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- [1 mark] Which word describes someone who doesn't eat animals or fish? 1. A) vegan B) vegetarian C) pescatarian D) diabetic [2 marks] 2. Give two reasons why someone may choose to be a vegetarian. Love animals and don't want to a cause of their harm, don't like the taste, think that there are health benefits in vegetarianism [4 marks] Explain two religious beliefs about animal experimentation. 3. It is good if it is going to enrich lives of humans> find cures for human diseases etc> responsible stewardship It is unacceptable if it is going to cause harm to God's creations> he made them and they are not for us to harm "the righteous care for the needs of their animals" Proverbs 12:10
- 4. Explain two beliefs about the use of animals for food. [5 marks]

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Jews can only eat kosher animals, e.g. lamb, and it must be slaughtered and prepared by a kosher butcher (a schochet)

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5. 'All religious people should be vegans.'

Some Christians agree:

God created animals and cares for their welfare> Noah's Ark> therefore humans should not eat them or their produce

Nowadays there are plenty of vegan alternatives to everything, there is no longer any need to rely on animals> "the righteous care for the need of their animals" The cattle industry alone causes huge levels of Co2 to harm the environment> we should be responsible students and avoid meat and animal produce

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Jesus ate fish and very likely ate lamb at Passover> he is Christian's role model and they should follow his example

Paul says we should not treat each other "with contempt" for our choice of diet (Romans 14:3) therefore we need to follow our own heart in deciding whether veganism is for us or not

[12 marks]

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