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**MATERIA: INGLÉS**

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| 5  | <p>Have you seen the Hitchcock film <i>The Birds</i>? A woman sits on a bench outside a school. We hear children singing. In the background, birds slowly <u>gather</u> nearby. Their <u>terrifying</u> presence indicates imminent evil beyond human control. Something in our universe is not functioning <u>properly</u>. Birds are attacking men, women and children. Nature has become frenetically violent.</p>  |
| 10 | <p>As we hear more and more about the possibility of the bird flu causing a <u>pandemia</u>, we remember that brilliant scene in <i>The Birds</i>. Could this film function as a strange but prophetic symbol of what nature has prepared for us?</p> <p>Hitchcock did not tell us why the birds attacked. Humans were victims in his film. They were not responsible for bringing terror on themselves. But today, the reality of human involvement may not be so innocent. Most of us don't realize that in order to put 'the birds' on our dinner table, we have tried to deceive Mother Nature. Bird flu and mad cow disease derive from improper methods we have used to obtain animal protein for our <u>diet</u>.</p> |
| 15 | <p>The majority of chickens we eat are treated cruelly; living in horribly overcrowded cages, their feet never touch the ground. Turkeys receive similar treatment. When we buy poultry treated this way, we are supporting unnecessary cruelty.</p>   |
| 20 | <p>If we want to eat chicken, and we all do, let's start considering ecological methods for producing our eggs, chicken, turkey and so on. Perpetuating systems that produce our poultry in industrially disgusting conditions may be exactly the conditions that <u>cause</u> the bird flu. This could result in a real horror story.</p> <p>(265 words)</p>  |

**Glossary**

- Revenge      =      Vengeance, retaliation.
- Hitchcock    =      English film director famous for his ability to create suspense.
- Poultry       =      The meat of birds that are used as food: chicken, turkey, etc.

**1.- Based on the ideas of the text, answer the following questions using your own words as far as possible. (25 words maximum each.) (2 points)**

