



BALBA – 518

B.A.LL.B. (Semester – VI) Examination, October 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. Discuss with the help of cases the Golden Rule of interpretation. How does it differ from the Literal Rule ?
2. The Courts while interpreting statutes have to abide by the maxim 'ut res magis valeat quam pereat' – Explain with the help of relevant cases.
3. Explain the Mischief Rule of interpretation with the help of cases.
4. "The long title of the statute helps to ascertain the intention of the legislature". Comment.
5. Examine the role of foreign decisions and dictionaries in the interpretation of statutes.
6. Explain the presumption against exceeding the territorial operation of the statute.
7. Discuss the rule of ejusdem generis with the help of cases.
8. Explain Harmonious Construction with the help of cases.
9. Explain the maxim contemporaneo expositio with the help of cases.
10. Bring out with the help of cases the difference between mandatory and directory statutes.
11. Explain construction in bonam partem with the help of cases.
12. Define the following under the General Clauses Act :
 - a) Commencement and termination of time.
 - b) Coming into operation of the enactment.
 - c) Duty to be taken pro rata.
 - d) Power to appoint.

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13. Write short notes on **any two** : (2×3=6)
- a) Statement of objects and reasons.
 - b) Marginal notes in statute.
 - c) Intention of legislature.
14. Write short notes on **any two** : (2×2.5=5)
- a) Reddendo singula singulis.
 - b) Casus omissus.
 - c) Statutes in pari materia.
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