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MODULE TITLE : INTERPRETATION OF STATUTES

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. Answer 4 questions. Answer question 1 in Section A and any 3 from Section B.
2. Each question carries twenty-five (25) marks.
3. Number of marks for part questions are shown in brackets.
4. Start each question on a new page.
5. This paper consists of two (2) pages
6. Answer sheets are provided

SECTION A – COMPULSORY

Question 1

The Exchange Control Regulations Statutory Instrument 109 of 1996 (S.I 109 of 1996) make it an offence to deal in foreign currency in a public place. Tafara has been into the business of dealing in foreign currency for some time. The money is kept in a private room where the public has no access. Customers just call him and he drives into the central business district where he conducts his business in his car. The police have raided his private room and recovered large sums of foreign currency. He is charged with contravening S.I 109 of 1996.

Advise Tafara on whether he has a defence to the charge raised against him.

[25 marks]

SECTION B – ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS

Question 2

'The Interpretation Act [Chapter 1:01] is not meant to alter much the common law rules on interpretation of statutes rather it complements them.' With the aid of legal authority, assess the validity of this statement.

[25 marks]

Question 3

With reference to legal authority, explain the following approaches to statutory interpretation;

- a. The narrower textual approach to statutory interpretation. (10)
- b. The wider and contextual approach to statutory interpretation. (15)

[25 marks]

Question 4

Explain the common structural elements of a statute that aid in its interpretation.

[25 marks]

Question 5

Elaborate on any five presumptions of statutory interpretation.

[25 marks]

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