FA5 Individual savings accounts administration 2025/2026

Assessment Criteria

Learning Outcome

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1	Know the main features	1.1	Identify the basic features of ISAs.	1.1.1	Types of scheme.			
	and uses of Individual			1.1.2	Tax advantages.			
2	Savings Accounts (ISAs).			1.1.3	Investment objectives.			
Questions		1.2	Describe the main uses of ISAs for	1.2.1	Brief coverage of the benefits of ISAs in investment and retirement			
			saving, security for a loan and		planning and as repayment and savings vehicles for mortgages and			
			retirement.		loans and the impact on administration.			
2	Understand ISA investors	2.1	Describe the main requirements and	2.1.1	Applications – eligibility, information requirements.			
	and applications.		issues associated with ISA	2.1.2	Declaration and authority.			
8			applications.	2.1.3	Acknowledgements and incomplete applications.			
Questions				2.1.4	Incapacity to sign.			
				2.1.5	Customer agreements.			
		2.2	Describe the cancellation and	2.2.1	Cancellations and cooling-off procedures.			
			cooling-off procedures.					
3	Know the regulation and	3.1	Describe the key legislative basis of	3.1.1	ISA legislation in outline.			
	authorisation of ISAs.		ISAs.	3.1.2	HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) role and responsibilities.			
4				3.1.3	Role and responsibilities of the account manager.			
Questions		3.2	Describe how ISAs are authorised	3.2.1	Application for authorisation.			
			and withdrawn, including the main parties, processes and considerations involved.	3.2.2	Withdrawals of authorisation.			
				3.2.3	Reinstatement provisions on default of an ISA Manager.			
				3.2.4	Role and responsibilities of third party administrators.			
				3.2.5	Money laundering considerations – identity, information and			
					remedial action.			
4	Know ISA investment rules	4.1	Describe the ISA investment rules	4.1.1	Subscription options and methods.			
	and restrictions.		and restrictions.	4.1.2	Approved employee share schemes.			
7				4.1.3	Regular savings.			
Question				4.1.4	Qualifying investments (cash and stocks/shares).			
				4.1.5	Dealing.			

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5	Understand income and	5.1	Describe the tax treatment of	5.1.1	Cash dividend and interest.
	tax claims.		various forms of ISA income.	5.1.2	Bonus issues.
5				5.1.3	Rights issues.
Questions		5.2	Describe the manager's	5.2.1	New issues/Public offers.
			responsibilities and appropriate actions concerning tax claims.	5.2.2	Income options for ISA.
				5.2.3	Income Tax and claims.
				5.2.4	Interest on uninvested cash on deposit in ISA stocks and shares
					component.
6	Understand ISA holder	6.1	Describe the manager's obligations	6.1.1	Contract/advice notes.
	rights.		to ISA holders.	6.1.2	Statements and valuation.
2				6.1.3	Manager's obligations to shareholder rights.
Questions				6.1.4	Manager's responsibilities for correcting errors.
7	Know the charges and	7.1	Describe charges and expenses of	7.1.1	Which charges must be taken from within and which from without
	expenses of ISAs.		ISAs.		an investor's account or subscription.
3				7.1.2	Initial charges.
Questions				7.1.3	Periodic and additional management charges.
				7.1.4	Additional administrative charges.
		7.2	Explain the exit and transfer charges applicable to ISAs.	7.2.1	Exit charges.
				7.2.2	Transfer charges.
8	Understand ISA	8.1	Identify the issues and actions	8.1.1	Withdrawals, including calculation of market value on withdrawal of
	withdrawals, closure, the		necessary to deal with ISA		investment from account.
11	death of an investor,		withdrawals, closures and the death	8.1.2	ISA closure and payment of outstanding benefits.
Questions	transfers.		of an investor.	8.1.3	Invalid accounts.
				8.1.4	Failure to meet ISA regulations.
				8.1.5	Death of an investor – evidence, options, calculations.
		8.2	Identify the issues and processes involved in transferring ISAs and ISA account managers.	8.2.1	Reasons and procedures.
				8.2.2	Partial transfers.
				8.2.3	Transfer of account manager.
				8.2.4	Transfers out.
				8.2.5	Outstanding dividends, interest or tax credits and income tax
					recoverable.
				8.2.6	Transfers in.

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9	Know ISA returns of information and HMRC	9.1	Identify the HMRC requirements for annual ISA returns.	9.1.1	Annual Returns of information.
5	inspections.	9.2 Describe the HMRC inspection regime and the handling of breaches.	9.2.1	Purpose and content of HMRC inspection visits.	
Questions			0	9.2.2	Breaches of ISA rules – reparable or irreparable.
				9.2.3	Typical resolutions of breaches.
10	features and administrative	10.1	Identify the main features and administrative requirements of junior ISAs and Child Trust Funds.	10.1.1	Junior ISAs – key features and differences from ISAs.
3 Questions				10.1.2	Child Trust Funds – key features and differences from junior ISAs.
	requirements of junior ISAs and Child Trust Funds.			10.1.3	Any particular administrative and /or reporting requirements.