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THREE YEAR UNITARY LL.B. DEGREE EXAMINATION, SEPTEMBER 2025

Fourth Semester

UL 18—INTERPRETATION OF STATUTES AND PRINCIPLES OF LEGISLATION

(2023 Admissions—Regular, 2019-2022 Admissions—Supplementary, 2018 Admissions—First Mercy Chance)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 75 Marks

Part A

I. Write short notes on any *five* questions. Each question carries 3 marks :

- 1 Theory of territorial nexus.
- 2 Principles of Sympathy and Antipathy.
- 3 Contemporanea Expositio.
- 4 Explain the maxim Generalia Specialibus non Derogant.
- 5 Importance of Punctuation and illustration in a Statute.
- 6 Discuss the rule of Ejusdem Generis

(5 × 3 = 15 marks)

Part B

II. Answer any *three* questions. Each question carries 10 marks :

- 7 A provision in Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 2021 has been challenged as unconstitutional and the Court also decided that the provision as unconstitutional. Advise whether the whole Act should be declared as unconstitutional or not.
- 8 An Industrial Tribunal awarded max number of paid leaves to the workers than what S. 79(1) of Factories Act recommended. This was challenged. Decided.
- 9 As per S. 77(1) of Road Traffic Act, 1960, 'a driver causing accident shall stop after the accident'. A driver of the motor vehicle stopped for a moment after causing an accident and then ran away. Decide.
- 10 The National Commission constituted under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 awarded compensation to a victim of a road accident. The award is challenged on the ground of lack of jurisdiction citing that MV Act, 1988 deals with compensation for accidents arising out of use of motor vehicles. Decide.

(3 × 10 = 30 marks)

Turn over



Part C

III. Answer any *two* questions. Each question carries 15 marks :

- 11 Examine the importance given to foreign decisions and historical facts in the interpretation of statutes.**
- 12 Discuss the meaning and relevance of amending, codifying and consolidating statutes.**
- 13 Examine the Golden rule of interpretation with its limitations.**

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)