

## Food, Animals, and the Environmental (Spring 2019, N. Delon)

Exam - Due March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Once you have completed reviewing your class notes, readings and slides, put away all materials and read the exam questions below, but **only then**. It's important that you don't get familiar with the question until you feel ready to take the exam. The exam should be completed in **one continuous stretch of time** (no limit).

Number your responses; avoid introductions and conclusions. Please format your answers as double-spaced, Times New Roman, 12-point font with standard margins. Each answer should be about 1-1 ½ page in length, no less than ¾ of a page or more than 2 pages. Save the final document as a **.doc**, **.docx** or **.rtf** file, **title the document with only your student number**, and **submit on Canvas** by March 15 at 11:59pm. **Please do not put your name anywhere** on the document.

The grading criteria are: structure/organization, coherence; grasp and use of course materials; critical skills, relevance, originality; clarity in writing. Please spell out your assumptions and arguments carefully, and avoid merely stating your own opinion. A complete answer will include references to key concepts, arguments, authors or studies discussed in class or the readings. While completing the exam, you may **only use resources if prompted to do so in the question**. No need to include formal citations, but do your best to cite author names when appropriate. Illustrate with examples.

1. A famous fiction writer is wondering if the lobsters at the supermarket can experience pain, and subsequently if they can suffer. Describe how they might answer this question. What additional step is required to determine if they have moral status? What follows if they do?
2. Michael Pollan and Joel Salatin create the perfect small farm. They personally feed each animal, read them bedtime stories, and tend to their every need. Then after a few years, they painlessly and quickly slaughter them and sell their meat at the local farmer's market. What objection would someone like Peter Singer have to this scenario? How would Pollan and Salatin defend their actions?
3. Fifty years from now, people will live in a warmer world. While the world will be recognizable, it will be deeply altered in many ways. If you worked for the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) and could implement new regulations regarding school meals and dietary recommendations, what would you want the public to know and what regulations would you try to move forward? *You may help yourself with Budolfson's spreadsheets and the reports on food and climate change available in the readings (but you don't have to).*