

Assessment Solutions

Theme 6: Understanding the IRS
Lesson 3: Methods of Filing

Part 1

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

refund

Electronic Return Originators (ERO)

Personal Identification Number (PIN)

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

1. The IRS offers a self-selected **PIN** option that allows taxpayers to “sign” their tax returns electronically.
2. The **VITA** program assists taxpayers who have limited or moderate incomes, have limited English skills, or are elderly or disabled.
3. **EROs** are authorized to transmit tax returns to the IRS electronically.
4. After the income tax return is prepared, the money owed to the taxpayer, if any, is **refund**.

Part 2

Indicate whether each of the following statements is *true* or *false*. Write your answer on the lines provided.

1. Most people who work do not need to file a tax return. **False**
2. All taxpayers may use the keypad of a touch-tone telephone to transmit their tax information to the IRS. **False**
3. Using a computer, taxpayers can transmit their returns from home, workplaces, libraries, financial institutions, or retail outlets. **True**
4. Tax professionals can become authorized IRS e-file providers. **True**
5. Most tax preparation software supports the self-selected PIN option. **True**

Part 3

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

- C** 1. A PIN number
A. shows a taxpayer's date of birth.
B. is a taxpayer's Social Security number.
C. allows taxpayers to "sign" their returns electronically.
D. is used to enter VITA sites.
- D** 2. Tax professionals may be
A. tax attorneys.
B. certified public accountants.
C. tax preparation businesses.
D. any of the above.
- B** 3. Taxpayers may prepare and transmit their tax returns electronically from all of the following except
A. libraries and financial institutions that provide this service to their patrons.
B. post offices.
C. home.
D. workplaces that provide this service as a benefit for employees.
- C** 4. The fastest way to file taxes is by using
A. a VITA site.
B. the paper method.
C. an electronic method.
D. a tax attorney.
- D** 5. A benefit of preparing taxes on a computer is
A. increased accuracy.
B. ease of use.
C. ability to prepare federal and state taxes simultaneously.
D. all of the above.