Study Guide: Financial Literacy Final Exam

<u>Reading comprehension</u> – be able to read an interview and informative text for comprehension and interpret text. Some typical questions are:

- What is the intended effect of a particular sentence, phrase or word?
- What sentence supports a particular statement?
- What is the main point of the reading?
- How are particular assertions supported?

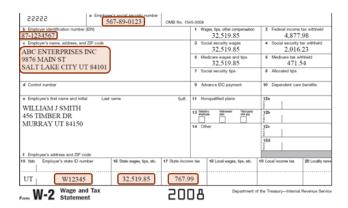
Naviance - if given a screen shot of a college's "general information", be able to locate the following



- Average GPA of admitted students
- Average SAT score of admitted students
- How many North students applied, were admitted and enrolled for a particular year
- School type public vs. private
- Total enrollment
- Religious affiliation, if any
- Campus surroundings e.g. urban

W2 – be able to find the following on a wage statement

- Marital status single vs. married
- State income taxes withheld
- Federal income taxes withheld
- Gross pay for the year
- Medicare deduction
- Social security deduction
- Employee information
- Employer information



Paycheck and Taxes – be able to calculate the following with a calculator

- Gross pay if give salary and pay period or wage and hours worked
- 6.2% social security deduction per paycheck (gross pay per paycheck * 0.062)
- 1.45% medicare deduction per paycheck (gross pay per paycheck * 0.0145)

Find what state and federal tax bracket a person belongs to by using YEARLY income

2014 Federal Tax Rates	Single
Personal Exemption	
Std Deduction	\$6,200
10%	\$0 - \$9,075
15%	\$9,076 - \$36,900
25%	\$36,901 - \$89,350
28%	\$89,351 - \$186,350
33%	\$186,351 - \$405,100
35%	\$405,101 - \$406,750
39.6%	over \$406,750

How New Jersey State income tax rates are structured

The tax table below will show in detail the New Jersey state income tax rates by income tax bracket(s). There are 6 income tax brackets for New Jersey.

If your income range is between \$0\$ and \$20,000, your tax rate on every dollar of income earned 1.4%.

If your income range is between \$20,001 and \$35,000, your tax rate on every dollar of income

If your income range is between \$35,001 and \$40,000, your tax rate on every dollar of income earned is 3.5%.

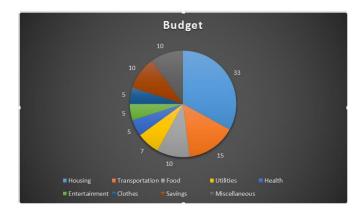
If your income range is between \$40,001 and \$75,000, your tax rate on every dollar of income earned is 5.525%.

If your income range is between \$75,001 and \$500,000, your tax rate on every dollar of income earned is 6.37%.

If your income range is \$500,001 and over, your tax rate on every dollar of income earned is 8.97%.

- Percentage being taken out of each paycheck (if a person is in the 28% bracket gross pay per paycheck *0.28)
- Net pay after all paycheck deductions

<u>Budget</u> – be able to calculate how much money should be allocated to budget items based on pie chart. Again, you will be able to use calculators.



Compound Interest

Calculate compound interest using calculator and given equation

future value = present value (1 + interest rate as decimal) ^ years left invested

 Interpret the story of Ben and Arthur to understand what drives compound interest

Stock Table – find the following on a stock table

How to read stock tables 52 Week Stock Volume (100s) Company Ticker High Low Div Yield% P/E High Low Last Change 56.56 55.93 56.37 +0.33 (0.59%) McDonald MCD 56.56 39.48 1.50 2.70% 32.53 60230 Company name and its Ticker Symbol. Some newspapers Dividend or the yield % is The last price paid for stocktraded during the stock at the end of calculated by dividing the abbreviate the company name the previous day. annual dividend by the the previous day. Many websites let you type the company name or the ticker syml current price of the stock The highest and the lowest to find the informatio the last trade and the Short for price/earnings price paid for the stock previous day's price. Or the % change The highest and lowest ratio. The price of a share during the previous day. prices paid for the stock of stock divided by the during the past 52 weeks. company's earnings pe share for the last year.

