

CHEBAIKI ABDELKADER HIGH SCHOOL
SECOND EXAMINATION OF ENGLISH

READING COMPREHENSION

Read the text carefully then do the activities

The right way to slaughter?

The slaughter of conscious animals was widely abandoned in the 20th Century and is now practised mainly in the Jewish and Muslim communities. Consumers increasingly expect animals to be stunned before death - but would banning other slaughter methods be an unacceptable violation of religious rights?

The sound of pistons and mechanics fills the air as the last calf of the day steps into a holding box. A device the size of a hand-held drill is brought to the animal's head, a trigger pulled and a four-inch bolt shot into its brain, causing it instantly to collapse. The unconscious calf is hoisted upside down and slaughtered seconds later with a massive cut to its throat, showering the floor with a torrent of crimson blood.

The plant - the second-biggest veal abattoir in Europe - has used stunning on all its calves - some 300,000 a year - since 2008. Before then it performed some religious slaughter without stunning for the Jewish and Muslim communities, but changing public attitudes towards animal welfare forced a rethink. The Federation of Veterinarians of Europe took the position in 2002 that "the practice of slaughtering animals without prior stunning is unacceptable under any circumstances", and the issue has gradually become more central for animal welfare campaigners, and for politicians. We decided to stop 'ritual' killing because the idea didn't fit us," says Mr Meeuwissen. "My customers are very critical on how we produce our meat, and the large supermarket chains no longer want any meat which is produced ritually."

Jewish and Muslim leaders are fighting a battle on two fronts - to dispel the idea there is anything inhumane about their traditional methods of slaughter, and to defend their right to live according to their religious beliefs. Both faiths put great emphasis on animal welfare, and adhere to a one-cut method of slaughter, intended to ensure the animal's rapid death

By Raffi Berg BBC News, Amsterdam

1/ The text is: *a-Argumentative* *b- Expository* *c-Narrative*

2/. Are the following statements true or false?

- a) Jewish and Muslim communities slaughter conscious animals.
- b) Stunning is a massive cut to an animal's throat.
- c) 'ritual' killing is stopped.
- d) Supermarkets refuse meat which is produced ritually.

3/. In which paragraph is the way of stunning an animal mentioned?

4. Answer the following questions according to the text..

- a) what and how is stunning performed ?
- b) What is the second -biggest veal abattoir in Europe?
- c) 'Ritual' killing is to stun an animal?
- d) what are Muslim and Jewish leaders fighting for ?

5/ what or who do the underlined words refer to in the text?

It §2

the issue §2

their §3

B/ Text Exploration

1/Find in the text words that are closest in meaning to:

a) aware §1

big §2

c) stop §4

2/-Complete the chart as shown in the example

VERB	NOUN	ADJECTIVE
To save	safety	Safe
To slaughter
.....	intention
.....	believable

3/Choose one of the following conjunctions to join the given sentences

Due to

therefore

if

although

1/Islamic law says animals must be uninjured, but some authorities allow a form of stunning.

2/The Federation of Veterinarians of Europe took the position in 2002. The practice of slaughtering animals without prior stunning is unacceptable

3/The Party for the Animals proposed a law against slaughtering .Everyone should be vegetarian

4/Classify the following words according to the pronunciation of their final 's'

Vessels struggles withers shakes bodies circumstances

/s/	/z/	/iz/

5/Reorder the following sentences to make a coherent paragraph

Therefore the Muslim way of slaughtering is more hygienic

Blood is a good media of germs, bacteria, toxins, etc

As most of the blood containing germs, bacteria, toxins, etc

That are the cause of several diseases are eliminated

PART TWO: WRITING (5points) Choose one topic only:

*Topic 01:

In no more than 200 words write a composition about the importance of advertising.

You may use these notes to back up your writing:

Help make the product known

Boost sales

Create jobs

The customer get informed about various products

Provide economic growth

Inspires people

Topic 02: Write a paragraph on the following topic:

You bought a product from **BIKO Electronics Company**, let's say it is a sewing machine

.However, the machine stopped working after two days. It was faulty .Write a letter of complaint to

Mr. **Toumi Mohamed the** owner of the company.

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