



PRACTICE SET
End Semester Examination, Spring- 2026

Program: BA. LLB
Semester: VI
Subject: Interpretation of Statutes
Subject Code: 24F.355

Course Outcome:

On the completion of the Course, the students will be able to:

Course Outcomes	Description
CO1	Understand judicial decisions more clearly through interpretation principles.
CO2	Apply interpretation rules to analyze and explain statutory provisions.
CO3	Explain the rationale behind legal provisions and their societal relevance.

UNIT I
Section A (10 marks)

1. Distinguish comprehensively between 'interpretation' and 'construction' of statutes, and evaluate their practical relevance in judicial decision-making, highlighting how courts use both concepts in resolving legal disputes. (CO1) (Analyse)(HOT)
2. Analyze the role of judges in the process of statutory interpretation, and critically examine whether judicial interpretation amounts to judicial legislation in certain circumstances.(CO1)(Analyse)(HOT)
3. Explain the different forms of legislation such as Acts, Ordinances, Rules, and delegated legislation, and analyze how their nature and hierarchy influence their interpretation by courts. (CO1) (Understand)(LOT)

4. Critically examine the importance of interpretation in ensuring justice and fairness, especially in cases where strict application of statutory language may lead to unjust or unintended consequences. (CO1) (Analyse)(HOT)
5. Discuss the principles applied by courts when statutory language is clear and unambiguous, and analyze whether courts should ever depart from plain meaning in such cases. (CO1)(Understand)(LOT)
6. Examine the concept of legislative intent and analyze the various methods used by courts to ascertain such intent in statutory interpretation. (CO1) (Understand)(LOT)
7. Discuss the importance of interpretation in resolving ambiguities, inconsistencies, and gaps in statutory provisions, and evaluate the limits of judicial creativity in this regard. (CO1) (Understand)(LOT)
8. Critically evaluate whether strict literal interpretation of statutes may sometimes defeat the purpose of legislation, and discuss how courts balance textual meaning with legislative purpose. (CO1) (Evaluate)(HOT)

Section B (20 marks)

9. A statute enacted several decades ago contains terminology that is unclear when applied to modern technological developments, leading to conflicting interpretations by lower courts. As a judge, discuss in detail the principles and approaches you would adopt to interpret the statute, ensuring that justice is achieved without exceeding judicial limits. (CO1) (Apply)(HOT)
10. Describe the rule laid down in Heydon's Case and analyze its importance in the field of statutory interpretation. In your answer, explain how this rule helps in identifying legislative intent and addressing defects in earlier laws, along with its practical significance in judicial decision-making. (CO1) (Analyse)(HOT)

UNIT II

Section A (10 marks)

11. Describe the importance of short title and long title in interpreting statutes, and analyze their relevance in understanding the scope and purpose of legislation. (CO1) (Remember)(LOT)
12. State the significance of punctuation marks in statutory interpretation, and analyze how minor grammatical elements can influence legal meaning. (CO1) (Remember)(LOT)

13. Examine the role of provisos and exceptions in statutes, and critically analyze how courts interpret them in relation to the main provision. (CO1) (Analyse)(HOT)
14. Discuss the importance of schedules and explanations in statutes, and evaluate their role in clarifying legislative intent. (CO2) (Understand)(LOT)
15. Examine the concept of saving clauses and analyze their role in preserving existing rights and liabilities. (CO2) (Analyse)(HOT)
16. Critically evaluate whether internal aids alone are sufficient to resolve ambiguities in statutes, or whether reliance on external aids is inevitable. (CO2) (Evaluate)(HOT)
17. Analyze the importance of harmonious construction while interpreting different parts of the same statute. (CO2) (Analyse)(HOT)

Section B (20 marks)

18. Critically analyze the importance of provisos, exceptions, explanations, and saving clauses in statutes, and discuss how courts interpret these components in relation to the main provisions. (CO2) (Analyse)(HOT)
19. Examine the role of the preamble, titles, headings, and marginal notes in statutory interpretation, and analyze the extent to which they can influence or control the meaning of clear statutory provisions. (CO2) (Analyse)(HOT)

UNIT III

Section A (10 marks)

20. Discuss the concept and significance of external aids to interpretation, and analyze the circumstances under which courts resort to such aids. (CO2) (Understand)(LOT)
21. Examine the role of Constituent Assembly debates in interpreting constitutional provisions, and evaluate their evidentiary value. (CO2) (Analyse)(HOT)
22. Discuss the importance of legislative history, including statements of objects and reasons, in determining legislative intent. (CO2) (Understand)(LOT)
23. Analyze the use of legislative debates and commission reports as tools of interpretation, and evaluate their reliability. (CO2) (Analyse)(HOT)

24. Define the role of dictionaries and translations as external aids, and analyze their limitations in legal interpretation. (CO2) (Remember)(LOT)

25. Outline the doctrine of pith and substance and doctrine of colorable legislation. Explain its significance in determining legislative competence. (CO2) (Analyse)(HOT)

25. Critically evaluate whether excessive reliance on external aids undermines the supremacy of statutory text. (CO2) (Evaluate)(HOT)

26. A part of a statute is declared unconstitutional. Assess how the doctrine of severability should be applied to determine the validity of the remaining provisions. (CO2) (Evaluate)(HOT)

Section B (20 marks)

27. A statutory provision is ambiguous, and while the plain meaning suggests one interpretation, the legislative history and external materials suggest a different intention. Illustrate in detail whether courts should rely on external aids in such a situation and justify your answer. (CO2) (Apply)(HOT)

28. Review in detail the constitutional doctrines of pith and substance, colorable legislation, territorial nexus, severability, and eclipse, and analyze their role in interpretation and validity of statutes. (CO2) (Evaluate)(HOT)

UNIT IV

Section A (10 marks)

29. Demonstrate in detail the literal rule of interpretation, and critically analyze its advantages and limitations in modern legal systems. (CO3) (Evaluate)(HOT)

30. Examine the golden rule of interpretation and analyze how it helps courts avoid absurd or unjust outcomes. (CO3) (Analyse)(HOT)

31. Define the mischief rule and evaluate its importance in identifying and remedying defects in legislation. (CO3) (Remember)(LOT)

32. Compare and contrast the literal, golden, and mischief rules, and analyze their relative importance in judicial interpretation. (CO3) (Understand)(LOT)

33. Outline the concept of legal fiction and analyze its role and implications in statutory interpretation. (CO3) (Remember)(LOT)

34. Illustrate the principle generalia specialibus non derogant and analyze how it resolves conflicts between general and special provisions.(CO3) (Apply)(LOT)

35. A general provision conflicts with a specific provision within the same statute. Illustrate how courts resolve such conflicts using established principles. (CO3) (Apply)(LOT)

36. Explain in detail the rule of statutory interpretation laid down in Heydon's Case. Discuss the principles involved in this rule, commonly known as the Mischief Rule, and critically examine its significance, utility, and relevance in the interpretation of statutes in modern legal systems. (CO3) (Apply)(LOT)

Section B (20 marks)

37. A statutory provision contains general words following specific words, and a dispute arises regarding whether the general words should be interpreted broadly or restricted to the same category as the specific words. Illustrate how courts would resolve this issue using the relevant rules of interpretation and justify your reasoning. (CO3) (Apply)(HOT)

38. Compare and contrast the literal rule, golden rule, and mischief rule, and analyze their relative importance and application in modern judicial interpretation. (CO3) (Analyse)(HOT)

39. Assess the golden rule and mischief rule of interpretation in detail, and evaluate how these Rules help courts move beyond literal interpretation to achieve the purpose of legislation. (CO3)(Evaluate)(HOT)

40. Critically analyze the Golden Rule of Interpretation in the context of *Grey v. Pearson (1857)*. How does this rule act as a limitation on the Literal Rule, and what role does it play in preventing absurd or unjust results? (CO3) (Analyse)(HOT)

Summary Sheet

CO Wise

CO	Q. No	Marks
CO1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13	150
CO2	14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28	200
CO3	29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40	150
Total		500

Unit Wise

Unit	Q. No	Marks
Unit 1	1-10	120
Unit 2	11-19	110
Unit 3	20-28	140
Unit 4	29-40	130
Total		500

Blooms Taxonomy Level (BTL) Wise

BTL	Q. No	Marks
LOT	3, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 14, 20, 22, 24, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36	180
HOT	1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 10, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 37, 38, 39, 40	320
Total		500

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