



BALBA – 1015

B.A. LL.B. (Semester – VI) Examination, April 2015

INTERPRETATION OF STATUTES

Duration : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 75

Instructions : 1) Answer **any eight** questions from Q. No. 1 to 12.

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

3) **All** questions carry **equal** marks.

(8×8=64)

1. Discuss the literal rule of interpretation with the help of decided cases. Bring out the merits and demerits of the rule.
2. Explain with the help of cases, what is meant by a construction 'ut res magis valeat quam pereat'.
3. State the role of the Preamble and Marginal notes in the interpretation of statutes.
4. Explain the importance of Parliamentary History in the interpretation of statutes.
5. Explain construction in bonam partem with the help of cases.
6. "A word is known by the company it keeps" – Discuss with the help of suitable cases.
7. Explain the presumption against exceeding territorial nexus.
8. Write notes on the following :
 - a) Intention of legislature.
 - b) Use of dictionaries in statutory interpretation.
9. Explain what is meant by Harmonious construction.
10. Explain the presumption against the violation of international law.
11. Discuss with the help of cases when courts adopt a beneficial construction.
12. Bring out the difference between mandatory and directory statutes.

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13. Explain **any two** of the following with reference to the General Clauses Act :

(2×3=6)

- a) Commencement and termination of time.
- b) Effect of repeal.
- c) Gender and number.

14. Explain **any two** of the following :

(2×2.5=5)

- a) Consolidating statutes.
- b) Expressio unius est exclusio alterius.
- c) Words of rank.