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**Sixth Semester B.A.LL.B./B.Com. LL.B./B.B.A. LL.B. (Five Year Integrated)
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**PAPER II — INTEPRETATION OF STATUTES AND PRINCIPLES OF
LEGISLATION**

(2011-2019 Admission)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

PART – A

Answer **any five** of the following. Each question carries **2** marks. Answer should not exceed **50** words.

1. Sympathy and Antipathy
2. Sanctions in legislation
3. Proviso
4. Mischief Rule
5. Ejusdem Generis
6. "Argumentum ab Inconvenienti"
7. "Expression uniusexclusioalterius"
8. "ContemporaneaExpositio".

(5 × 2 = 10 Marks)

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PART – B

Answer **any four** of the following. Each question carries **4** marks. Each answer should not exceed **120** words.

9. What is the Principle of Asceticism?
10. Describe the term “in parimateria”.
11. Explain the difference between prospective and retrospective repeal of statutes.
12. How is the interpretation of taxation statutes different from other statutes?
13. What is the significance of “reddendo singular singularis”?
14. Give a brief note on the principle of stare decisis?

(4 × 4 = 16 Marks)

PART – C

Answer **any four** of the following problems. Each question carries **6** marks.

15. A community demands that the government criminalize offensive speech against religious beliefs, citing public morality. How should the legislature approach this demand?
16. A new statute states, “Employers must provide reasonable accommodations for employees’ health needs. “A company denies an employee’s request for a standing desk, arguing that it is unreasonable. How could this law be improved to avoid disputes?
17. A statute states, “No vehicles are allowed in public parks”. A man is fined for using a wheelchair in the park. Is the fine valid?
18. A legal provision from 1950 uses the term “telecommunications equipment” but does not define it. In 2024, a dispute arises over whether mobile phones are included. How should the court interpret the term?
19. A new tax law imposes penalties on certain financial transactions made after January 1, 2022. A taxpayer challenges the law, claiming they should not be penalized for transactions made in January 2022 because the law was enacted in December 2023. Is this challenge valid?

(4 × 6 = 24 Marks)

PART – D

Answer **any three** of the following questions. Each question carries **10** marks.

20. Analyze the principles of legislative drafting with examples.
21. Explain the significance of the preamble in interpreting statutes.
22. Describe the external aids to statutory interpretation.
23. What role do schedules play in statutes?
24. What are internal aids to interpretation, and how do they assist in understanding a statute?

(3 × 10 = 30 Marks)

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