**Civics Group Assignment**

**Citizen’s Obligation to Pay Taxes**

1. **What do you know about tax?**

Any nation, no matter how big, would need resources and funds to operate and improve themselves. As nations are formed from its citizens, for the citizens, naturally these citizens would need to contribute to the nation. A simple way to describe tax would be a payment from citizens for the nation’s protection and services. While that is so, the things a nation provides to its citizens are countless, therefore there are many kinds of taxes imposed accordingly.

Since tax is an important part of a nation, the amount to said tax to be paid is regulated in the constitution of the government. In Indonesia, there are several taxes, such as PPN, PBB, PP, and others. Each tax has its own calculation and rules in how much we have to pay to the government. The tax is useful for the interests of the state, such as paying state debts, building infrastructure, equitable development of rural areas, state expenditure.

1. **Please give your opinion on your responsibility as a citizen to pay taxes!**

We think as citizens, it is necessary to pay taxes. Taxes are every country's number 1 source of income. Without taxes, the government will not be able to take care of its citizens. There are three functions of taxes: budgeting, regulating, and stabilizing. Budgeting is necessary to allocate funds for every activity. Through regulation, the government can provide healthcare, affordable education, and even free goods to people in need. Lastly, the government uses the stabilizing function of taxes to stabilize our nation's economy. Based on these functions, it is clear that we as citizens need to pay taxes because it is beneficial to us since the money from taxes is used to ensure our prosperity.

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