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Cracking the Code: Understanding Pennsylvania's Tax Structure

Open-Ended Response Questions

1. Imagine you live in Pennsylvania and want to purchase a new bicycle. Explain how the state's tax structure would affect the total cost of the bike, including any applicable taxes.
2. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of a progressive income tax system like the one in Pennsylvania.
3. Research and describe one specific tax deduction or credit available to businesses in Pennsylvania. How does this deduction or credit benefit businesses and the state's economy?
4. Do you think excise taxes on items like sugary drinks are an effective way to discourage unhealthy behavior? Explain your reasoning and consider any potential drawbacks.

