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THE COMPLETE WORLD OF EDUCATION

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End Semester Examination, December 2024

Program – LL. B (Hons). Semester V

COURSE TITLE: Principles of legislation and Interpretation of Statutes (SOLS 306A)

Time: 2.5 hrs.

Max Marks: 50

Note: *All Questions are compulsory. Marks are indicated against each question.*

PART-A

Q.1 *First question will consist of 7 small questions covering entire syllabus out of which student has to attempt 5 questions and understanding level will be assessed.*

- (a) Define "Statute" and explain its classification. [CO-1][L-2] 2
- (b) Explain the meaning, object, and purpose of legal interpretation? [CO-1] [L-2] 2
- (c) How do external aids like dictionaries and historical background assist in interpreting a statute? [CO-1] [L-] 2
- (d) How can external aids like dictionaries and historical background influence the interpretation of a statute? [CO-1] [L-3] 2
- (e) What is legislation, and what is its primary purpose in a democratic society? [CO-1] [L-3] 2
- (f) Discuss the distinction between mandatory and directory provisions [CO-1] [L-2] 2
- (g) Explain the difference between interpretation and construction. [CO-1][L-2]2

2x5

PART-B

There will be five questions each covering one specific Course Outcome from the complete syllabus. There shall be an internal choice in each of the questions covering the same (set) of COs and BL. Questions carrying 10 marks can be further sub divided as per the paper setter choice.

Q.2. Analyze the case study on *Lee v. Knapp (1967) 2 Q.B.442* with special reference to the Golden Rule. [CO-2] [L-4] 10

OR

The "Golden Rule" is often seen as an exception to the literal interpretation of statutes. How would you analyze the Golden Rule in interpreting ambiguous provisions?

[CO-2] [L-4] 10

Q.3 How can external aids like dictionaries and historical background influence the interpretation of a statute? Explain with examples. [CO-3] [L-4] 10

OR

Compare the "Literal Rule" and the "Mischief Rule" of statutory interpretation. Which rule is more effective in ensuring justice, and why? [CO-3] [L-4] **10**

Q.4 Discuss the distinction between mandatory and directory provisions. How does this distinction impact the interpretation of statutes? [CO-4] [L-4] **10**

OR

Compare and contrast the principles of "Territorial Nexus" and "Pith and Substance" in constitutional interpretation. How do these principles affect the validity of laws? [CO- 4] [L-4] **10**

Q.5 "Interpretation is the art of finding the true meaning of a statute." Critically evaluate the statement with reference to the "Basic Principles of Interpretation" [CO-5] [L-5] **10**

OR

Consider a situation where a statute has both an exception and a proviso. How would you interpret these provisions in the context of the whole statute? [CO- 5] [L-5] **10**