



**PROGRAM** : LLB

**MODULE** : INTERPRETATION THEORY  
INTERPRETATION OF STATUTES

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. If you experience any problems regarding the exam, you must inform the lecturer thereof as soon as possible ([mvanstaden@uj.ac.za](mailto:mvanstaden@uj.ac.za)).
2. Your answers must be typed and saved in a Word document/PDF or handwritten, photographed and saved as PDF. Answers must be clear and legible. All pages must be clearly numbered.
3. Save your document as your surname, followed by your initials. **Do not** save the exam as "Interpretation" or "Exam" or anything similar.
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5. Students must answer all questions. All questions must be clearly numbered.
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9. Students who transgress any of these instructions will be penalised.

### Question 1

- 1.1 Teleological interpretation and purposivism. (2)
  - 1.2 Subsecuta observatio and contemporanea expositio. (2)
  - 1.3 Intentionalism and literalism-cum-intentionalism. (2)
  - 1.4 Peremptory provisions and directory provisions. (2)
  - 1.5 Dis-integration and hyper-integration. (2)
- [10]**

### Question 2

- 2.1 With reference to authority, critically discuss whether the Constitution has extraterritorial effect. (10)
  - 2.2 Describe five (5) instances where the courts will tend to allow the retrospectivity of legislation. (5)
- [15]**

### Question 3

Discuss, with reference to authority, whether secondary provincial legislation may prevail over primary national legislation.

**[5]**

### Question 4

- 4.1 What is the dominant approach of the South African Constitutional Court to the interpretation of statutes? Motivate your answer with reference to authority. (5)
  - 4.2 Is grammatical interpretation a throwback to literalism? Motivate your answer. (5)
- [10]**

### Question 5

Explain, with reference to case law, how the value of *ubuntu* can be utilised within the theory of statutory interpretation favoured by the Constitutional Court.

**[10]**

## Question 6

Consider the following calendar and answer the following questions:

DECEMBER 2021						
Son	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

JANUARY 2022						
Son	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Please note that the following days are public holidays:

- 16 December 2021 - Day of Reconciliation
- 25 December 2021 - Christmas Day
- 26 December 2021 - Day of Goodwill
- 27 December 2021 – Public Holiday
- 1 January 2022 - New Year's Day

Further note that the courts will close at 16h00 on 10 December 2021 and that they will open on the morning of 3 January 2022.

- 6.1 Calculate 9 **days** from 6 December 2021 according to the normal statutory method. **15** (2)
- 6.2 Calculate 10 **days** from 6 December 2021 according to the normal statutory method. **17** (2)
- 6.3 Calculate 14 **days** from 6 December 2021 according to the normal statutory method. **20** (2)
- 6.4 Calculate 9 **court days** from 6 December 2021 according to the normal statutory method. **7 Jan** (2)
- 6.5 In terms of the rules of the Madibeng Body Corporate, there must be at least 3 open days between successive meetings of the Executive Committee of the Body Corporate. Assume that a meeting was held on 17 January 2022, on which date is it possible to hold another meeting (as soon as possible)? (2)

**21 Jan**

**[10]**

**Total: [60]**

