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| SECOND OPPORTUNITY EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER |  |
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## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Answer ALL the questions.
2. Start each question on a new page, number the answers correctly and clearly.
3. Write clearly and neatly.
4. The names of people and businesses used throughout this examination paper do not reflect the reality and may be purely coincidental.
5. Questions relating to this examination may be raised in the initial 30 minutes after the start of the paper. Thereafter, candidates must use their initiative to deal with any perceived error or ambiguities and any assumptions made by the candidate should be clearly stated.

## QUESTION 1

(30 MARKS)
Simon (40 years old and unmarried) is an RSA resident. He has a service contract with DesigningWeb and works as an IT specialist. DesigningWeb often sends him to provide training to its South American (Argentina) clients. Simon's receipts and accruals during the 2018 year of assessment were as follows:

|  | Note | R |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Salary | 1 | 255000 |
| Lump sum from employer | 2 | 40000 |
| Leasehold improvements | 3 | $?$ |
| Once-off amount received | 3 | $?$ |
| Rent received | 3 | 110000 |
| Dividends received | 4 | 35000 |
| Annuity | 5 | $?$ |
| Leave conditions amended | 6 | $?$ |
| Gambling | 7 | 100000 |
| Royalties | 8 | 170000 |

## Notes

1. Simon's salary was divided between the period that he worked in RSA and Argentina (he was, however, at all times an RSA resident)

- RSA
R200 000
- Argentina R55 000 Total
R255 000

2. In recognition of all his years of faithful service, DesigningWeb voluntarily paid an amount equal to R40 000 to John on 28 February 2018.
3. Simon owns a property in the Western Cape, which he leased to the Mahindi couple for the whole year. The lease contract was concluded on 1 August 2016 and specified the following:

- The Mahindi couple are obligated to pay R10 000from 1 August 2016. The Mahindis only paid the February 2018 rental on 15 March 2018.
- Effect improvements to the house to the value of R40 000. Due to cash flow problems they could only complete the improvements during September 2017 at an amount of R39 000
- The lease contract expired on 31 October 2017, however the Mahindis had a preference right to lease the house again and paid a once off amount of R6000 as a lease premium on 1 November 2017. The monthly rent remained unchanged.

4. Simon owns shares in both RSA and England companies and received the following dividends:

- RSA R15 000
- England R20 000

5. Simon purchased an annuity from Sanlam life insurers at R420 000 on 1 December 2017. He received a monthly annuity of R5000 from 1 December 2017.
6. DesigningWeb amended its leave policy to align it with the Labour Act of South Africa and as a result had to pay an amount of R15 000 as a leave pay-out to Simon on 1 March 2018. This amount accrued to Simon in December 2017.
7. During the December holidays Simon and his friends gambled at Grand West Casino for fun and Simon won R100 000 on that evening.
8. Simon wrote a manual on web design that was published during November 2017. The manual is distributed across the world and he received the following gross royalties:

- RSA
- From Overseas

R90 000
R80 000

## REQUIRED:

- Calculate Simon's Income for the 2018 year of assessment.
- Indicate for each item whether it complies with the general definition of gross income or a specific inclusion of the section 1 gross income definition.
- If it is a specific inclusion, provide the paragraph number e.g. par (c). You do not have to provide a reason for your answer
- If an item is excluded from gross income, provide a brief reason by identifying the element of gross income that is not met.
- Show all your workings.
- YOU DO NOT HAVE TO REFER TO CASE LAW.

Make use of the compulsory format below when presenting your answer

| ITEM | AMOUNT (R) | REASON |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| e.g. Salary | 10000 | General definition |
| e.g. Private work | 10000 | paragraph (c) |
|  |  |  |

## QUESTION 2

Metro in Bloemfontein made William, aged 45, an employment offer on $15^{\text {th }}$ January 2017. Should he decide to take the offer he will commence duties on $1^{\text {st }}$ March 2017. His remuneration allows him to restructure his remuneration package. William is entitled to a gross annual salary of R280 000 or to a remuneration package, which is structured as follows:

- A salary of R14 000 a month.
- Free accommodation in a house consisting of 6 rooms, which is owned by Metro. Electricity, water and furniture will not be supplied. William is at present paying R3 000 per month for the flat in which he lives. His remuneration proxy is R190 000.
- A travelling allowance of R6 000 per month. He will buy a vehicle with a cash value of R123 120 (including VAT of 14\%). This vehicle will be acquired on $1^{\text {st }}$ March 2017.

William has confirmed that he will keep records of all his business trips. He estimates the costs to travel 35000 km will amount to R44 500 (being R38500 for fuel, R5000 maintenance and R1000 licences). These costs excludes the lease payments. He will elect the actual costs basis on calculating the benefit.

William has estimated the following for the 2018 year of assessment:
Business km 24000
Private km 11000

## REQUIRED:

- A normal tax calculation based on the two options for the 2018 year of assessment and
- An after-tax monthly income based on the two options for the 2018 year of assessment

You may assume that Metro will deduct PAYE on the full motor vehicle benefit (not reduced to $80 \%$ ).

## QUESTION 3

James Bond, aged 40, is about to sign to revised employment agreement and has approached you to clarify some of the tax aspects of the various options he is considering.

He has been offered a package equivalent to a cost to his employer of R400 000 per annum. The following options are available.

## Option A

A cash salary of R400 000 per annum.
Membership to a pension fund. Employer and employee contributes equally, total contribution of R50 000 per annum. His salary will be reduced by the employers' contribution.

## Option B

Membership to a non-contributory provident fund. The employer will contribute R40 000 per annum and reduce his salary accordingly.

The use of a company car. The car will have a cost of R160 000. His salary will be reduced by R5 500 per month, being the interest payments carried by the employer and running expenses which is estimated at R1 500 per month.

## Option C

Free meals in a staff canteen. His salary will be reduced by R200 per month.
Free accommodation in an unfurnished house owned by the employer. His remuneration proxy is R350 000. His salary will be reduced by R4 000 per month.

## Option D

A motor vehicle allowance of R4000 per month, the employer will reduce his salary accordingly. James will buy a vehicle of R150 000 (Vat Included) and expect to travel 35000 km of which 24000 will be for business purposes. His total expenses of which he will keep proof (fuel, maintenance and insurance) are estimated at R4 500 per month.

## REQUIRED:

Calculate the after tax earnings for all of the above options. Structure your answer as a normal tax calculation and discuss the tax consequences with each entry. All workings should be part of the calculation. For purposes of your answer, the tax rates of 2018 should be used. Example:

## QUESTION 4

An employee who is not yet 65 years of age and who is a resident of the Republic, received the following income for the 2018 year of assessment.

Pensionable Salary R230 000
Overtime R17 000
Bonus R25 000
Interest from South African Banks R24 000
A uniform allowance of R4000. This uniform can be distinguished from normal clothing.
He was instructed by his employer to take business customers for lunch on a regular basis and was reimbursement after submitting the original receipts pertaining the expenditure. The total amount reimbursed was R15 000 for the year.

Tax deducted or paid during the year of assessment is as follows: PAYE R42 177 and other tax payments of R1 500.

## REQUIRED:

## END OF EXAMINATION

## RATES OF TAX FOR INDIVIDUALS

2018 tax year (1 March 2017-28 February 2018)

| Taxable income (R) | Rates of tax (R) |
| :--- | :--- |
| $0-189880$ | $18 \%$ of taxable income |
| $189881-296540$ | $34178+26 \%$ of taxable income above 189880 |
| $296541-410460$ | $61910+31 \%$ of taxable income above 296540 |
| $410461-555600$ | $97225+36 \%$ of taxable income above 410460 |
| $555601-708310$ | $149475+39 \%$ of taxable income above 555600 |
| $708311-1500000$ | $209032+41 \%$ of taxable income above 708310 |
| 1500001 and above | $533625+45 \%$ of taxable income above 1500000 |

2017 tax year (1 March 2016-28 February 2017)

| Taxable income (R) | Rates of tax (R) |
| :--- | :--- |
| $0-188000$ | $18 \%$ of taxable income |
| $188001-293600$ | $33840+26 \%$ of taxable income above 188000 |
| $293601-406400$ | $61296^{*}+31 \%$ of taxable income above 293600 |
| $406401-550100$ | $96264+36 \%$ of taxable income above 406400 |
| $550101-701300$ | $147996+39 \%$ of taxable income above 550100 |
| 701301 and above | $206964+41 \%$ of taxable income above 701300 |

* Note: Parliament is processing tax legislation that will change the current amount of 61269 to 61296 later in 2017.


## Tax Rebates

| Tax Rebate | Tax Year |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | $\mathbf{2 0 1 4}$ |
| Primary | R13 635 | R13 500 | R13 257 | R12 726 | R12 080 |
| Secondary (65 and older) | R7 479 | R7 407 | R7 407 | R7 110 | R6 750 |
| Tertiary (75 and older) | R2 493 | R2 466 | R2 466 | R2 367 | R2 250 |

Tax Thresholds

|  | Tax Year |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Person | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 |
| Under 65 | R75 750 | R75 000 | R73 650 | R70 700 | R67 111 |
| 65 an older | R117 300 | R116 150 | R114 800 | R110 200 | R104 611 |
| 75 and older | R131 150 | R129 850 | R128 500 | R123 350 | R117 111 |

Table for Calculation of Rate per km/Travel Allowance

| Value of the vehicle <br> (including VAT) <br> R | Fixed Cost | Fuel Cost | Maintenance cost |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (Rp.a) | (c/km) | (c/km) |  |
| $0-85000$ | 28492 | 91.2 | 32.9 |
| $85001-170000$ | 50924 | 101.8 | 41.2 |
| $170001-255000$ | 73427 | 110.6 | 45.4 |
| $255001-340000$ | 93267 | 118.9 | 49.6 |
| $340001-425000$ | 113179 | 127.2 | 58.2 |
| $425001-510000$ | 134035 | 146.0 | 68.4 |

