# THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS (GHANA)



### MAY 2010 EXAMINATIONS (PROFESSIONAL)

#### PART 2

## PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF TAXATION (Paper 2.4)

**Attempt ALL Questions** 

#### TIME ALLOWED:

Reading & Planning

15 Minutes

Working

3 Hours

#### **QUESTION 1**

The Commissioner of International Review Service (IRS) may authorize any person to assist in the performance of his duties.

#### Required:

a) What duties of the Commissioner cannot be delegated? (6 marks)

b) What duties of the Commissioner may be delegated? (6 marks)

c) Write brief notes on the canons of taxation. (8 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

#### **QUESTION 2**

Value Added Tax (VAT) is payable by a person when **taxable supplies** are made in or imported into Ghana in the course of or in furtherance of the business activity, provided the goods and services concerned are not exempt from VAT.

#### Required:

- a) In the context of the Value Added Tax Act, 1998 Act 546; what constitutes a taxable supply? (15 marks)
- b) A VAT registered trader is required to submit monthly VAT returns.

What are the contents of the returns?

(5 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

#### **QUESTION 3**

Dr. Prince Sowah has been a consultant physician and surgeon with the Good Health Clinic since  $1^{st}$  July, 2003. He is on a salary scale of  $GH \not \in 54,000 \times 2,400 - 72,000$  per annum.

His other entitlements are:

i. Responsibility Allowance GH¢500 per month

ii. Professional Allowance GH¢500 per month

iii. Risk Allowance GH¢500 per month

Dr. Sowah is also provided with a furnished accommodation and a vehicle with fuel. He contributes to the Social Security Scheme.

His personal income tax return form for the year 2006 disclosed the following:

- i. Part-time lectures, University of Ghana, Legon (GH¢24,000 net)
- ii. Part-time private practice (GH¢36,000)
- iii. Married with four children. (All attending recognised educational institutions)
- iv. Life Assurance Policy with E.I.C. (Capital sum assured GH¢60,000. Annual premium GH¢8,000).
- v. Subscriptions to professional journals (GH¢600).

#### Required:

Determine his Tax Liability for the year 2006. Show all workings and make any comments necessary.

Tax Rates:

Exceeding

240 - free 240 at 5% 1,200 at 10% 7,920 at 17.5% 9,600 at 25%

20 marks

#### **QUESTION 4**

a) Briefly describe the content of a Gift Tax Return.

(5 marks)

b) Mr. Ayama Antwi, a renowned public servant, retired from active service in November 2004. In December 2009 he celebrated his 65<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The undermentioned items/donations were received and documented by the recorder at the gift table.

- i. Saloon car valued at GH¢8,000 by the senior Staff Association of his former employers.
- ii. Nissan Pickup valued at GH¢12,000 by the Finance Department of his last employment.
- iii. Cash of GH¢5,000 by the service.

Mr. Zacky the father of Mr. Antwi gave him a parcel of land valued GH¢15,000 and a cash of GH¢10,000 in appreciation of the honour done to the family.

Kassum Imoro, an old time friend of Mr. Antwi, donated a brand new Toyota Landcruiser valued at GH¢60,000.

#### Required:

Determine the tax payable by Mr. Antwi if any.

(15 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

#### **QUESTION 5**

a) Briefly outline the circumstances under which a chargeable asset would be held to have been realised.

(5 marks)

b) Mr. Osono Ampong purchased a house at airport residential area in 2003 at a cost of GH¢150,000. He spent GH¢20,000 to renovate the house in 2003 after the purchase. In 2008 he decided to sell and so spent GH¢30,000 on repairs. The house was finally sold for GH¢450,000 through an agent who charged a commission of 5% of the sale.

#### Required:

i. Compute any taxes payable.

(5 marks)

- ii. Compute any taxes payable if he decided to spend GH¢450,000 to buy a new house at East Legon. (5 marks)
- iii. Compute any taxes payable if he spent GH¢350,000 out of the amount to acquire the house at East Legon. (5 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)