



LHA – 0817

LL.B. (Hons.) (Semester – VII) Examination, April 2017  
INTERPRETATION OF STATUTES

Duration : 3 Hours

Total Marks : 75

**Instructions :** 1) Answer **any eight** questions from Question Nos. 1 to 12.  
2) Questions No. 13 and 14 are **compulsory**.

(8×8=64)

1. Discuss the Literal rule with the help of cases.
2. "The meaning of a provision in a statute may be construed by reading it in its context". Explain.
3. Discuss the Mischief rule of interpretation.
4. Explain the role of the long title and punctuation marks in the interpretation of statutes.
5. Examine the relevance of
  - a) Foreign decisions and
  - b) Parliamentary debates as external aids in the interpretation of statutes.
6. Discuss with the help of suitable cases the presumption against ousting the jurisdiction of Courts.
7. Discuss the principle of Harmonious construction with the help of cases.
8. "The question whether a statute is mandatory or directory depends on the intention of legislature and not on the language used in the statute" – Discuss.
9. Discuss the rule of Ejusdem Generis with the help of cases.
10. Explain the presumption against the retrospective operation of statutes.
11. Explain **any four** under the General Clauses Act :
  - a) powers conferred
  - b) duty to be done pro rata
  - c) gender and number
  - d) commencement of the Act
  - e) power to appoint.
12. Explain construction in bonam partem.



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13. Write short notes on **any two** : (2×3=6)
- Reddendo singula singulis
  - Restrictive construction
  - Consolidating statutes.
14. Write notes on **any two** : (2×2.5=5)
- Casus omissus
  - Golden rule
  - Meaning of interpretation.