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**Summer-Term Examinations, AUGUST- 2024**

**Semester**: 2023-24

**Course Code**: LAW 2018

**Course Name**: INTERPRETATION OF STATUTES

**Program & Sem**: BALLB/BBALLB/ BCom LLB

**Date**: 08.08.2024

**Time**: 9.30AM- 12.30PM

**Max Marks**: 100

**Weightage**: 50%

**Instructions:**

1. *Read the all questions carefully and answer accordingly.*
2. *Do not write any matter on the question paper other than roll number.*

**Part A**

**Answer any 4 Questions. Each question carries 5 marks. (4Q x 5M = 20M)**

1. Explain in brief the nature and scope of the General Clauses Act, 1897.
2. Define the term 'intention of the legislature' with reference to statutory interpretation.
3. Outline the internal aids to interpretation with relevant examples.
4. Describe the Literal Rule of interpretation.
5. Outline the main features of the Mischief Rule.
6. Discuss the Rule of Harmonious Construction with a relevant case law example.

**Part B**

**Answer any 4 Questions. Each question carries 10 marks. (4Q x 10M = 40M)**

1. Analyse the relevance of the General Clauses Act, 1897 in the interpretation of statutes.
2. Compare and contrast the Literal Rule and the Golden Rule of statutory interpretation.
3. Evaluate the role of external aids in the interpretation of statutes.
4. Discuss how legal language can create legal riddles and logic problems in statutory interpretation.
5. Illustrate the concept of legalism and creativity in the context of judicial interpretation.
6. Explain the primary rules of statutory interpretation with examples.

**Part C  
Answer any 2 Questions. Each question carries 20 marks. (2Q x 20M = 40M)**

1. Critically assess the significance of the Mischief Rule in modern statutory interpretation. Support your answer with relevant case laws.
2. Discuss in detail the process and importance of interpreting statutes using the Rule of Harmonious Construction. Include examples of significant judicial decisions.
3. Examine the interplay between literal and logical rules of interpretation in resolving statutory ambiguities. Provide case law to substantiate your arguments.