Q: 26 – Title: 1) can we chew the bone of chicken and consume its bone marrow as we do in case of mutton or beef 2) 2) In middle east the poultry is supplied is frozen on even if fresh (as claimed), there is skin left over which is between the feathers and the flesh. I heard from one of our
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brother who follow Shafi Fiqh, that it is not permissible according to Imam Shafi. What is the ruling of Ahnaf is this regard.Later he told that how this skin is left over, is that after slaughtering the chicken is immersed in boiling water which make its feather shred and the flesh with the skin remains entact.
Answer
In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful
Assalaamu `alaykum waRahmatullahi Wabarakatoh
1. It is permissible to lick on or chew the bone of any <i>Halaal</i> animal. Similary, it is permissible to consume the marrow of any <i>Halaal</i> animal.

(Jaami' Al-Fatawaa, vol 1, pg 366/594, Rabbani Book Depot)
2. There are two angles to your second question:
- Eating the skin of chicken
- Immersing chicken in boiling water
In principle, it is permissible to consume the skin of those animals whose meat is <i>Halaal</i> . Therefore, if the chickens are slaughtered according to Shari'ah method, it will be permissible to consume their skins.
(Al-Bahr al-Raiq, vol 8, pg 178, Rasheediyya / Kifayah Al-Mufti, vol 9, pg 129, Maktaba Haqqaniyya / Fatawa Mahmudiyya, vol 17, pg 291, Faruqiyya)
The great demand of poultry has made it necessary for slaughter houses to adopt the automated system of slaughter. This system comprises of a few phases. Amonst the phases, is a phase whereby the feathers of the chickens are removed by immersing them in hot water. Some people object to this method, claiming that the chickens are immersed in hot water before all the impurities are removed from their stomachs. As a result, the water becomes impure and penetrates the meat due to the boiling temperatures of the water.
The Fuqahaa have ruled:
If meat is kept in boiling water for a long period of time that impurities penetrate the meat, the meat will be unlawful.

The Fugahaa have also ruled:

Penetration will occur only when chickens are placed in water that reaches boiling point and are kept in such water for a long period of time.

Thus, in principle, impurities should not penetrate the meat. If impurites penetrate the meat, it will be unlawful. Generally, the chickens in slaughter houses are kept in hot water (not boiling water) long enough for the heat to reach the outer skin in order to dilate the pores, remove the feathers and are thereafter removed from the water. This method does not lead to impurities penetrating the meat.

(Radd Al-Muhtar, vol 1, pg 334, HM Saeed)

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And Allah knows best
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