Assessment

Theme 6: Understanding the IRS
Lesson 1: The IRS Yesterday and Today

Part 1

Fill in the blanks with words or phrases from the list below.

internal taxes
Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
personal income tax
income taxes
revenue

1. Our government collects money or __________________________ from taxes and tariffs.
2. __________________________ can be levied on both individuals and businesses.
3. __________________________ is based on the amount of taxable income that a person receives annually.
4. Americans were wary of __________________________ after the Revolutionary War.
5. The federal agency that collects income taxes in the United States is called the __________________________.

Part 2

Indicate whether each of the following statements is true or false by writing True or False on the lines below.

1. Earned income includes commissions, salaries and wages, and tips. __________
2. Individuals, not businesses and corporations, pay income taxes. __________
3. The agency that collects our taxes today is the Bureau of Internal Revenue. __________
4. Congress passed the first income tax during the Civil War. __________
5. The first Secretary of the Treasury was Alexander Hamilton. __________
Part 3

Write the letter of the best answer for each item that follows.

____ 1. Who has the power to levy taxes?
   A. the President
   B. Congress
   C. the Supreme Court
   D. the Internal Revenue Service

____ 2. Until the Civil War, the federal government’s chief sources of revenue were:
   A. business and corporate taxes.
   B. personal income taxes.
   C. tariffs, or customs duties.
   D. inheritance taxes.

____ 3. A permanent income tax was made possible by
   A. the Sixteenth Amendment to the Constitution.
   B. Alexander Hamilton.
   C. the Declaration of Independence.
   D. the American Civil War.

____ 4. “No taxation without representation,” was a slogan of the
   A. American Civil War.
   B. Second World War.
   C. American Revolution.
   D. Vietnam War.

____ 5. Unearned income includes
   A. commissions.
   B. tips.
   C. salaries and wages.
   D. interest and dividends.