

HONS. 08/001/24

**B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) DEGREE EIGHTH SEMESTER EXAMINATION,
MAY 2024**

Interpretation of Statutes

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 50

I. Explain any five from the following. Each question carries 4 marks. (5 x 4 = 20)

1. 'Saving clause' as an aid to interpretation
2. *Generalia specialibus non derogant*
3. Codifying statutes
4. *Sentential legis*
5. *ut res magis valet quam pereat*
6. Qualities of a good draftsman
7. Harmonious construction

II. Answer any three from the following. Each question carries 10 marks each. (3 x 10 = 30)

1. Elaborate on the aids to construction of a statute.
2. Write a critical note on the mischief rule of interpretation.
3. Do you agree that the Courts have power, in the process of interpretation, to modify the language of a statutory provisions in order to meet the intention of the legislature? Elucidate.
4. "Whenever you have to construe a statute or document, you do not construe it according to the mere ordinary general meaning of the words, but according to the ordinary meaning of words as applied to the subject matter with regard to which they are used". Explain
5. J. Bhagawati " It is a cardinal rule of interpretation that a proviso to a particular provision of a statute only embraces the field which is covered by the main provision." Explain on 'proviso' as an aid to construction.
