



BALLB-1001

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B.A.L.L.B-Xth Semester
Subject: Interpretation of Statutes (BALLB-1001)

SET-A

Time : 10:00 AM to 01:00 PM

Maximum Marks-75

Date: 06-05-2025

Instructions

- I. Write your Roll Number on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.
- II. Attempt five questions selecting one from each Unit. All questions carry equal marks

Unit -I (15 marks)

1. "Interpretation of statute means finding the intention of the legislature." Comment.

OR

2. Discuss the various classifications of Indian laws, including statutory and non-statutory, codified and uncoded, state-made and state-recognized laws.

Unit-II (15 marks)

3. Evaluate the role of decisions in *Lee v. Knappi* 1967(2QB)442, S.77(1) and *Day v. Simpson* in the light of different principles of interpretation of statutes.

OR

4. Explain, with the help of illustrations, the application of the doctrine of ejusdem generis in interpreting statutes. What are the limitations? How is the principle of noscitur a sociis related to the ejusdem generis rule?

Unit- III (15 marks)

5. Discuss the importance given to foreign decisions and historical facts in the interpretation of statutes as an external aid

OR

6. Explain the importance of the preamble of legislations and its internal aids to interpreting statutes

Unit -IV (15 marks)

7. Assume the situation. Tax exemption is granted to companies managing 'industrial buildings'. The statute defines 'industrial building is a building or a structure to be constructed or which is being constructed which will be used for the purposes of a trade the profits or gains from which are taxable in the state'. The benefit is claimed by a crematorium. Which rule of interpretation can be used by the court? Explain.

OR

8. Distinguish between remedial and penal statutes and the rules of interpretation applicable to them.

Unit-V (15 marks)

9. Explain the doctrine of harmonious construction. How is this doctrine applied when there is a conflict between Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy? Support your answer with the help of relevant case laws.

OR

10. Explain the role of different doctrines like, doctrine of pith and substance, colourable legislation, occupied field and doctrine of repugnancy while interpreting the Constitution of India. Explain with relevant case laws.
