

CPA Review Questions

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1. In the current year, Vinton exchanged unimproved land for an apartment building. The land had a basis of \$300,000, and a fair market value (FMV), of \$420,000, and was encumbered by a \$100,000 mortgage. The apartment building had an FMV of \$550,000 and was encumbered by a \$230,000 mortgage. Each party assumed the other's mortgage. What is Vinton's basis in the office building?

- a) \$300,000
- b) \$320,000
- c) \$430,000
- d) \$550,000

c) Correct!

2. Decker, a 62-year-old single individual, sold his principal residence for the net amount of \$500,000 after all selling expenses. Decker bought the house 15 years ago and occupied it until it was sold. On the date of sale, the house had a cost basis of \$200,000. Within six months, Decker purchased a new house for \$600,000. What amount of gain should Decker recognize from the sale of the residence?

- a) \$0
 - b) \$50,000
 - c) \$175,000
 - d) \$300,000
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- b) Correct!**

3. Aston and Becker are equal partners in AB Partnership. In the tax year, the ordinary income of the partnership is \$20,000, and the partnership has a long-term capital gain of \$12,000. Aston's basis in AB was \$40,000, and he received distributions of \$5,000 during the year. What is Aston's share of AB's ordinary income?

a) \$10,000

b) \$15,000

c) \$16,000

d) \$18,500

a) Correct!

4. Vital Corp. is an accrual-basis, calendar-year C corporation. Its year 2 reported book income before federal income taxes was \$500,000. Included in that amount were the following items:

Year 1 state franchise tax refund	\$50,000
Municipal bond interest income	7,500

What should be the amount of Vital's year 2 taxable income as reconciled on Vital's Schedule M-1 of Form 1120, *U.S. Corporation Income Tax Return*?

- a) \$500,000
- b) \$492,500
- c) \$450,000
- d) \$442,500

b) Correct!

5. Lake Trust, a simple trust, reported the following items of income and expense during the year:

Dividend income	\$2,500
Taxable interest income	2,000
Capital gains (allocable to corpus)	5,000
Accounting fees (allocable to income)	(500)
Trustee fees (allocable to income)	(750)

What is Lake's distributable net income?

- a) \$9,500
 - b) \$8,250
 - c) \$5,000
 - d) \$3,250
- d) Correct!**