

Paper – 504-B

(Interpretation of Statutes)

Answer any *five* questions.

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1. What do you mean by Interpretation of Statutes ?
Is there any difference between Interpretation and Construction ? What is the meaning of ambiguity ?
8+4+4=16
 2. Discuss any *two* of the following : 8×2=16
 - (a) Ejusdem generis rule
 - (b) Golden Rule
 - (c) Reddendo Singula Singulis.
 3. Discuss the scope of Parliamentary debates, Earlier acts and English laws as external aids in interpretation of a statute. 16
 4. (a) What is Mischief Rule ? Explain.
(b) Give application of this rule in some leading cases. 6+10=16
 5. Distinguish between mandatory and directory provisions of a statute. What is the difference in the interpretation of these two rules ? Explain. 16
 6. Discuss the general rules of interpretation in interpreting taxing laws. 16

7. Judicial review is an inherent doctrine in interpretation of written constitution. Explain with case laws. 16

8. Discuss in detail the 'Doctrine of Eclipse' with reference to the case of 16

State of Bombay

Vs.

F. N. Balsara

(AIR 1951 SC 458)

9. Write short notes on any *four* of the following :

(a) Pith and substance

(b) Expressio unius exclusio alterius

(c) A statute to be read as a whole

(d) Doctrine of Repugnancy

(e) Interpretation Clause

(f) Judicial activism.

4×4=16