

**BINDURA UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE EDUCATION**  
**FACULTY OF COMMERCE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY STUDIES**

COURSE : INTERPRETATION OF STATUTES  
COURSE CODE : PS 103  
DATE OF EXAM :  
TIME ALLOWED : 3 HOURS  
TOTAL MARKS : 100

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

1. Answer any four questions
2. Each question carries 25 marks
3. Cell phones are not allowed into the examination room
4. Begin each fresh answer on a new page

**QUESTION 1**

Outline the law making process in Zimbabwe clearly indicating processes taking place at each stage.

[Total 25 marks]

**QUESTION 2**

Explain the following terms as they apply in Interpretation of Statutes;

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| a) <i>Redondo singular singlis</i>                | [5] |
| b) <i>Contemporaneo Exposition</i>                | [5] |
| c) <i>Expressio unis excludit alterius</i>        | [5] |
| d) <i>Casus Ominis</i>                            | [5] |
| e) <i>Cessante ration legis cessante ipsa lex</i> | [5] |

[Total 25 marks]

### QUESTION 3

Using the Interpretation Act [Chapter 1:01], explain the meaning of the following terms;

- a) Enactment [5]
- b) Contravention [5]
- c) Personal [5]
- d) Police Officer [5]
- e) Sign [5]

[Total 25 marks]

### QUESTION 4

With the aid of decided cases, illustrate the role of the mischief rule in the interpretation of statutes.

[Total 25 marks]

### QUESTION 5

Evaluate Graham's theory of Originalism.

[Total 25 marks]

### QUESTION 6

Discuss and evaluate the golden rule in light of consequential construction, indicating whether in your considered opinion, consequential construction represents an improved formulation of the golden rule.

[Total 25 marks]

**END OF EXAMINATION PAPER**