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**SET B**

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

**Semester :** Semester V - 2021

**Course Code :** LAW2018

**Course Name :** Interpretation of Statutes

**Program :** B.Com LLB Honors

**Date :** 03-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 3 parts.
- (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. Define a statute and explain its purpose in the legal system. Explain the various types of statutes with the help of examples.  
(CO2,CO1) [Comprehension]
2. Distinguish between Interpretation and Construction of a Statute? Support your answer with the legal maxim *expressio unius est Exclusio Alterius*.  
(CO1,CO2) [Comprehension]
3. Explain the significance of the literal rule of interpretation in a statute? Can a literal interpretation lead to an unjust outcome in certain cases?  
(CO3,CO2) [Comprehension]
4. Explain Mischief rule and its application in statutory interpretation. Discuss the significance of Heydon's case associated with the Mischief rule.  
(CO3,CO2) [Comprehension]
5. Explain the rule of *Ejusdem Generis and Reddendo Singula Singulis*. Provide examples where the rule of *Ejusdem Generis* has been applied by the courts to interpret statutes.  
(CO2,CO3) [Comprehension]
6. Discuss various types of internal aids with respect to the interpretation of a statute. Analyze the circumstances when the court applies internal aids in resolving ambiguity or vagueness in a Statute?  
(CO3,CO4) [Application]
7. Discuss extrinsic aids, such as legislative history and parliamentary debates, Foreign decisions be used to discern the purpose behind a particular statute.  
(CO3,CO4) [Application]

8. Distinguish the political and ethical theories of John Rawls and Robert Nozick. Rawls advocated for a form of liberalism centered around his 'veil of ignorance,' while Nozick argued for a libertarian perspective. How do their ideas on justice, equality, and the role of the state differ, and what are the key implications of their theories for societal organization and government policies?  
(CO4,CO5) [Application]
9. Critically analyze the processes of repealing a Statute. What considerations should legislators take into account while deciding whether to repeal or amend existing laws?  
(CO5,CO4) [Application]
10. Discuss the role of Preamble in interpreting a statute. Support your answer with the help of various case laws.  
(CO4,CO5) [Application]