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NALSAR UNIVERSITY OF LAW, HYDERABAD**

Post-Graduate Diploma on Animal Protection (Batch 2019 – 2020)

Take Home – Supplementary Examination (January, 2021)

Paper II – 1.2. Introduction to Animal Laws and Ethics

TOTAL MARKS: 100

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- a) Read the instructions for Take Home Examination carefully and adhere to the same.
 - b) *Please mention your name, ID No., subject name and total number of pages on the Answer Sheet.*
 - c) *Clearly indicate the question numbers while answering them.*
 - d) *Answer any four questions and each question carries 25 marks.*
 - e) *The answer for the 25 marks question should be written in 1200 - 1500 words.*
 - f) *Since this is a take home exam, we expect your answers to be analytical rather than straight answers.*
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Answer any four (4) of the following questions:

1. Is it ethically wrong to eat meat? Is it acceptable to eat some types of meat and not others? Discuss. **(25 marks)**
2. Please state briefly whether experimentation on animals is morally acceptable in some or all cases. **(25 marks)**
3. In 2014, Zoo officials in Denmark euthanized a Giraffe, claiming that it would otherwise be subject to inbreeding. The killing, dissecting and offering of the meat of this Giraffe to lions was displayed publicly. Visitors, including children, were allowed to watch. The Danish authorities called it wildlife 'education'.

Considering biological safety, cultural factors & ethics, do you believe that this was an acceptable action? If not, what would you propose is done in this situation? **(25 marks)**

4. Recently, the Madras High Court prevented the Forest Department from taking custody of an elephant from private ownership. Citing that the 'emotional bonding of over 20 years' between the Mahout & the elephant, if broken, could cause the elephant 'trauma'. Furthermore, since the elephant was maintained with dignity and not used for begging, the Court allowed her to remain with her private owners. The order of the Madras High Court, dt. 10.09.2020, in WP (MD) No. 7655 of 2020 & WP (MD) 7151/2020 can be found online.

Discuss the ethical reasoning of the judgement versus the legal authority of the Department to take custody of the elephant. **(25 marks)**

5. Do you believe that some or all animals are morally equal to humans? Please state your answer with reasoning. **(25 marks)**