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NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY AND JUDICIAL ACADEMY, ASSAM
B.A.,LL.B.(Hons.): IV-Year, VIII-Semester (Academic Year: 2016-17)
Semester End Repeat Examination (August, 2017)
Subject Code: 8.1 Principles of Legislation and the
Interpretation of Statutes

Time: **3:00 Hrs.**
Total Marks: **100**

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Read the questions carefully and answer.
 2. No clarification shall be sought on the question paper.
 3. Do not write anything on the question paper. It will be treated as malpractice.
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Answer any five questions from the following. All questions carry equal marks.

1. 'Statute must be read as a whole' is the one of the general principle to be followed while interpreting of interpretation of statutes. Discuss the said principle with the help of the relevant case laws and examples.
2. Interpretation is one of the most important aspect of the Law. It is the way through which one can assure the supply of a fresh air into our legal environment. It is the task of eliciting meaning from the language in accordance with human understanding. This is the reason Stanley Fish has argued that, *the interpretative assumptions are the bridge between a statutory text and our grasp of its meaning*. The point is well proved by the Supreme Court while interpreting Article 21 in cases of A.K. Gopalan and Maneka Gandhi. In the light of the aforementioned statements critically discuss the role and significance of Interpretation. What are the cautions that one has to keep in mind while interpreting? Elaborate your answer with the help of the readings circulated and discussed on the topic.
3. Write a note on principle of Ejusdem Generis. Elaborate your answer with the help of the case laws.
4. Philosophy and Interpretation are closely related to each other. In other words philosophy always provides the ground for interpretative discourse. In the light of the statement discuss the methods of philosophy and there significance in Interpretation of statutes.
5. Write a note on the Presumption, discuss its significance in Interpretation of Statute. Elaborate your answer with the help of the case laws.
6. Discuss the methods of interpreting the Constitution. Do you think that it is appropriate to interpret Constitution by applying common methods of interpretation?
