

TILAK MAHARASHTRA VIDYAPEETH, PUNE
BACHELOR OF LAWS (LL.B.) (Three Years Semester Pattern)/
B.A. LL.B. (ACADEMIC LAW)
(FIVE YEARS SEMESTER PATTERN) CREDIT SYSTEM
EXAMINATION : MAY - 2025
FOURTH/EIGHTH SEMESTER
Sub.: Interpretation of Statutes (LW-403/8003)

Date : 09/05/2025	Total Marks : 60	Time: 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm
--------------------------	-------------------------	---------------------------------

Instructions: 1) All questions are compulsory.
2) Figure indicate to the right full marks.

Q. 1. Answer the following question. (15)

A) Explain the importance and necessity of interpretation of statutes.

OR

B) Explain the Doctrine of repugnancy with reference to Article 254 of the Constitution

Q. 2. Answer the following question. (15)

A) Explain the Internal and External Aids to interpretation with examples.

OR

B) Explain Literal, Golden and Mischief Rule of Interpretation with appropriate case laws

Q. 3. Write Short Notes. (any four) (20)

- a) Doctrine of Harmonious Construction
- b) Interpretation of Preamble
- c) Difference between Interpretation and Construction
- d) Effect of Provisos in a Statute
- e) Doctrine of Ejusdem Generis
- f) Presumption Against Ex Post Facto Laws

Q. 4. Answer the following questions. (10)

A) A **retirement benefits law** states "**all male employees**" are entitled to a pension. A **female employee** argues that since the law is **silent about women**, she should be eligible.

- Can silence in a statute be interpreted to **include** rights?
- Should the law be amended or interpreted expansively?

O

