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**B.A. LL.B. (Semester-VI)
EXAMINATION October 2019
Interpretation of Statutes**

[Duration : Three Hours]

[Max. Marks : 70]

Please check whether you have got the right question paper.

Instructions:

1. Answer any eight questions from Question nos.1 to 12.
2. Questions Nos.13 and 14 are compulsory.

(8x8=64marks)

1. Discuss the Golden Rule of interpretation with the help of cases. What are its advantages?
2. Explain what is meant by a construction ut res magis valeat quam pereat. Illustrate with cases.
3. "The long title and the headings of the statute may help to ascertain the intention of the legislature"-Elucidate.
4. Examine the role of foreign decisions and international conventions as aids in the interpretation of statutes.
5. Explain the presumption against exceeding territorial powers.
6. Distinguish between mandatory and directory statutes.
7. Explain with the help of cases Construction in Bonam partem.
8. Explain the rule of ejusdem generis with the help of cases. State its exceptions.
9. Explain Restrictive Construction with the help of decided cases.
10. Explain the presumption against ousting the jurisdiction of courts.
11. "Inconsistency and repugnancy in a statute may be avoided by the application of the rule of harmonious construction". Discuss with the help of suitable cases.
12. Define the following under the General Clauses Act:
 - i) Computation of time
 - ii) Commencement and termination of time
 - iii) Powers conferred
 - iv) Effect of repeal

13. Write short notes on any two: (2x3=6marks)
- a. Reddendo singula singulis
 - b. Construction ex viceribus actus
 - c. Meaning of interpretation
14. Write short notes on any two: (2x2.5=5mar)
- a. Non obstante clause
 - b. Preamble
 - c. Equitable construction

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B.A. L.L.B (Semester –VI) Examination, April, 2019
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 x8 = 64 marks)

1. Explain the meaning, object and need for statutory interpretation.
2. "The meaning of a provision in a statute may be construed by reading it as whole in its context." Explain
3. "The Literal Rule is the first and primary rule of construction". Discuss with the help of cases.
4. Mention the principles used by courts to interpret codifying and consolidating statutes.
5. "If the object of the enactment will be defeated by holding the same directory, it will be construed as mandatory". Explain mandatory and directory statutes with the help of cases.
6. Discuss the rule of *Noscitur a sociis* with the help of suitable cases.
7. Explain the maxim *Generalia Specialibus non derogant* with the help of cases.
8. Explain with the help of cases the Presumption against exceeding territorial nexus.
9. Explain Beneficial construction with the help of cases.
10. "The Preamble of a statute is useful to know the mind of the makers of the law" – Discuss the role of the preamble as an aid in the interpretation of statutes

11. Explain the role of (i)Legislative debates (ii) Statement of the Objects and Reasons as external aids in the interpretation of statutes.

12.Explain with reference to the General Clauses Act

- a)Commencement and termination of time
- b) Effect of repeal
- c) Power to appoint
- d) coming into operation of the enactment

13. Write notes on any **two** of the following:

(2 x 3 =6 marks)

- (a) Construction in bonam partem.
- b)Marginal notes in statute
- c)Purposive construction

14. Write notes on any **two** of the following:

(2 x 2.5 = 5marks)

- a) Expressio unius est exclusion alterius
- b) Reddendo singula singulis
- c) Equitable construction



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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BALBA – 518



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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BALBA – 1882

B.A.L.L.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 ?

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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.



BALBA – 0517

**B.A. LL.B. (Semester – VI) Examination, October 2017
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. Explain with the help of decided cases the principle 'ut res magis valeat quam perat'.
2. "It is the duty of the judge to suppress the mischief and advance the remedy" – Explain with the help of cases.
3. Discuss the importance of the long title and marginal notes in the interpretation of statutes.
4. Explain the use and relevance of foreign decisions and international conventions in the interpretation of statutes.
5. What are statutes in pari materia ? Discuss with the help of cases.
6. Discuss the presumption against ousting the jurisdiction of courts.
7. Distinguish between mandatory and directory statutes.
8. "Associated words take their meaning from each other". Explain with cases.
9. Explain the presumption against intending injustice or absurdity.
10. Explain with the help of cases the maxim Generalia specialibus non derogant.
11. Explain the maxim "Reddendo singula singulis".
12. Define the following under the General Clauses Act :
 - i) Duty to be taken pro rata
 - ii) Computation of time
 - iii) Powers conferred
 - iv) Effect of repeal.

BALBA – 0517



13. Write short notes on any two :

(2×3=6)

- i) Casus Omissus
- ii) Contemporaneo expositio
- iii) Statement of Objects and Reasons.

14. Write short notes on any two :

(2×2.5=5)

- i) Schedules
 - ii) Intention of Legislature
 - iii) Words of rank.
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BALBA – 2017

B.A.LL.B. (Semester – VI) 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) Question nos. 13 and 14 are **compulsory**.

(8×8=64)

1. Discuss the Golden rule of interpretation with the help of cases.
2. Explain the meaning of interpretation. Discuss the object and need of statutory interpretation.
3. Enumerate the various parts of the statute. Explain Preamble and Punctuation as aids to interpretation of statutes.
4. Discuss the maxim Contemporaneo Expositio with the help of cases.
5. Discuss Beneficial construction with the help of cases.
6. Explain the presumption against exceeding territorial powers.
7. Explain mandatory and directory statutes.
8. Explain the rule of ejusdem generis with the help of cases. State its exceptions.
9. Explain the presumption against violation of principles of international law.
10. Explain construction in bonam partem.
11. Distinguish between codifying and consolidation statutes.
12. Define the following under the General Clauses Act :
 - a) Measurement of distances
 - b) Coming into operation of the enactment
 - c) Gender and number
 - d) Repeal.
13. Write short notes on **any two** : **(2×3=6)**
 - a) Harmonious construction
 - b) Ut res magis valeat quam perat
 - c) Proviso.
14. Write short notes on **any two** : **(2×2.5=5)**
 - i) Equitable construction
 - ii) Speeches and debates in Parliament
 - iii) Plain meaning rule.



BALBA – 1016

B.A.LL.B. (Semester – VI) Examination, October 2016
INTERPRETATION OF STATUTES

Duration : 3 Hours

Total Marks : 75

Instructions : 1) Answer any eight questions from question nos. 1 to 12.

2) Question No. 13 and 14 are compulsory.

(8×8=64)

1. "An interpretation which reduces a particular provision to a dead letter should be avoided" – Explain the principle of Harmonious construction.
2. Explain the construction 'ex viceribus actus' with the help of cases.
3. "It is one of the cardinal principles of interpretation that where the language of an Act is clear, the preamble must be disregarded." – Comment with the help of cases.
4. "Recourse may be had to parliamentary speeches and debates to interpret statutes." Explain with cases.
5. Discuss the presumption against intending inconvenience or unreasonableness.
6. Explain construction in bonam partem with the help of cases.
7. Explain the following maxims :
 - a) *Reddendo singula singulis*
 - b) *Expressio unius est exclusio alterius*
8. Discuss the rule of *ejusdem generis* with the help of cases.
9. Explain with the help of cases the difference between mandatory and directory statutes.
10. "Courts are reluctant to give certain statutes a retrospective operation". Explain with reference to penal statutes and statutes regulating procedure.
11. 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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12. What is Restrictive construction ? Explain with the help of cases.

13. Write notes on any two :

(2x3=6)

- a) Golden rule
- b) Consolidating statutes
- c) Ouster of jurisdiction of courts.

14. Write notes on any two :

(2x2.5=5)

- a) Plain meaning rule
- b) Equitable construction
- c) Words of rank.