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EXAMINATION : DECEMBER - 2025
FOURTH/EIGHTH SEMESTER
Sub.: Interpretation of Statutes (LW-403/8003)

Date : 12/12/2025	Total Marks : 60	Time: 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm
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Instructions: 1) All questions are compulsory.
 2) Figure indicate to the right full marks.

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

A) How does the Harmonious Construction rule apply to conflicting provisions in a statute?

OR

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

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

A) A statute imposes a penalty for an offense, but its wording is ambiguous. Should it be interpreted in favor of the accused?

OR

B) Explain the internal and External aids to interpretation with examples

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

- a) Doctrine of repugnancy
- b) Golden Rule of Interpretation
- c) What is the principle of casus omissus
- d) Mischief Rule of Interpretation
- e) Doctrine of ejusdem generis
- f) Doctrine of noscitur a sociis

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

A) A new environment law is passed in 2024, imposing heavy fines for pollution from 2020 onwards. A company is fined for emissions in 2021 and argues the law cannot apply retrospectively.

- Can laws impose retrospective penalties?
- How do courts determine if a law should have retrospective effect?

OR

B) A widow pension law states, "All widows above 40 are entitled to benefits." A 39-year-old widow applies, arguing that the law is meant to protect widows in need.

- Should the law be interpreted strictly or liberally?
- Can courts extend benefits beyond the law's wording?