

Empire College School of Law
Professor Belle
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Student ID# _____

Introduction to Law - Final Examination
2 hours to complete Multiple Choice and Essay Questions

PART II: Essays (9 points each = 45 points total)

Write in your blue book.

Use only blue or black ink.

- (1) Explain the differences between the “golden rule” and the “purposive approach” to statutory interpretation.**

- (2) Explain the doctrine of *stare decisis*, including the applicability of the doctrine between state and federal courts, and the treatment by a court of its own prior decisions.**

- (3) Define *ratio decidendi*, and explain how a court may apply the doctrine “reasonably.”**

- (4) Explain the principle of separation of powers, and give three examples of exceptions to the general principle.**

- (5) Explain the three general types of cases in which the use of dialectical reasoning is appropriate.**