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EXAMINATION : MAY - 2026
FOURTH/EIGHTH SEMESTER
Sub.: Interpretation of Statutes (LW-403/8003)

Date : 08/05/2026	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) Explain the Internal and External aids to interpretation with examples

OR

B) Define **interpretation** and distinguish it from **construction**

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

A) Discuss the rules of interpretation and their applicability in judicial decisions.

OR

B) How do courts balance social justice and legislative intent in beneficial statutes?

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

- a) Doctrine of Expressio Unius Est Exclusio Alteriu
- b) Beneficial Construction in Welfare Laws
- c) Strict Construction in Criminal Law
- d) Presumption against Retrospective Legislation
- e) Doctrine of Casus Omissus
- f) Presumption Against Double Jeopardy

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 retirement benefit 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?
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