Name _____

Bracket Builder Answer Key

1. B1: $16,000; B2: $0; B3: $0; B4: $0
2. B1: $20,000; B2: $8,000; B3: $0; B4: $0
3. B1: $20,000; B2: $23,500; B3: $0; B4: $0
4. B1: $20,000; B2: $30,000; B3: $12,000; B4: $0
5. B1: $20,000; B2: $30,000; B3: $28,500; B4: $0
6. B1: $20,000; B2: $30,000; B3: $30,000; B4: $14,000

Teacher's Guide

- Quick implementation: Model one example by filling the lowest bracket first, then moving upward until the full taxable income is distributed.
- Differentiation: Have students check that their four bracket amounts add up to the original taxable income.
- Engagement: Assign pairs the role of payroll specialists and have them compare bracket breakdowns.
- Extension: Give students a new taxable income above $80,000 and ask them to create its complete bracket breakdown.

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