

**B.A.LL.B. (Semester – VI) Examination, April 2018**  
**INTERPRETATION OF STATUTES**

Duration : 3 Hours

Total Marks : 75

**Instructions :** 1) Answer **any eight** questions from Question Nos. 1 to 12.  
2) Question Nos. 13 and 14 are **compulsory**.

(8×8=64)

1. "A construction which requires for its support the addition or substitution of words or results in rejection of words has to be avoided". Explain the rule and state the exceptions if any.
2. "Intention of Legislature must be found by reading the statute as a whole". Explain the principle with the help of cases.
3. Enumerate the various internal aids used in the interpretation of statutes. Explain the role of the title and of schedules in the task of interpretation of statutes.
4. Explain codifying and consolidating statutes.
5. Explain the principle 'words are known by the company they keep', with the help of suitable cases.
6. 'Mandatory statutes differ from directory statutes'. – Explain with the help of cases.
7. Explain how far 'later social, economic developments and scientific inventions' aid the judge in the interpretation of statutes.
8. Explain the presumption against the violation of international conventions and agreements.
9. What is beneficial construction ? Explain with the help of cases.
10. "Legislature generally does not intend a statute to have retrospective operation" – Comment.
11. Explain the maxim *contemporaneo expositio*. What are the limitations of the maxim ?



12. Define the following under the General Clauses Act.
- a) Duty to be taken pro rata
  - b) Commencement and termination of time
  - c) Computation of time
  - d) Effect of repeal.
13. Write notes on **any two** of the following : (2×3=6)
- a) Ouster of jurisdiction of courts.
  - b) Reddendo singula singulis.
  - c) Meaning of interpretation.
14. Write notes on **any two** of the following : (2×2.5=5)
- a) Construction in bonam partem.
  - b) Use of debates and speeches in statutory interpretation.
  - c) Harmonious construction.