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**Term End Examination 2024-2025****Programme – BBA LL.B.-2021****Course Name – Interpretation of Statutes & Principles of Legislation****Course Code - BBALLB805B****( Semester VIII )****Full Marks : 60****Time : 2:30 Hours**

[The figure in the margin indicates full marks. Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.]

**Group-A****(Multiple Choice Type Question)****1 x 15=15****1. Choose the correct alternative from the following :**

- (i) Name the Latin root of the term "interpretation":
  - a) interpretre
  - b) interpretari
  - c) interpretum
  - d) interpreti
- (ii) Choose the primary goal of interpretation in the legal context:
  - a) Inferring implications
  - b) Discovering genuine meaning
  - c) Modifying law
  - d) Creating ambiguity
- (iii) When does the need for interpretation of statutes become essential?
  - a) Ambiguity in language
  - b) Clarity in wording
  - c) Simplicity in language
  - d) fanciness in language
- (iv) Choose in the context of legal interpretation, the construction is typically employed in:
  - a) Deciphering statutes
  - b) Drawing conclusions
  - c) Analysing context
  - d) Explaining meaning
- (v) Choose the main basis of analysis for construction of a statute:
  - a) Broader legal context
  - b) Literal meaning
  - c) Linguistic interpretation
  - d) Clear language
- (vi) What is an ordinance in legal terms?
  - a) Permanent law
  - b) Temporary law
  - c) Case law
  - d) Regulatory law
- (vii) What is the role of rules in the legal context?
  - a) Implementing and enforcing laws
  - b) Creating laws
  - c) Adjudicating cases
  - d) None of these
- (viii) Name the purpose of a declaratory statute.
  - a) Amend law
  - b) Clarify and improve law
  - c) Create ambiguity
  - d) Abolish law
- (ix) Which element of an Act provides insights into the legislative intent?

- a) Punctuation  
c) Illustration
- b) Explanation  
d) Proviso
- (x) In case of ambiguity, what is the role of a preamble?
- a) It dictates the interpretation of the statute.  
c) It provides insights into the intentions and objectives behind the legislation.
- b) It is disregarded.  
d) It supersedes the main provision.
- (xi) Name the primary role of sub-sections within a statute.
- a) To provide a broad understanding of the Act's subject matter.  
c) To aid in legal interpretation by providing practical examples.
- b) To enhance clarity and understanding of legal provisions.  
d) To offer detailed breakdowns of legislative provisions.
- (xii) Choose the statement that aligns with collectivism's approach to legislation.
- a) Prioritizes personal autonomy  
c) Promotes social justice legislation
- b) Advocates for limited government intervention  
d) Emphasizes economic inequality
- (xiii) Choose the correct description of delegated legislation.
- a) Supreme legislation  
c) Legislation enacted by the sovereign power
- b) Legislation enacted by authorities other than the highest governing body  
d) Legislation that derives authority from the constitution
- (xiv) Select the statement that best describes subordinate legislation:
- a) Autonomous legislation  
c) Legislation that derives authority from the constitution
- b) Legislation enacted by the sovereign power  
d) Legislation enacted by authorities other than the highest governing body
- (xv) Choose the correct definition of individualism according to political theory.
- a) Seeks outcomes that maximize overall happiness  
c) Advocates for limited government intervention
- b) Stresses the importance of individual rights  
d) Emphasizes economic equality

#### Group-B

(Short Answer Type Questions)

3 x 5=15

2. How do courts typically approach the interpretation of sections within statutes? (3)
3. Explain the purpose of illustrations accompanying statute sections. (3)
4. Identify the primary functions of the Statement of Objects and Reasons in interpreting statutes. (3)
5. Identify the significance of legislative debates in the Indian parliamentary system. (3)
6. Explain the role of the Judiciary in interpreting taxation statutes in India. (3)

OR

Explain the significance of charging provisions in taxation statutes. (3)

#### Group-C

(Long Answer Type Questions)

5 x 6=30

7. Define and discuss the concept of 'Interpretation' in the legal context. (5)
8. List the different types of statutes. (5)
9. Compare and contrast the criticisms of the Literal Rule, the Golden Rule, and the Mischief Rule, highlighting their respective strengths and weaknesses. (5)
10. Compare and contrast the roles of the Legislature and the Executive in the interpretation and implementation of taxation statutes in India. (5)
11. Define the term "Official Gazette" as per Section 3(39) of the General Clauses Act, 1897, and explain its significance in legal contexts. (5)

12. Explain the principle of "Noscitur a sociis" in legal interpretation and provide an example (5) illustrating its application.

OR

Compare and contrast the use of "shall" and "may" in statutory provisions, elucidating how (5) their interpretation can vary depending on legislative intent and context.

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