Personal Holding Company Tax

Introduction – Combinations of Questions

a. Alternative Minimum Tax

regarding dividend policy?

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3. [§541, 543] Sue owned stocks that pay dividends of \$100,000 per year. Sue put those stocks in a

newly organized SueCorp owned by Sue. This was done to reduce the tax burden on the dividends. SueCorp does not pay dividends. SueCorp reported the following:

1. Which of the following taxes is not reported on a schedule attached to the annual income tax return?

	Taxable Income	20,000
	Corporate income tax rate	15%
	Corporate income tax	\$3 <i>,</i> 000
The	corporation is subject to:	

Accumulated earnings tax **b.** Personal holding company tax a.

4. [§541, 543] Alston Corp. has three stockholders and derives all of its income from investments in stock and securities. Alston regularly distributes 51% of its taxable income as dividends to its stockholders. Alston Corporation is a (an)

- **a.** Corporation subject to accumulated earnings tax **b.** Exempt organization
- Regulated investment company. **d.** Personal holding company c.

5.[§533, 547] When you determine (or the IRS determines) that a tax is due, you often wish you could do something to avoid having to pay that tax.

Which of the following is least likely to be avoided after the tax liability is computed?

- a. Alternative Minimum Tax b. Accumulated Earnings Tax
- C. Personal Holding Company Tax

Determine whether a corporation is a personal holding company (PHC).

6. Cromwell Investors, Inc. has ten unrelated equal stockholders.

For the current year, Cromwell's income comprised the following:

Dividends from domestic taxable corporations	\$10,000
Interest earned on notes receivable	6,000
Net rental income	3,000

The corporation paid no dividends during the taxable year. Deductible expenses totaled \$4,000 for the year. Cromwell's liability for PHC tax

for the year will be based on undistributed personal holding company income of:

a. \$0 **b.** \$3,500 **c.** \$6,500 **d.** \$15,000 CPA

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Dividends from domestic taxable corporations

Dividends received deduction (Owns 25% of stock)

b. Accumulated Earnings Tax

d. All of these

\$100,000

-80,000

2. [§533] Which of these taxes is affected by the motives of management for its decisions

b. Accumulated Earnings Tax

Calculate the corporation's PHC tax.

7. A corporation is classified as a personal holding company.

Net income per books- before income taxes	\$325 <i>,</i> 000
Dividends-received deduction	25,000
Taxable income	300,000
Regular federal income tax liability is	100,250
Pays dividends to its shareholders	\$19,000

The personal holding company tax for the year is:

a.	\$80,448	b.	\$62 <i>,</i> 930.	с.	\$57 <i>,</i> 610.	d.	\$41,150	e.	Other
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8. A corporation reported taxable income of \$140,000 for the year.

The company has provided the following information:

Dividends received deduction	37,000
Contributions in excess of 10%	4,000
Federal income taxes for the year	37,850
Dividends paid in the year	12,000

No additional dividends were paid. What is the UPHCI for the year?

- a. Less than \$100,000
- **b.** More than \$100,000, but not more than \$125,000
- **c.** More than \$125,000, but not more than \$150,000
- **d.** More than \$150,000, but not more than \$200,000
- **e.** More than \$200,000

9. A corporation is classified as a personal holding company. Its taxable income is \$300,000 and its regular federal income tax liability is \$100,250 for the current year. The company claims a \$25,000 dividends-received deduction and pays \$19,000 dividends to its shareholders. The personal holding company tax for the current year is

a. \$41,150 **b.** \$62,930 **c.** \$57,610 **d.** \$50,610. **e.** Other

Determine whether a corporation is liable for the accumulated earnings tax.

10. The accumulated earnings tax can be imposed

- **a.** On both partnerships and corporations.
- **b.** On companies that make distributions in excess of accumulated earnings.
- **c.** On personal holding companies.
- d. Regardless of the number of stockholders in a corporation. (CPA)

Calculate the amount of the corporation's accumulated earnings tax.

11. Atlanta Corporation (a construction corporation) is accumulating a significant amount of earnings and profits. Although the corporation is closely held, it is not a personal holding company. The following facts relate to the tax year:

Dividend income from a qualified domestic corporation (less than 20% owned)	\$30,000
Taxable income	\$450,000
Federal income tax	\$153,000
Dividends paid in current year	\$119,000
Accumulated earnings credit	\$13,000

What is Accumulated Taxable Income on which the accumulated earnings tax is based?

- a. Less than \$175,000
- **b.** More than \$175,000, but not more than \$180,000
- c. More than \$180,000, but not more than \$185,000
- **d.** More than \$185,000, but not more than \$190,000
- e. More than \$190,000

12. A manufacturing corporation has beginning balance of Accumulated Earnings and Profits of \$125,000. During the current year, the corporation has current earnings and profits (and adjusted taxable income) of \$400,000. The business has business needs for retaining \$100,000 of the current earnings.

What is the accumulated earnings credit for the current year?

a. \$0. **b.** \$25,000 **c.** \$100,000 **d.** \$125,000. **e.** Other

Explain how a corporation can avoid the personal holding company tax.

Explain how a corporation can avoid the accumulated earnings tax, etc.

13. Dart Corp., a calendar-year domestic C corporation, is not a personal holding company. For purposes of the accumulated earnings tax, Dart has accumulated taxable income for the current year.

Which step(s) can Dart take to eliminate or reduce any accumulated earnings tax?

- I. Demonstrate that the "reasonable needs" of its business require the retention of all or part of the current year accumulated taxable income
- II. Pay dividends by March 15 by the following year.
- a. I only. b. II only.
- c. Both I and II d. Neither I nor II CPA

14. The accumulated earnings tax does not apply to

- **a.** Corporations that have more than 100 stockholders.
- b. Personal holding companies.
- **c.** Corporations filing consolidated returns.
- **d.** Corporations that have more than one class of stock. [CPA]