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Term End Examination 2025-2026**Programme – LL.B.-2021/LL.B.-2022/LL.B.-2023****Course Name – Interpretation of Statutes & Principles of Legislation****Course Code - LLB502B****(Semester V)****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) Select the appropriate role of interpretation in the field of art criticism from the following:
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| a) Creating art pieces | b) Analyzing and evaluating the quality of art materials |
| c) Evaluating the meaning, symbolism, and artistic techniques used in artworks | d) Promoting art events |
- (ii) Select from the following the purpose of a legislative bill in the context of Act, Enactment:
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| a) To serve as a decoration in the legislative chamber | b) To outline the process of amending an existing law |
| c) To propose a new law or changes to an existing law | d) To establish a committee to study legislative matters |
- (iii) Select from the following the purpose of internal aids to the interpretation of statutes:
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| a) Tools used by courts to understand the legislative intent | b) Laws enacted by the legislature |
| c) Precedents set by higher courts | d) Public opinion polls |
- (iv) Select from the following the part of a statute which offers supplementary information, such as forms, lists, or additional details :
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| a) Preamble | b) Long title |
| c) Schedule | d) Heading |
- (v) What is the purpose of a saving clause in a statute?
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| a) To provide examples elucidating legal principles | b) To outline the broader context and purpose of the legislation |
| c) To preserve existing rights established under the repealed law without creating new ones. | d) To establish specific circumstances exempt from the main provision |

- (vi) Select from the following the part of a statute which helps in understanding the actual rules and provisions of the law :
- a) Preamble
b) Short title
c) Section
d) Long title
- (vii) Select from the following the primary function of a proviso in a statute:
- a) To provide examples elucidating legal principles
b) To outline the broader context and purpose of the legislation
c) To modify or alter the operation of the main enactment.
d) To establish specific circumstances exempt from the main provision
- (viii) Outline the year the idea of constituent assembly debates gained traction within the Indian National Congress.
- a) 1936
b) 1935
c) 1934
d) 1938
- (ix) Choose the primary function of legislative debates in India:
- a) To entertain the public
b) To make laws
c) To criticize the government
d) To elect representatives
- (x) Choose the correct principle emphasized in *Perth Local Board of Health v. Maley* (1904):
- a) Statutes should be rendered impractical
b) Interpret statutes to ensure efficacy
c) Striking down statutes is preferable
d) Presume legislative transgression
- (xi) Choose the effect of liberal construction:
- a) Fosters a rigid legal system
b) Hinders enforcement of substantive rights
c) Aids in the implementation of statutes
d) Constrains human dignity
- (xii) Outline the importance of reading statutes as a whole:
- a) Focus solely on specific clauses
b) Disregard related statutes
c) Ensure consistent interpretation
d) Disregard legislative intent
- (xiii) Choose the effect of dynamic interpretation:
- a) Adapt to evolving societal and legal landscape
b) Maintain static interpretation
c) Ignore societal changes
d) Disregard statutory amendments
- (xiv) Outline the maxim that suggests if one thing is expressly mentioned, others are excluded.
- a) *Casus omissus*
b) *Noscitur a sociis*
c) *Generalia specialibus non derogant*
d) *Expressio unius est exclusio alterius*
- (xv) Choose the principle directing the matching of each word or phrase to its appropriate meaning or object:
- a) *Noscitur a sociis*
b) *Reddendo singula singulis*
c) *Generalia specialibus non derogant*
d) *Expressio unius est exclusio alterius*

Group-B

(Short Answer Type Questions)

3 x 5=15

2. Interpret the meaning of Preamble of a statute in the Indian legal context. (3)
3. What is the process of interpretation? (3)
4. What is the main purpose of declaratory statutes? (3)
5. Compare the Literal Rule and the Golden Rule of statutory interpretation. (3)
6. Evaluate the way the Parliamentary History of a statute be used in interpreting it under Indian law. (3)

OR

Explain the concept of the Legislative Intention in the context of interpreting statutes and the way it is ascertained in India. (3)

Group-C

7. Assess the concept of the Golden Rule in the interpretation of statutes in India and the way it differs from the Literal Rule. (5)
 8. Explain the significance of interpreting statutes in harmony with the Constitution of India. (5)
 9. Explain the concept of Legislation in the context of statutory interpretation in India. (5)
 10. List the different types of statutes. (5)
 11. Explain the principle of "Noscitur a sociis" in legal interpretation and provide an example illustrating its application. (5)
 12. Assess the principle of ejusdem generis in the interpretation of statutes in India. (5)
- OR**
- Evaluate the principle of mischief rule in statutory interpretation in India. (5)

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