

**GUJARAT NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY
GANDHINAGAR**

Course: Interpretation of Statutes
Semester-IV (Batch: 2015-20)

Mid Semester Test: Feb-Mar. 2017

Date: 28th February, 2017

Duration: 2 hours

Max. Marks: 30

Instructions:

- Read the questions properly and write the answers in the given answer book.
- The respective marks for each question are indicated in-line.
- Do not write any thing on the question paper.
- Indicate correct question numbers in front of the answers.
- No questions or clarifications can be sought during the exam period, answer as it is, giving reason, if any.

Answer **any three** of the following:

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| Q.1 For interpreting the words 'vegetable' in clauses providing for exemption from tax liability under various Sales Tax legislations, the Indian courts including the Supreme Court of India, were having various choices in interpreting these terms ranging from botanical, dictionary and ordinary meaning of the said words. Clearly bring out which rule of interpretation was adopted by the Supreme Court of India while interpreting these words, meaning given to them and the rationale behind such interpretation. | (10) |
| Q.2 What are 'internal aids' to the construction of statutes? Assess the importance of them in brief in the construction of statutes. | (10) |
| Q.3 Discuss briefly the following:
(a) Heydon's case.
(b) The function of the court is to interpret law and not to legislate. | (2x5=
10) |
| Q.4 Write short note on the following:
(a) Difference between Interpretation and Construction.
(b) Jaimini's Mimamsa Rules of Interpretation. | (2x5=
10) |
