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**PRESIDENCY UNIVERSITY  
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**SET B**

**SCHOOL OF LAW  
END TERM EXAMINATION - JAN 2024**

**Semester :** Semester VII - 2020

**Course Code :** LAW 301

**Course Name :** Interpretation of Statutes and Principle of Legislation

**Program :** BBA LLB Honors

**Date :** 05-JAN-2024

**Time :** 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

**Max Marks :** 100

**Weightage :** 50%

**Instructions:**

- (i) Read all questions carefully and answer accordingly.
- (ii) Question paper consists of 1 part.
- (iii) Scientific and non-programmable calculator are permitted.
- (iv) Do not write any information on the question paper other than Roll Number.

**ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS**

**10 X 10M = 100M**

1. What is interpretation of a statute, and role does it play in understanding the intent of the Legislature.  
(CO1) [Comprehension]
2. Describe the mischief rule and its origin. Discuss a real-world case where the mischief rule was employed, and analyze how it influenced the court's decision in interpreting the contractual terms.  
(CO1) [Comprehension]
3. Statutes can be classified on the basis of the object they serve. Elaborate Codifying, Consolidating, Declaratory, Remedial Statutes.  
(CO2) [Comprehension]
4. Elaborate on any two of the following Guiding Rules- (a) Literal Rule, (b) Golden Rule, (c) Mischief Rule, (d) Harmonious Construction.  
(CO2) [Comprehension]
5. Explain Aids to Interpretations. Illustrate a scenario where ambiguity arises and explain how the court, applying any general aids, resolves the ambiguity to ascertain the intended meaning.  
(CO3) [Comprehension]
6. Define legislative history as an external aid in legal interpretation. Provide an example where the legislative history significantly influenced the court's interpretation of a statute, and discuss the specific information from the legislative history that was instrumental in the decision.  
(CO3) [Application]
7. Explore the role of mens rea (criminal intent) in the interpretation of penal statutes. Refer to a case where the mens rea element played a crucial role in determining the applicability of a penal provision, and discuss how the court approached this aspect of statutory interpretation.  
(CO4) [Application]

8. Elaborate on the following with important case laws: Doctrine of Pith and Substance, Doctrine of Severability, Doctrine of Territorial Nexus

(CO4) [Application]

9. The Constitution of a country plays a pivotal role in establishing the governance structure of any country along with acting as a limitation clause on the powers of the organs of the State. Elaborate on the development of the the Basic Structure Doctrine.

(CO5) [Application]

10. Write a short note on the 'Repeal of a Statute'.

(CO5) [Application]