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**METHODS OF INTERPRETATION OF  
STATUTES**

Paper : 2003

Full Marks : 80

Time : Three Hours

*The figures in the margin indicate  
full marks for the questions.*

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1. Write an exhaustive note on the general methods of interpretation of statutes with relevant case laws. 16

OR

"Every word in a statute to be given a meaning." Explain with reference to general principles of interpretation.

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2. Examine the question as to whether a state is bound by a statute or not in India? Answer with the help of decided cases.

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OR

What are internal aids? How do they help in interpretation of statutes? Refer to decided cases in support of your answer.

6+10

3. Give a detailed account of the external aids to construction in the context of Historical facts, Dictionaries, use of Foreign Decisions. Give Illustrations.

7+3+3+3=16

OR

Examine with decided cases the role of Preamble and the Directive Principles of State Policy in the interpretation of the Constitution of India.

8+8=16

4. Explain *ejusdem generis* rule. When it can be applied? Do you agree with the view that it must be applied with caution and subject to the primary rule that statutes are to be construed in accordance with the intention of parliament?

Answer with reasons.

8+8=16

OR

Write an exhaustive note on the strict construction of Penal Statutes with the help of illustrative cases.

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5. "The rules of interpretation come into play only where clarity or precision in the provisions of the statute are missing." Explain. How far the Indian judiciary interpreted the words "shall" and "may" in the course of interpretation? Whether "context" has any relevance in the interpretation of the above words? Answer with the help of decided cases.

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OR

What do you understand by dynamics of statutory interpretation? What prompted the judiciary to adopt dynamism in interpreting the statutes?

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Title

Preamble

Directive Principles

standing

explanation

(11/11) etc.

schedule

provision

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