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[https://www.100test.com/kao\\_ti2020/291/2021\\_2022\\_2007\\_E8\\_8B\\_B1\\_E8\\_AF\\_AD\\_c83\\_291150.htm](https://www.100test.com/kao_ti2020/291/2021_2022_2007_E8_8B_B1_E8_AF_AD_c83_291150.htm) Passage Twelve (We Should All Grow Fat and Be Happy) Here ' s a familiar version of the boy-meets-girl situation. A young man has at last plucked up courage to invite a dazzling young lady out to dinner. She has accepted his invitation and he is overjoyed. He is determined to take her to the best restaurant in town, even if it means that he will have to live on memories and hopes during the month to come. When they get to the restaurant, he discovers that this ethereal creature is on a diet. She mustn ' t eat this and she mustn ' t that. Oh, but of course, she doesn ' t want to spoil his enjoyment. Let him by all means eat as much fattening food as he wants: it ' s the surest way to an early grave. They spend a truly memorable evening together and never see each other again. What a miserable lot dieters are! You can always recognize them from the sour expression on their faces. They spend most of their time turning their noses up at food. They are forever consulting calorie charts, gazing at themselves in mirrors, and leaping on to weighing-machines in the bathroom. They spend a lifetime fighting a losing battle against spreading hips, protruding tummies and double chins. Some wage all-out war on FAT. Mere dieting is not enough. They exhaust themselves doing exercises, sweating in sauna baths, being pummeled and massaged by weird machines. The really wealthy diet-mongers pay vast sums for ' health cures ' . For two weeks they can enter a nature clinic and be starved to death for a

hundred guineas a week. Don't think it's only the middle-aged who go in for these fads either. Many of these bright young things you see are suffering from chronic malnutrition: they are living on nothing but air, water and the goodwill of God. Dieters undertake to starve themselves of their own free will. so why are they so miserable? Well, for one thing, they're always hungry. You can't be hungry and happy at the same time. All the horrible concoctions they eat instead of food leave them permanently dissatisfied. Wonderfood is a complete food, the advertisement says. 'Just dissolve a teaspoonful in water...' . A complete food it may be, but not quite as complete as a juicy steak. And, of course, they're always miserable because they feel so guilty. Hunger just proves too much for them and in the end they lash out and devour five huge guilt-inducing cream cakes at a sitting. And who can blame them? At least three times a day they are exposed to temptation. What utter torture it is always watching others tucking into piles of mouth-watering food while you munch a water biscuit and sip unsweetened lemon juice! What's all this self-inflicted torture for? Saintry people deprive themselves of food to attain a state of grace. Unsaintry people do so to attain a state of misery. It will be a great day when all the dieters in the world abandon their slimming courses. when they hold out their plates and demand second helpings!

1. The best title for this passage is [A] On Fat. We Should All Grow Fat and Be Happy. [C] Many Diseases Are Connected with Fat. [D] Diet Deprives People of Normal Life.

2. Why do they never see each other again? [A] Because it is a memorable evening. Because she lets him eat as much fattening food as he

wants.[C] Because she does not eat this and drink that.[D] Because eating fattening food is the surest way to an early grave.3.Which of the following ways is NOT mentioned for diet?[A] Doing exercises.Not eating sugar.[C] Not eating fat.[D] Taking sauna baths.4.What is the author ' s attitude toward diet?[A] Persuasive.Critical.[C] Indifferent.[D]

Adversative.Vocabulary1.ethereal 优雅的，飘渺的2.sour 愁眉不展的3.tummy 肚子4.protrude 突出的，突起的5.wage 作（战），实行6.all-out 全面的7.sauna bath 桑拿浴8.pummel = pommel 用拳头连打9.message 按摩10.weird 不可思议的，离奇的11.monger 商人，贩子12.fad 一时流行的风尚13.concoction 调制品，荤素混合菜，调和物14.wonderfood 奇妙的食物15.lash out 痛斥，鞭打16.at a/one sitting 一口气17.munch 用力嚼18.inflict 予以打击，使遭受19.slim 苗条的，不足取的，无价值的 100Test 下载频道开通，各类考试题目直接下载。详细请访问 [www.100test.com](http://www.100test.com)