The Story of the Bagel

Many Americans eat bagels, round rolls with holes in them, for breakfast. Bagel bakeries can be found in different parts of the United States, but mainly in New York. Most Americans do not know when and where bagels were first made.

1. When were the first bagels made (lines 5-10)?

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(12 POINTS)

2. What were bagels used as in Europe?

   Name TWO things according to lines 5-10.

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5 2._____

The first bagels were made in Europe more than three hundred years ago. There are a few stories about why the first bagels were made. One of the stories is that bagels were made as gifts for women who gave birth because the circle represented a whole life. Bagels were also given as teething,
10 rings to babies who were cutting their first teeth. Because the bagel looked like a ring, a baby could easily hold it and put it in his/her mouth.

Bagels were made of yeast and flour according to a secret recipe. Their special taste came from being boiled before they were baked. They were brought to America by Jewish immigrants in the early 20th century. In
15 order to keep the recipe a secret, they formed the Bagel Bakers Union. There were 300 members in the union and they worked hard to prevent strangers from becoming bagel bakers. Only sons of the union members could become bagel bakers.

1. Who brought the bagels to America (lines 11-17)?
   i. The Bagel Bakers Union.
   ii. Jewish immigrants.
   iii. The sons of union members.

2. Mark The Correct Answer, YES or NO.

(a) According to lines 11-17, anybody could become a bagel baker. YES/NO

4. (b)Copy the sentence/phrase that justifies your answer.

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