Read and take notes of the content and information in *Ishmael*, Chapters 7 & 8. Respond to the following questions with details, explanations and examples as required.

**Chapter #7**

1. What lesson is Ishmael trying to teach to the narrator in the story of A’s, B’s and C’s?
2. What does Quinn mean in the following quote, “It kills one, not to satisfy its hatred of gazelles but to satisfy its hunger, and once it has made its kill the gazelles are perfectly content to go on grazing with the lion right in their midst.” (P.117-118)?
3. Why is the law Ishmael is talking about on pages 117-119 so important?
4. What is the law that Ishmael wants the narrator to discover in page 120?
5. Why is the narrator so reluctant to find the answer to Ishmael’s question?

**Chapter #8**

1. What is significant about the quote, “I think I see why you insisted I do it myself,” I told him. “If you had done the work for me and pointed out the things the Takers do that are never done in the natural community. I would have said, ‘Well, sure, so what, big deal.” (p.126)?
2. What three things do Takers do that Leavers do not? Do you agree or disagree?
3. Why is diversity so important?
4. What is meant by the following quote, “Intensification of production to feed an increased population leads to a still greater increase in population?” (p.133)? Do you agree?
5. What is a paradox? How does it apply to the above quote?
6. What important discovery was made in part 6 of Chapter 8?
7. What does Ishmael say about famine? Do you agree? Why is this concept so important to humans?
8. Explain the significance of Ishmael’s quote, “Those who threaten the stability of the community be defying the law automatically eliminate themselves.” (p.144)?
9. What is Ishmael saying in the following quote, “the world was not made for any one species?” (p.145)
10. Analyze the quote, “It isn’t the tale you tell that counts, it’s the way you actually live.” (p.147)