



LHO – 2614

LL.B. (Hons.) (Semester – VII) Examination, October 2014
INTERPRETATION OF STATUTES

Duration : 3 Hours

Total Marks : 75

- Instructions :** 1) Answer **any four** questions from Question Nos. 1 to 6.
2) Question No. 7 is **compulsory**.
3) Answer **any four** questions from Question No. 8 to 13.
4) Question No. 14 is **compulsory**.

SECTION – I (4×8=32)

1. Discuss with the help of cases the Golden Rule of interpretation.
2. Discuss the rule laid down in Heydon's case.
3. The Courts while interpreting statutes have to abide by the maxim 'ut res magis valeat quam pereat' – Explain with the help of relevant cases.
4. Explain 'preamble'. State its important role in the interpretation of statutes.
5. Explain how far 'later social, economic developments and scientific inventions' aid the judge in the interpretation of statutes.
6. "Legislature generally does not intend to give the statute retrospective operation" – Comment.
7. Write short notes on **any two** : (3×2=6)
 - a) Need for statutory interpretation
 - b) Punctuation marks
 - c) Equitable construction.

SECTION – II (4×8=32)

8. Explain the principle 'words are known by the company they keep,' with the help of suitable cases.
9. Explain the presumption against the violation of international conventions and agreements.
10. What are mandatory and directory statutes ? Examine the various factors guiding a Judge in holding a provision mandatory or directory.

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11. Define the following :

- a) public nuisance
- b) immovable property
- c) duty to be taken pro rata
- d) computation of time.

12. Explain with the help of cases when courts use beneficial construction.

13. Explain the difference between codifying and consolidating statutes.

14. Write notes **any two** :

(2×2½=5)

- a) Generalia specialibus non-derogant
- b) Plain meaning rule
- c) Expressio unius est exclusio alterius.