

HONS. 06/18/005 (Supplementary)

B.A. LL.B., (Hons.) DEGREE SIXTH SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS, JULY 2018

INTERPRETATION OF STATUTES

Time: 3Hours

Maximum Marks: 50

Answer ANY FIVE questions. Each question carries TEN marks  
(5 x 10 = 50)

- I. Explain the theory of legislative principle developed by Jeremy Bentham.
- II. What do you mean by external aids of statutory interpretation? Elucidate the different kinds of external aids with the help of case laws.
- III. Discuss and illustrate the 'Golden Rule' as applied to the interpretation of statutes. How far is this rule different from the 'Literal Rule'?
- IV. Distinguish between penal and remedial statutes. What are the rules of interpretation applicable to them? Discuss the recent judicial trend in the interpretation of penal statutes.
- V. Define perpetual and temporary statutes and examine the legal consequences of effect of expiry of temporary statutes.
- VI. "The question as to whether a statute is mandatory or directory depends upon the intention of the Legislature and not upon the language in which the intent is clothed". Discuss the above statement with the authoritative interpretations given to mandatory and directory provisions.
- VII. Explain ANY TWO of the following
  - a. Statutes in *pari materia*
  - b. *Noscitur a Sociis*.
  - c. *Ejusdem generis*
- VIII. Explain ANYTWO of the following
  - a. Non-obstante clause
  - b. Legal fiction
  - c. *Generalia specialibus non derogant*