



B.A. LL.B. (Semester – VI) Examination, October 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. "It is an elementary rule of interpretation that a statute must be read as a whole in its context". – Explain with cases.
2. "Language of the statute must be read as it is" – Discuss.
3. Explain the Mischief Rule of interpretation with the help of cases.
4. Explain the importance of title and preamble as internal aids to construction.
5. Explain the importance of international conventions and dictionaries as aids to construction.
6. Explain the Rule of *Noscitur a sociis* with the help of cases.
7. Explain the presumption against the retrospective operation of statutes.
8. Write notes on the following :
 - a) *Reddendo singula singulis*.
 - b) Presumption against intending the ouster of jurisdiction of courts.
9. Examine the circumstances in which the courts will apply a restrictive construction.
10. Explain with the help of cases the Maxim *Generalia Specialibus non derogant*.



11. Discuss with the help of decided cases, the tests used by the courts to determine whether a provision in a statute is mandatory or directory.
12. Explain the rule of *ejusdem generis* in the interpretation of statutes and discuss its exceptions.
13. Explain **any two** of the following with reference to the General Clauses Act. **(2×3=6)**
- a) Coming into operation of the Act.
 - b) Gender and number.
 - c) Power to appoint.
14. Explain **any two** of the following : **(2×2.5=5)**
- a) Codifying statutes
 - b) Construction in *bonam partem*
 - c) Golden rule of interpretation.