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B.A. LL.B. (Semester – VI) Examination, April 2016
INTERPRETATION OF STATUTES

Duration : 3 Hours

Total Marks : 75

Instructions : 1) Answer **any eight** questions from question nos. 1 to 12.

2) Question No. 13 and 14 are **compulsory**.

(8×8 = 64)

1. "Parts of the statute are not to be considered in isolation but they are to be read with the other parts of the statute." – Explain the principle of interpretation with the help of cases.
2. Explain the Mischief Rule of interpretation with the help of cases.
3. Explain the role of Long Title and punctuation marks in the interpretation of statutes.
4. "Historical facts and surrounding circumstances are important external aids in the interpretation of statutes." – comment with the help of cases.
5. Explain the following maxims :
 - a) *Generalia specialibus non derogant*
 - b) *Contemporaneo expositio*.
6. What is equitable construction ? Explain with relevant cases.
7. Discuss the presumption against the retrospective operation of statutes.
8. Explain the difference between mandatory and directory statutes.
9. Explain the presumption against intending injustice or absurdity.
10. With the help of cases explain "construction of words in bonam partem".

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11. Define following under the General Clauses Act :
- a) Power conferred to be exercisable from time to time.
 - b) Effect of repeal.
 - c) Gender and number.
 - d) Measurement of distances.
12. "Omissions in the statute are not to be inferred" – Explain.
13. Write notes on **any two** : (2×3=6)
- a) Non Obstante Clause.
 - b) Ejusdem Generis.
 - c) Construction ut res magis valeat quam pereat.
14. Explain **any two** of the following : (2×2.5=5)
- a) Meaning of interpretation.
 - b) Legislative history.
 - c) Codifying statutes.