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Chapter Assignments: (10 points – Two *Required* parts – See bottom of page r and separate document) Page

**Required:** Tax Questions for the IRS (Handout 5 points)

**Required:** See Chapter 3 Supplemental Form 1040 Tax Assignment (Handout – 5 points)

Due: Mon Mar 6

### **Chapter Sections:**

Taxes in Your Financial Plan The Basics of Federal Income Tax Filing Your Federal Income Return Using Tax Planning Strategies

### **Chapter Terms:**

sales tax, excise tax, property tax, estate tax, inheritance tax, gift tax, **income tax**, Social Security / Medicare Form 1040

earned income

investment income – interest, dividends, rent, capital gains

passive income versus active income

exclusions

tax-exempt income – (example: municipal bonds)

tax-deferred income – (example: retirement accounts)

adjustments to income

Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)

tax shelters

tax deductions

standard deduction *versus* itemized deductions – (You can only take one or the other; you can not take both!)

itemized deductions go on Schedule A (state income tax, real estate tax, mortgage interest, gifts to charities, etc.)

personal exemptions

taxable income

marginal tax rate

average tax rate

AMT – The Alternative Minimum Tax

tax credits

withholding and estimated payments

tax strategies – home mortgage interest deduction, starting a business

tax audit – correspondence audit versus office audit versus field audit

tax avoidance versus tax evasion

**Required:** Tax questions for the IRS (www.irs.gov or 800-829-1040) – Be careful! Make sure your information is current!

- 1) What are the maximum amounts that can be contributed to a Traditional IRA, Roth IRA and 401(k) per year?
- 2) What is the maximum amount of capital loss that can be deducted from your income taxes per year?
- 3) How long is the extension of time to file your income taxes that Form 4868 gives a taxpayer?
- 4) What percentage(s) of the *estimated taxes* should an individual taxpayer pay through withholding? *Careful!*
- 5) What are the names of the 2 or 3 types of educational tax credits available to college students & their parents? (5 points) When researching the above questions, make sure you find the data for 2015!

#### **Required:** Supplemental Form 1040 Tax Assignment

Handout: *Supplemental Tax Assignment*. This assignment is very much like the first and second tax exercises. (5 points)



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