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SEMESTER EXAMINATION

Programme: **MLD**

Session: **2017/2018**

Semester: **2nd Semester**

Course Code: **MLD 814**

Course Title: **Interpretation of Statutes**

Instructions: i. Answer any **4 Questions**, each question carries **17.5 marks**.

- ii Time allowed: **3hours**. iii Write your Matriculation Number **Only**.
v. Orderly arrangement and good presentation of materials will be considered.

Question One

Write brief notes on

- a. Ejusdem Generis
- b. Expressio unus est exclusio alerius
- c. Noscitur a socii
- d. Reddendo singula singulis
- e. Cassus omissus

Question Two

With the aid of decided cases, list and discuss the Cannons of Statutory Interpretation. State the strength and weakness of each Rules.

Question Three

List the external and internal aids to the interpretation of statutes. Discuss the importance of the following in the interpretation of statutes:

- a. Preamble
- b. Long title
- c. Parliamentary history of an act

Question Four

Explain the Doctrine of Precedents and how it results in a change in the law.

Question Five

Define and discuss the following:

- a. Common law
- b. Civil law
- c. Statutes
- d. Regulations
- e. Ordinance

Question Six

Discuss the statutory interpretation/or the meaning of the following:

- a. Rule of law
- b. Fundamental rights
- c. Individual rights