Read through the statements. Write an **A** if you agree or **D** if you disagree

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_ If I could, I would buy a fur coat.
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_ I really don’t care how chickens are raised and slaughtered, just as long as they end up on my plate clean and untainted.
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Conducting experiments on animals is necessary to help humans find cures for diseases.
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_ I would pay a vet $2,000 to help save my pet from dying.
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_ If I could I would prevent baby animals from being eaten by predators.
6. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Animals should have the same rights as humans.
7. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Sea World and similar venues should be closed because it is cruel and unacceptable to animals.
8. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Breeding animals for money or for better animals is acceptable and everyone’s right.
9. \_\_\_\_\_\_ People who pamper their pets by buying expensive doggy sweaters or jeweled collars or expensive food –go way too far.
10. \_\_\_\_\_\_ It is natural for humans to eat meat.
11. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Animals should not be allowed to become extinct.
12. \_\_\_\_\_\_ When a dog wags its tail it means nothing. (It doesn’t necessarily mean it’s happy.)
13. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Hunting and fishing is cruel and should be outlawed.
14. \_\_\_\_\_\_ It is our duty to protect animals.
15. \_\_\_\_\_\_ It is humane to put a suffering animal out of its misery, such as shooting an ailing horse or putting down a sick dog or cat.
16. \_\_\_\_\_\_ One day, animals will reach the same level as human beings.
17. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Bullfighting, cockfighting, and fox hunting encourages violence in society and should be banned.
18. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Dogs, cats, hamsters, pet rats, in fact, all animals belong outside, not indoors with humans.
19. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Animal rights activists are extremists who don’t care about human life.

**Notebook**: complete the following as two separate entries and get them stamped for points

Now choose two or more of the statements and write a **paragraph for each making sure to:**

* State your claim (position)
* provide reason(s) for your claim
* support your claim with evidence, examples, etc.

**B). Micro-Essay:** write a micro-essay (3 paragraphs) on one of the topics above. Make sure to take a position on the topic and support it with evidence and examples. Your introduction should explain or define the topic specifically (don’t actually write about buying a fur coat, but the controversy about animals slaughtered for their hides/furs); and include a what “they say” statement (s) about the topic and your position/thesis. The body paragraph should state your main claim/reason for your position and be supported with evidence. Your conclusion should explain why this all matters and a possible solution or claim of policy.