

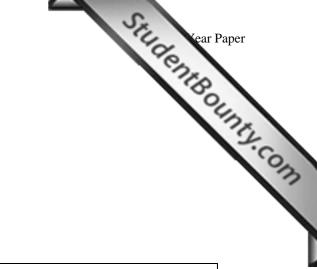
Taxation Republic Of Ireland

1st Year Examination

May 2014

Exam Paper, Solutions & Examiner's Report





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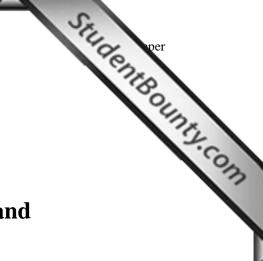
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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

For candidates answering in accordance with the law and practice of the Republic of Ireland.

Candidates should answer the paper in accordance with the appropriate provisions up to and including Finance Act 2013. The provisions of Finance Act (No 2) 2013 should be ignored.

Allowances and rates of taxation, to be used by candidates, are set out in a separate booklet supplied with the examination paper.

Answer ALL THREE questions from SECTION A. Answer ANY TWO of the three questions from Section B. If more than TWO questions are answered in Section B, then only the first two questions, in the order filed, will be corrected.

Candidates should allocate their time carefully.

All workings should be shown.

All figures should be labelled as appropriate e.g. €s, units etc.

Answers should be illustrated with examples, where appropriate.

Question 1 begins on Page 2 overleaf.

The following inserts are enclosed with the paper:

- Tax Reference Material
- Tax Deduction card (Question 5)
- USC Deduction card (Question 5)
- Form P60 (Question 5)

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SECTION A Answer ALL THREE questions in this section

QUESTION 1

StudentBounty.com Patrice commenced self-employment as a boutique owner on the 1st November 2012. She has no experience of dealing with the Revenue and has asked you to prepare an adjusted profit computation for the 14 months ended 31 December 2013. She has asked you to carefully consider the accounts prepared as she feels she may have made some mistakes due to her lack of knowledge in accounting and taxation.

The accounts for the period ended 31 December 2013 as prepared by Patrice are reproduced below:

| | Notes | € | € |
|--------------------------------------|-------|---------|-------------------|
| Sales | | | 348,560 |
| Purchases | | 246,890 | |
| Less Closing Stock | (1) | 39,850 | |
| Cost of Sales | | | <u>207,040</u> |
| Gross Profit | | | 141,520 |
| Add | | | |
| Grant for purchase of sewing machine | (2) | | 1,250 |
| | | | 142,770 |
| Less | | | |
| Loss on sale of equipment | (3) | 120 | |
| Depreciation | (4) | 1,860 | |
| Advertising and Promotion | (5) | 2,120 | |
| Subscriptions and donations | (6) | 1,100 | |
| Salaries | (7) | 86,280 | |
| Travel and motor expenses | (8) | 7,530 | |
| Professional fees | (9) | 4,340 | |
| Premises costs | (10) | 4,950 | |
| Telephone, Light and Heat | (11) | 6,400 | |
| | | | (<u>114,700)</u> |
| Net profit | | | 28,070 |

NOTES

(1)Closing Stock

Patrice supervised the stock take and all stock was recorded at cost. Following the stock take, Patrice discovered that some of the stock was damaged and worthless. The cost of the damaged stock was €2,500 with a recommended selling price of €3,250.

(2)Grant

In June 2013 Patrice recognised the need to offer a repair/adjustment service to her customers. She took on a new staff member and purchased a sewing machine costing €3,500. Her local enterprise board grant aided the purchase to the tune of €1,250. Patrice included the cost of the machine in purchases as the cost was below $\notin 4,000$. A friend recently informed Patrice that any item costing less than $\notin 4,000$ can be included in expenses.

(3) Loss on sale of equipment

When Patrice commenced trading she purchased a photocopying machine costing €800. Over the next two months it became obvious that the copier was not capable of printing to the required standard. Patrice sold the printer for $\notin 680$ and purchased a replacement costing $\notin 1,200$. The cost of the replacement printer is included in advertising/promotion costs.

(9)

QUESTION 1 (Cont'd)

StudentBounty.com (4) Depreciation Patrice looked up the Revenue website and noticed that the Revenue calculated depreciation at a rate of 12.5% and she used this rate in estimating the depreciation allowable.

| (5) | Advertising and Promotion | |
|-----|---|--------|
| | This figure includes: | € |
| | Leaflets promoting new repairs/adjustment service | 450 |
| | Advertising sale of old kitchen | 50 |
| | Advertising for staff | 420 |
| | Replacement printer | 1,200 |
| | | 2,120 |
| (6) | Subscriptions and donations | |
| | | € |
| | Donations to a local political party | 350 |
| | Donations to a registered charity - the Simon Community | 300 |
| | Fees to local chamber of commerce | 450 |
| | | 1,100 |
| | | |
| (7) | Salaries | € |
| | Staff salaries | 78,680 |
| | Staff pension contribution | 4,250 |
| | Interest on late payment of PAYE/PRSI/USC | 850 |
| | Christmas bonus to staff | 2,500 |
| | | 86,280 |

Included in staff wages is a wage of €21,500 in respect of Patrice. On completion of Form P35 for 2013, Patrice had to make an additional payment of €1,300 in respect of the tax due on the Christmas bonus paid. This amount has not been included in the accounts prepared.

| (8) | Travel and motor expenses | € |
|-----|----------------------------|-------|
| | Staff travel allowance | 2,650 |
| | Motor expenses | 4,600 |
| | Parking and speeding fines | 280 |
| | | 7,530 |

Staff are paid 20c a kilometre in respect of business travel. In addition an amount of €600 was paid as a lump sum to staff who agreed to use their own cars while travelling for business purposes.

The motor expenses are in respect of the use of Patrice's car. She estimates that 30% of the travel is for private purposes.

The parking and speeding fines were incurred by employees while on business trips.

| Professional fees | € |
|--|-------|
| Accountancy fees | 3,600 |
| Planning permission for extension to shop premises | 560 |
| Brokers fees in respect of the purchase of shares | 180 |
| | 4.340 |

The accountancy fees include an amount of €500 in respect of projections used by Patrice when applying for a mortgage to purchase a new house.

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|--------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Taxati | on (ROI) | May 2014 | Stilleenteo. |
| QUES | STION 1 (Cont'd) | | TBO. |
| (10) | Premises costs | (| |
| | Painting and decorating premises | 2,0 | 050 |
| | Computer repairs and maintenance | 8 | 800 |
| | New energy efficient heating boiler | <u>2,</u> | |
| | | 4,9 | 950 |
| | In preparation for the commencement | t of trading, Patrice spent | \in 1,250 on painting and decorating the |
| | business premises. After 12 months tr | ading a further €800 was sp | bent. |
| (11) | Telephone, Light and Heat | | E |
| | Telephone costs | 1,8 | 800 |
| | Light and heat | <u>4,0</u> | <u>500</u> |

20% of the telephone costs refer to private use by Patrice. The amount shown also included €450 spent on the purchase of a new mobile phone by Patrice. Light and heat refers to business use only.

6,400

Requirement:

Compute Patrice's Schedule D, Case I tax adjusted profits for the period ended 31 December 2013.

Total <u>20</u> Marks

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QUESTION 2

StudentBounty.com Timothy has asked you to prepare the VAT return for May / June 2013. Details extracted by you from Th. business records are as follows:

Cash Book

The following details were extracted from the cash book for the May/June VAT period.

| € | € |
|---|---|
| Opening cash 1 st May 13 1,250 | Bank lodgements |
| Receipts from debtors 256,600 | Drawings |
| Cash sales 95,250 | Wages paid 6,950 |
| | Closing Cash 30 th June <u>1,625</u> |
| Total 353,100 | Total |

You have discovered a number of errors in relation to the cash book:

Credit transfers totalling €4,800 were made directly to the bank and not recorded. These credit transfers were made by credit customers.

The closing cash amounted to $\notin 3,125$. The extra cash came from cash sales that were not recorded. One of the bank lodgements amounting to €8,600 has not been recorded in the cash book. This lodgement came from cash sales.

Sales Book

Invoices are written for all sales to credit customers and recorded in the sales book. You have extracted the following figures for May and June 2013:

| Month | Total | VAT Excl | VAT at 23% |
|-------|---------|----------|-------------------|
| | € | € | € |
| May | 158,055 | 128,500 | 29,555 |
| June | 161,745 | 131,500 | 30,245 |

Purchases book

You extracted the following totals for May/June:

| Total | For | Resale | | Not For | Resale | |
|---------|---------|--------|--------|---------|--------|-------|
| | 23% | VAT | 23% | 13.5% | Zero% | VAT |
| € | € | € | € | € | € | € |
| 200,670 | 136,460 | 30,958 | 20,200 | 3,600 | 1,980 | 5,132 |

Having cross totalled and checked the VAT calculations you discover some errors as follows:

- (i) An invoice for resale shows: VAT Excl. €2,600 VAT at 23% €598 Total €3.198 The VAT excl. price was recorded as $\notin 260$ in error. The other figures were correctly recorded.
- **(ii)** A receipt for €1,599 has been recorded in the not for resale columns. Timothy shows you the receipt and the words 'VAT incl. at 23%' has been written on the receipt. Timothy calculated the VAT content of the invoice and entered the figures accordingly in the not for resale and VAT columns.
- (iii) You discover an invoice from Italy that shows goods for resale purchased for €4,200. Timothy recorded €4,200 in the total column and the same amount in the 23% for resale column.

Question 2 continues overleaf

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QUESTION 2 (Cont'd)

A number of invoices have been recorded in respect of diesel purchased. The totals are as follow (iv)

| VAT Excl. | €2,400 |
|------------|--------|
| VAT at 23% | €552 |
| Total | €2,952 |

StudentBounty.com These invoices have been correctly recorded in the purchases book but Timothy informs you that 50% of the diesel purchased refers to Timothy's private travel.

Requirement:

Calculate the amount of VAT due for the May/June period using

- (i) The cash receipts basis.
- The invoice basis. (ii)

Total <u>20</u> Marks

QUESTION 3

You are employed by a firm of Chartered Accountants and have been asked to write a letter to a client regarding the following:

(a) Relief for bad debts in respect of Value Added Tax (VAT). You have been asked to contrast the treatment of accounting for VAT on a cash receipts basis compared to accounting for VAT on an invoice basis.

8 marks

(b) Employee tax credit. You are expected to include notes regarding the availability of the tax credit for directors, their spouses, their children and part time employees.

6 marks

- (c) The content and due date for submission of the following end of year forms:
 - Form P60 (i)
 - (ii) Form P35

6 marks Total 20 Marks

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SECTION B

Answer TWO of the three questions in section B

QUESTION 4

StudentBounty.com Darragh (aged 34) and Nessa (aged 29) were married on the 1 October 2013. Details of their income and outgoings for the 2013 tax year are as follows.

Income:

Nessa was an employee of Besta Ltd. up to the 31 July 2013. In the period to cessation of employment, she earned €34,100 (excluding any BIK) and PAYE deducted amounted to €8,400.

Besta Ltd. provided a loan to Nessa to assist her in the purchase of her principal private residence. The loan amounting to €120,000 was provided to Nessa on the 1st February 2013. Nessa repaid €50,000 of the loan on the 1st April and the balance of the loan was repaid when Nessa ceased employment at the end of July 2013. Besta Ltd. charged interest on the loan at a rate of 1% over the duration of the loan.

On the 1st September 2013 Nessa commenced self-employment as a boutique owner. Her first set of accounts were prepared for the six months ending 28 February 2014 and these showed an adjusted profit figure of €24,600.

Nessa received €301.50 deposit interest from Big Bank Plc. during the year. The amount received was net of Deposit Interest Retention Tax at 33%.

Darragh has been self-employed as an architect since 2006. The adjusted profits per accounts prepared are as follows:

| y/e 31 January 2012 | €48,600 |
|---------------------|---------|
| y/e 31 January 2013 | €21,600 |
| y/e 31 January 2014 | €18,900 |

Since 2009, Darragh has been contributing €5,000 per annum to a retirement annuity contract.

Darragh also received investment income as follows:

Interest on Government Securities received gross amounting to €250.

Dividend from ABC Plc. for the year ending 31 October 2012 amounting to €96.00 net of D.W.T of 20%. The amount was received on the 1 March 2013.

Requirement:

Prepare an income tax computation for 2013 for Darragh and Nessa. **(a)**

(b) Calculate the tax refund (if any) that might be due if joint assessment applied in the year of marriage.

> 5 marks Total 20 marks

For the purposes of answering this question you can ignore PRSI and USC

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QUESTION 5

You have been engaged by Bally Ltd. (employer number 1515151A) to manage their payroll system. relevant to the only employee are as follows:

Sheila Fitzmaurice PPS: 1234567Z

StudentBounty.com Sheila commenced employment with Bally Ltd. on the 9th December 2013 (week 50 of the 2013 tax year). Details of earnings for each of the three weeks to the end of the 2013 tax year are as follows:

| Week 50 | €700.00 |
|---------|---------|
| Week 51 | €900.00 |
| Week 52 | €230.00 |

Details per the certificate of tax credits received are included on the tax deduction card and the USC deduction card enclosed with this paper. The cumulative basis applies to the calculations for weeks 50 to 52 inclusive.

Details extracted from the Form P45 submitted by Sheila are as follows:

| Earnings: | €34,600.00 |
|------------|------------|
| PAYE Paid: | €2,648.00 |
| USC Paid: | €1,900.00 |

Requirement:

| (a) | Complete the attached cumulative Tax Deduction Card for weeks 50 to 52 inclusive. | 6 marks |
|--------------|---|---------|
| (b) | Complete the attached cumulative USC Deduction Card for weeks 50 to 52 inclusive. | 7 marks |
| (c) | Calculate the take-home pay for each of the weeks 50 to 52 inclusive. | 3 marks |
| (d) | Complete the attached P60 for Sheila based on the information you entered on the Tax Deduction Cards. | and USC |

4 marks Total<u>20</u> marks

Taxation (ROI)

QUESTION 6

StudentBounty.com The following multiple-choice question consists of TEN parts, each of which is followed by FOUR answers. There is ONLY ONE right answer in each part.

Requirement:

Indicate the right answer to each of the following TEN parts.

N.B. Each part carries 2 marks

Candidates should answer this question by ticking the appropriate boxes on the special answer sheet which is contained within the Answer Booklet.

- 1. For VAT purposes, which of the following is an exempt supply:
 - (a) supply of medical services by a medical doctor.
 - (b) supply of medical equipment.
 - (c) supply of materials to be used to construct an extension to a medical waiting room.
 - supply of accountancy services to a medical doctor. (d)
- 2. Sally is single and aged 76 years. In the 2013 tax year she received pensions from her former employer and from the State totalling \in 18,100. The total tax payable by Sally for the 2013 tax year amounts to:
 - Nil (a)
 - €40 (b)
 - €75 (c)
 - €1,725 (d)
- 3. Taz moved to Ireland for the first time and commenced employment with RRR Ltd. in week 10 of the 2013 tax year. He did not provide his employer with a PPS number. If Taz earned €500 in week 10 the PAYE deductible would amount to:
 - €68.27 (a)
 - €173.27 (b)
 - €205.00 (c)
 - None of the above (d)
- 4. Traders selling goods only are obliged to register for VAT if their turnover exceeds or is likely to exceed:
 - (a) €37,500
 - €55,000 (b)
 - €75,000 (c)
 - None of the above (d)
- 5. Investment income which has suffered income tax at source is assessable under:
 - Schedule D Case II (a)
 - Schedule D Case III (b)
 - Schedule D Case IV (c)
 - Schedule D Case V (d)
- 6. Sean is an employee of AAA Ltd. In month 1 of the 2013 tax year he was paid a salary of €1,500. If Sean paid PRSI under class A, the total amount of PRSI payable for January 2013 amounted to:
 - (a) Nil
 - (b) €63.75
 - (c) €123.75
 - €221.25 (d)

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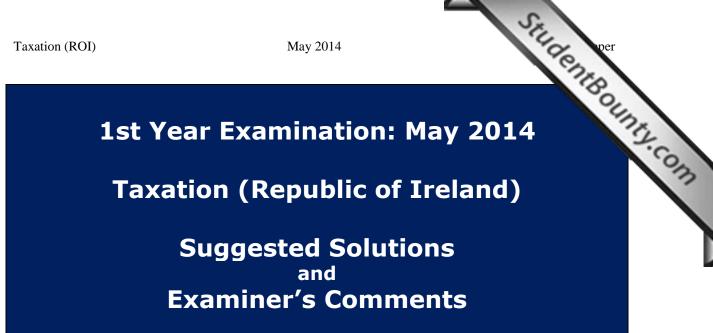
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QUESTION 6 (Cont'd)

- StudentBounty.com 7. Paul's income for the 2013 tax year amounted to €33,500. He paid €4,000 per annum into a perma health insurance scheme. The amount allowable for tax purposes for the 2013 tax year amounts to:
 - (a) Nil
 - (b) €1,675
 - €3.350 (c)
 - €4,000 (d)
- 8. Patricia is single and employed by RRR Ltd. The amount of her weekly tax credit and weekly cut off point are most likely to be:

| | Tax Credit | Cut Off Point |
|-----|------------|---------------|
| (a) | €31.73 | €630.77 |
| (b) | €31.73 | €803.85 |
| (c) | €63.46 | €630.77 |
| (d) | €63.46 | €803.85 |

- 9. Peter is a self-employed hairdresser. For the 2013 tax year his liability, including Income Tax, PRSI and USC, amounted to €8,210. If Peter's income tax return for 2013 was submitted on the 12th January 2015, the surcharge payable for the late submission of the return would be:
 - (a) Nil
 - (b) €410.50
 - (c) €500.00
 - (d) €821.00
- 10. AAA Ltd. operates a jewellery shop in Dundalk. A private customer from Northern Ireland has ordered a watch. AAA Ltd. has arranged to courier the watch to Belfast. The VAT rate applicable to the sale of the watch is:
 - 13.5% (a)
 - 23% (b)
 - Zero% as the goods are being exported (c)
 - (d) Nil as the transaction is an exempt transaction



Students please note: These are suggested solutions only; alternative answers may also be deemed to be correct and will be marked on their own merits.

| | Sta | tistical Analy | ysis – By Que | estion | | |
|------------------|-----|----------------|---------------|--------|-----|-----|
| Question No. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Average Mark (%) | 74% | 53% | 46% | 65% | 60% | 60% |
| Nos. Attempting | 937 | 876 | 890 | 593 | 438 | 856 |

| Statistical A | Analysis - Overall |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Pass Rate | 72% |
| Average Mark | 57% |
| Range of Marks | Nos. of Students |
| 0-39 | 183 |
| 40-49 | 80 |
| 50-59 | 189 |
| 60-69 | 231 |
| 70 and over | 268 |
| Total No. Sitting Exam | 951 |
| Total Absent | 300 |
| Total Approved Absent | 32 |
| Total No. Applied for Exam | 1283 |

StudentBounty.com The question was well answered, presentation was generally good and the solutions were well laid out to follow.

- Students would benefit from revising areas where candidates failed to pick up marks. These areas include:
 - Adding back rather than deducting the adjustment due for damaged stock and capital grant •
 - Failure to adjust for the replacement printer •
 - Deducting the loss on the sale of equipment rather than adding it back •
 - Failure to adjust for the balance of P35 paid •
 - Incorrectly adding back the lump sum paid to staff for the use of their own cars while travelling for • business purposes
 - Incorrect calculation of the adjustment required for private telephone calls •

| Solution 1 | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Adjusted profit computa | tion for Patrice for the pe | eriod ended 31 Decembe | er 2013 | Marks Allocated |
| Profits per accounts | | | 28,070 | |
| Less | | | | |
| Damaged stock | | -2,500 | | 1 |
| Capital grant | | -1,250 | | 1 |
| Add | | | | |
| Purchase of machine - ca | pital | 3,500 | | 1 |
| Loss on sale of equipment | nt | 120 | | 1 |
| Replacement printer | | 1,200 | | 1 |
| Depreciation | | 1,860 | | 0.5 |
| Sale of old kitchen | | 50 | | 0.5 |
| Political party | | 350 | | 0.5 |
| Charity | | 300 | | 1 |
| Chamber of commerce | | - | | 0.5 |
| Interest on late payment | | 850 | | 1 |
| Drawings Patrice | | 21,500 | | 1 |
| P35 payment | | -1,300 | | 1 |
| Staff travel | | - | | 1 |
| Private motor expenses | (4,600*30%) | 1,380 | | 0.5 |
| Parking and speeding fin | es | 280 | | 1 |
| Accountancy fees - perso | onal | 500 | | 1 |
| Planning permission sho | p extension | 560 | | 1 |
| Brokers fees | | 180 | | 1 |
| Painting and decorating | | 1,250 | | 1 |
| New boiler | | 2,100 | | 1 |
| Mobile phone | | 450 | | 0.5 |
| Private calls | (1,800-450) * 20% | 270 | | 1 |
| | | | <u>31,650</u> | |
| Adjusted Case I | | | 59,720 | |
| - | | 1 | | |

Examiner's Comments on Question Two

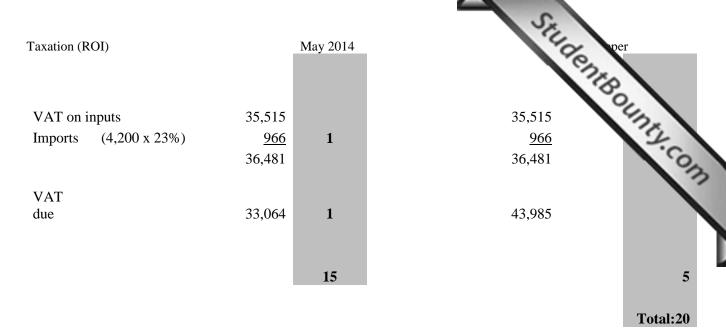
This question tested the candidates understanding of the VAT system and the ability to quantify the amount VAT due for a VAT period.

StudentBounty.com Students would benefit from referring to the layout of a VAT computation and also familiarise themselves with the difference between the invoice basis and the cash receipts basis of accounting for VAT. There is a need for students to improve presentation in such questions. It is advisable to provide a brief explanation of the source of the figures presented as this will aid the examiner in allocating marks.

Students should cross check their calculations for the total columns and the VAT columns. When the question suggests that errors have been made it is advisable that students cross check the figures to ensure they balance.

Solution 2

| Purchase | es Book | | | | | | | | |
|------------|--------------|---------|---------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|-------|--------------------|
| | Total | 23% | VAT | Marks Allocated | 23% | 13.50% | Zero% | VAT | Marks Allocated |
| | € | € | | | € | € | € | € | |
| | 200,670 | 136,460 | 30,958 | | 20,200 | 3,600 | 1,980 | 5,132 | |
| (i) | | -260 | | 1 | | | | | |
| | | 2,600 | | | | | | | |
| (ii) | | | | 2 | -1,300 | | 1,599 | -299 | |
| (iii) | -4,200 | -4,200 | | 1 | | | | | |
| (iv) | | | | 1 | -1,200 | | 1,476 | -276 | |
| | 196,470 | 134,600 | 30,958 | | 17,700 | 3,600 | 5,055 | 4,557 | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Proof | 196,470 | | 30,958 | 1 | | | | 4,557 | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | C 1 | | | | | | |
| | | | Cash Basis | | | | Invoice B | lasis | |
| Cash sale | s | | 95,250 | 1 | | | 95,250 | | 1 |
| Debtor re | | | 256,600 | 1 | | | ,200 | | - |
| Credit Sa | - | | _ | | (158,055+ | -161,745) | 319,800 | | 1 |
| Credit Tra | | | 4,800 | 1 | | . , | , | | |
| Extra casl | h sales | | 1,500 | 1 | | | 1,500 | | 1 |
| Lodgeme | nt not recor | ded | <u>8,600</u> | 1 | | | 8,600 | | 1 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 366,750 | | | | 425,150 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | VAT Exc | -1 | 298,171 | | | | 345,650 | | |
| | VAT at 2 | 3% | <u>68,579</u> | 1 | | | <u>79,500</u> | | 1 |
| | | | 366,750 | | | | 425,150 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| VAT on 0 | - | | 68,579 | | | | 79,500 | | |
| Imports | (4,200 x 2 | 23%) | <u>966</u> | 1 | | | <u>966</u> | | |
| | | | 69 545 | | | | 80 466 | | |



Examiner's Comments on Question Three

This was a narrative question which tested the students understanding of a number of topics.

Students have shown an improvement in presenting solutions to narrative questions and this is to be welcomed. However, the average mark achieved in very low and students are advised to pay more attention to narrative type questions as part of their revision.

Some students seem reluctant to attempt narrative questions. As this was a compulsory question, those who did not attempt it were less likely to reach the 50% pass mark.

Solution 3

| (a) Relief for Bad Debts in respect of VAT | Marks Allocated |
|---|--------------------|
| Where the invoice basis applies for VAT the trader accounts for VAT on sales when the invoice is issued to the customer. | 1 |
| In many cases this requires the payment of VAT on sales to the Revenue in advance of collecting the money from the customer. | 1 |
| Where the customer has failed to pay the amount due the trader may write off the amount due as a bad debt in his accounting records. Bad debts written off in the accounting records include the VAT already paid by the trader to the Revenue. | 2 |
| The trader is therefore entitled to claim back the amount of VAT previously paid on the amount now treated as bad, in the period that the bad debt arises. | 2 2 |
| Where a trader accounts for VAT on a cash receipts basis he does not have to make any adjustment for VAT on bad debts as he will not have paid over any VAT in relation to the bad debt written off. | 2 |

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Solution 3 (cont'd)

(b) Employee tax credit

StudentBounty.com A special annual tax credit of up to €1,650 is granted to an individual who are in receipt of emoluments to which PAYE is applied.

This is dependent on the individual having Schedule E emoluments of at least $\notin 8,250$ ($\notin 8,250$ (a) 20% = €1,650). If the taxpayer's emoluments are less than €8,250, the tax credit is restricted to the amount of the emoluments multiplied by the standard rate of tax.

Anti-avoidance provisions exclude from the credit emoluments paid by a company to a proprietary director or to the spouse/civil partner of such a director.

Also excluded are emoluments paid by a self-employed individual or by a partnership in which the individual is a partner to the spouse/civil partner of the individual.

A proprietary director is a director of a company who is the beneficial owner of or able to control directly or indirectly more than 15% of the ordinary share capital of the company.

A child of a proprietary director or self-employed individual will qualify for the tax credit if they work full time throughout the year of assessment and have income from the employment of at least €4,572.

(c) Due date for submission and the content of Forms P35 and P60

Form P35

Form P35 must be submitted to the Revenue by the 15th February following the end of the tax year.

The form gives a summary of the total deductions from employees and employer during the Income Tax year. It includes details of the total tax deducted, USC deducted, Employee PRSI deducted and Employers PRSI due. The form summarises the total amounts due to the Revenue for the year compared to the amounts paid during the year on submission of monthly forms P30. Any balance due is payable on submission of Form P35.

Form P35 can be submitted manually or electronically using the ROS on-line system. The form P35 is accompanied by form P35L which is a listing of the details of PAY and Deductions for all employees for the year.

Form P60

On completion of Form P35 the employer also completes a Form P60 for each employee working for him at the end of the tax year.

This form shows details of total taxable pay, tax deducted, USC, Employee PRSI, Employer PRSI, total PRSI and details of PRSI class.

These details should match the details included on Form P35L for that employee.

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Examiner's Comments on Question Four

This question required the candidate to prepare an income tax computation for the year of marriage

The solutions were well presented and easy to follow.

StudentBounts.com It's pleasing to note that there continues to be an improvement in the income tax computations presented.

Some areas in income tax computations continue to cause problems for some students. Students would benefit from revising the following areas which were relevant to this question:

- Calculation of the assessable benefit in kind •
- Calculation of the assessable trade income on commencement (and cessation)
- The treatment of pension contributions
- The tax refund due in the year of marriage

Taxation (ROI)

Solution 4

| Taxation (R | OI) | May 2014 | | | 1 st Year | - Paper | | | | Still | dents | nty.com |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|---|---------|
| Solution 4 | | | | | | | | | | | °°L | |
| Income | | Nessa | Marks Allocated | | | | Darragh | Marks Allocated | | Joint | | 12. COM |
| Sch E | Bisto Ltd BIk Loan | 34,100 1,300 | 0.5 2 | Sch D | Case II Less RAC | 20% | 21,600 4,320 | | | | | 1 |
| Sch D | Case IV | 1,500 | 2 | | | 2070 | 17,280 | | | | | 2 |
| | Deposit Interest (€301.50/.67) | 450 | 1 | Sch D Sch F | Case III Dividends | | 250 | | | | | 1 |
| Sch D | Case I 24,600 x 4/6 | 16,400 | 1 | | €96 /.8 | | 120 | | | | <i>c</i> 0.000 | 1 |
| Taxed | | 52,250 | | Taxed | | | 17,650 | 0.5 | Taxed | | 69,900 | |
| 32,800 450 19,000 52,250 | 20% 33% 41% | 6,560.00 148.50 7,790.00 14,498.50 | 0.5 | 17,650 | 20% | | 3,530 | 0.5 0.5 0.5 | 41,800 17,650 450 10,000 | 20% 20% 33% 41% | 8,360.00 3,530.00 148.50 4,100.00 16,138.50 | 0.5 |
| Tax credit Personal PAYE | ts | 1,650 1,650 3,300 11,198.50 | 0.5 0.5 | Tax Cred Personal | lits | | 1,650 1,880 | 0.5 | Tax Credits | 3,300 1,650 | 4,950 11,188.50 | 0.5 |

| Taxation (ROI) | | May 2014 | | | 1 st Year Paper | | | Ste | 11,188.50 13,078.50 1,890.00 | |
|---------------------------------|--------|----------|------------------|-----|----------------------------|-------|-----------|---------------------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| | | | Marks | | | | Marks | | OU. | larks |
| Paid PAYE | 8,400 | | Allocated 0.5 | DWT | | | Allocated | Joint assessment | 11 188 5 | L ted |
| DIRT | 148.50 | | 0.5 | 120 | 20% | 24 | 0.5 | Single Assessment | 13.078.50 | .6. |
| | | 8,548.50 | | - | | | | Difference | 1,890.00 | 3 |
| Tax Due | | 2,650.00 | | | | 1,856 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | Time Apportion 3/12 | | |
| BIK 4% - 1% = 3% | | | | | | | 2 | Refund due | 473.00 | |
| Loan $\in 120,000$ for 2 months | | | | | | | - | due | 175.00 | |
| | | Annual | | | | | | | | |
| €120,000 x 3% | 3,600 | BIK | | | | | | | | |
| Time apportion 2 months | 600 | | | | | | | | | |
| Loan €70,000 for 4 months | | | | | | | | | | |
| €70,000 x 3% | 2,100 | | | | | | | | | |
| Time apportion 4 months | 700 | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total BIK | 1,300 | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 8.5 | | | | 5 | | | 6.5 |
| | | | | | | | | | | Total :20 |

Examiner's Comments on Question Five

This question tested the candidates' knowledge of the PAYE/PRSI system and required compl of a number of Revenue forms.

StudentBounty.com Students are advised of the need to practice the completion of Revenue forms. Quite a number of candidates spent time preparing figures and then transferring the figures to the forms.

It's encouraging to see an improvement in the calculation of take home pay. This was highlighted as a weakness in reports published on previous examination sittings.

| Taxation | n (ROI) | | | May 2014 | | | | Still | dents | | | | |
|---|---|------------------------------|---------------------|---|--|--|-------------------------|--------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Solution | 15 | | | Cumulative | Tax Deductio | action Card Date of Commencement: | | | | | 9th Dec 2 | 2013 | ooun |
| Sheila Fitzmaurice Tax Year: 2013 | | | · | | | | 95.20 07.70 | | | 9th Dec 2013 | | | |
| Week No. | Taxable Pay (Gross less pension) this period | Cumulative Taxable Pay | Cumulative SRCOP | Cumulative amount taxable at high rate | Cumulative Tax due at Standard Rate | Cumulative Tax due at Higher Rate | Cumulative Gross tax | Cumulative Tax Credit | Cumulative tax due (cannot be less than 0) | Tax deducted this period | Tax refunded this period | PRSI co EE PRSI | ER PRSI |
| 49 | | 34,600.00 | 34,677.30 | | | | | 4,664.80 | 2,648.00 | | | | |
| 50 | 700.00 | 35,300.00 | 35,385.00 | - | 7,060.00 | - | 7,060.00 | 4,760.00 | 2,300.00 | - | 348.00 | 28.00 | 75.25 |
| 51 | 900.00 | 36,200.00 | 36,092.70 | 107.30 | 7,218.54 | 43.99 | 7,262.54 | 4,855.20 | 2,407.34 | 107.34 | - | 36.00 | 96.75 |
| 52 | 230.00 | 36,430.00 | 36,800.40 | - | 7,286.00 | - | 7,286.00 | 4,950.40 | 2,335.60 | - | 71.74 | - | 9.78 |
| | 1,830.00 | 36,430.00 | | | | | | | 2,335.60 | 107.34 | 419.74 | 64.00 | 181.78 |

| | Marks Allocated |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Form completion | 1 |
| Cumulative taxable at high rate | 0.5 |
| Cumulatice gross tax | 0.5 |
| Tax deducted/refunded | 2 |
| PRSI EE | 1 |
| PRSI ER | 1 |
| TOTAL | 6 |

| Taxation (ROI) May 2014 | | | | | 1 st Year Paper | | | | | | 2 | lide |
|-------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | | | Cumulative USC Deduction Card Name: | | | | | | Sheila Fitzn | naurice | 180 |
| | | Weekly USC Rate 1 COP: Rate 1: | €193.00 2% | | | | Weekly USC Rate 2 COP: Rate 2: | €308.00 4% | | Balance: Rate 3: | 7% | undertBo |
| Week No: | Gross Pay for USC this period | Cumulative Gross Pay for USC | Cumulative USC Rate 1 COP | Cumulative USC Due at Rate 1 | Cumulative USC Rate 2 COP | Amount of gross pay liable at Rate 2 | Cumulative USC Due at Rate 2 | Amount of gross pay liable at Rate 3 | Cumulative USC Due at Rate 3 | Cumulative USC | USC Deducted this period | USC Refunded this Period |
| 49 | | 34,600.00 | 9,457.00 | | 15,092.00 | | | | | 1,900.00 | | |
| 50 | 700.00 | 35,300.00 | 9,650.00 | 193.00 | 15,400.00 | 5,750.00 | 230.00 | 19,900.00 | 1,393.00 | 1,816.00 | - | - 84.00 |
| 51 | 900.00 | 36,200.00 | 9,843.00 | 196.86 | 15,708.00 | 5,865.00 | 234.60 | 20,492.00 | 1,434.44 | 1,865.90 | 49.90 | _ |
| 52 | 230.00 | 36,430.00 | 10,036.00 | 200.72 | 16,016.00 | 5,980.00 | 239.20 | 20,414.00 | 1,428.98 | 1,868.90 | 3.00 | - |
| | 1 920 00 | 26 420 00 | | | | | | | | 1 9 6 9 0 0 | 52.00 | - |

1,830.00 36,430.00

1,868.90 52.90 - 84.00

- 31.10

| | Marks Allocated |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Form completion | 1 |
| Cumulative USC at rate 1 | 1 |
| Gross pay liable at rate 2 | 1 |
| Cumulative USC at rate 2 | 1 |
| Gross pay liable at rate 3 | 1 |
| Cumulative USC at rate 3 | 1 |
| USC Due/refunded | 1 |
| TOTAL | 7 |

| ROI) | May 2014 |
|---|--|
| P60 Certificate of Pagand Universal S | May 2014 y, Tax, Pay Related Social Insurance ocial Charge Year Ended 31 Dec 2013 maurice Payroll/Works Number (if applicable) |
| Name of Sheila Fitzm Employee: | aurice Payroll/Works Number (if applicable) |
| PPS No. 0 | |
| Tax Credit 4,9 | 50.40 Rate Band 36,800.40 |
| USC Rate Band 1 10,03 | 36.00 USC Rate Band 2 16,016.00 |
| 1' indicates that temporary basis applied 2' indicates that emergency basis applied | Enter 'D' if employee was a director. |
| Inter "X" if there were 53 pay days in the year Date of commencement of employment 9th Dec 2013 | Enter 'W' if week 1/ month 1 applied. |
| Alter of commencement of employment 9th Dec 2013 (A) Pay | (C)Pay for Universal Social Charge Purposes |
| | 30.00 1. Total Gross Pay for USC purposes in above year 36,430.00 including pay for USC purposes in respect of previous employment(s), if any |
| employment(s), if any | Gross Pay for USC in respect of previous add,600.00 employment(s), if any, in above year |
| Pay in respect of previous employment(s), if any, 34,60 in above year | 00.00 3. Pay for USC purposes in respect of this 1,830.00 period of employment. |
| (i.e. gross pay less any superannuation contributions | Use this figure in PAYE Anytime 30.00 (D) USC Deducted 4 Table 0.00 |
| allowable for income tax purposes). Total amount of taxable liness Benefit included in the above pay figure | 1. Total USC deducted in above year, including 1,868.90 USC deducted by previous employer(s), if any |
| | 2. USC in respect of previous employment(s), 1,900.00 if any, in above year |
| | 3. Net USC deducted (D)/refunded (R) R 31.10 in this employment. Use this figure in PAYE Anytime |
| (B) Tax | (E)PRSI in This employment |
| I. Total net tax deducted in above year (including tax deducted by previous employer(s), if any). 2,33 | 1. EMPLOYEE'S PRSI 64.00 35.60 |
| 2. Tax in respect of previous employment(s), | 2. TOTAL (employer + employee) PRSI 245.78 |
| if any, in above year. 2,64 3. Net tax deducted (D)/refunded (R) in this | 48.00 3. TOTAL number of weeks insurable employment. 3 4. Initial social insurance contribution class. A |
| period of employment 3' Use this figure in PAYE Anytime | 12.40 5. Subsequent social insurance contribution class. |
| Total amount of Local Property Tax (LPT) deducted in this period of employment - if applicable | 6. Number of weeks at the class entered at line 5 3 above |
| We certify that the particulars given above in respect of Pay, Tax, PRSI a | nd USC are correct in respect of this employment |
| Employer's Name Bally Ltd. | Employer's PAYE Regd. No. 1515151A |
| Employer's Phone Number | Date |
| TO THE EMPLOYEE: THIS IS A | VALUABLE DOCUMENT |
| You should retain this document carefully as evidence of tax, PRSI and Un lote: There is a four-year time limit on claiming refunds of tax or Univer You may also require this document as evidence if you claim social welfar | rsal Social Charge. |

| | Marks Allocated |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Pay details | 1 |
| Tax details | 1 |
| USC details | 1 |
| PRSI details | 1 |
| TOTAL | 4 |

| Taxation (ROI) | | May 201 | 4 | | Still | den per | nty.com |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|------------------------|---------|---------|
| | | Week 50 | Week 51 | | Week 52 | OUT | 14.0 |
| Gross Pay | | 700.00 | 900.00 | | 230.00 | | STR. |
| Tax USC PRSI | | 348.00 84.00 -28.00 | -107.34 -49.90 -36.00 | | 71.74 -3.00 0.00 | | |
| Take home | | 1,104.00 | 706.76 | | 298.74 | | |
| PRSI EE PRSI ER | 4% 10.75% | 28.00 75.25 | 36.00 96.75 | 0% 4.25% | 0.00 9.78 | | |
| Marks | | | | | | Total | |
| Allocated | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 3 | |

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Examiner's Comments on Question Six

This was a multiple-choice question.

The solutions presented were broadly in line with previous examination sittings.

Solution 6

| | | | Marks |
|------|---|--|-----------|
| | | | Allocated |
| [1] | А | | 2 |
| [2] | В | | 2 |
| [3] | С | | 2 |
| [4] | С | | 2 |
| [5] | С | | 2 |
| [6] | В | | 2 |
| [7] | С | | 2 |
| [8] | С | | 2 |
| [9] | D | | 2 |
| [10] | В | | 2 |
| | | | Total :20 |

Workings

| [2] | | € |
|-----------------------|-------|--------|
| Total Income | | 18,100 |
| Taxable @ 20% | | 3,620 |
| Tax Credits | | |
| Personal | 1,650 | |
| PAYE | 1,650 | |
| | | 3,300 |
| Tax Due | | 320 |
| Marginal relief | | (280) |
| Tax due | | 40 |
| | | |
| Marginal Relief | | |
| Total Income | | 18,100 |
| Exemption Limit | | 18,000 |
| Excess | | 100 |
| Maximum tax due @ 409 | 6 | 40 |
| | | |
| [3] | | |
| €500 @ 41% = €205 | | |
| [6] | | |

| [0] | |
|--------------------------|--------|
| PRSI Class AO applies | |
| Employer: €1,500 @ 4.25% | €63.75 |
| Employee: €1,500 @ Nil | Nil |
| Total PRSI | €63.75 |
| | |

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[**7**] Limit Income €33,500 @ 10% = €3,350

[8]

| Yearly Tax Credit | |
|-------------------|--------|
| Personal | €1,650 |
| PAYE | €1,650 |
| Total | €3,300 |
| Weekly /52 | €63.46 |
| | |

| Cut Off Point | |
|---------------|---------|
| Yearly | €32,800 |
| Weekly /52 | €630.77 |

[9]

More than 2 months late submitting tax return Surcharge $\notin 8,210$ @ 10% = $\notin 821$

