
- C. A grandmother pays her grandson\\'s \$30,000 tuition at an Ivy League university.
- D. An individual gratuitously performs valuable services for the benefit of a close friend.

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 13

Nontax benefits of lifetime gifts include all the following EXCEPT to

- A. reduce probate and administrative costs
- B. avoid claims of creditors evidenced by liens
- C. provide for the education of the donee
- D. obtain privacy that is not possible to obtain through testamentary transfers

Correct Answer: B

QUESTION 14

The federal gift tax is

- A. levied directly on the gift
- B. a flat tax based on gifts made in any taxable year
- C. a tax on the right of the donee to receive the property
- D. a tax on the right of the donor to make the gift

Correct Answer: D

QUESTION 15



All the following statements concerning a complex trust are correct EXCEPT:

- A. Beneficiaries must receive all distributable net income in the year received by the trust.
- B. The trustee may make distributions of principal to trust beneficiaries.
- C. A complex trust may make gifts to charity.
- D. Beneficiaries are taxed on their share of distributable net income when received by them.

Correct Answer: A

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