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“ no dowry, ” or “ simple marriage, ” which means the same thing. However, the fathers of many bridegrooms still require it. 百考试题 As a sign of the slight loosening of the rigid caste (social class) system, a number of advertisements promise “ caste (等级社会地位) not important, ” or still require not only caste , such as Brahman or Kshatriya, but also a certain home region or ethnic origin? In a land where light skin is often regarded as socially preferable, many also require that a woman have a “ wheat - color ” complexion or that a man be “ tall, fair and handsome. ”

Advertisements are placed and eagerly read by a wide range of people in the upper classes, mostly in cities. Many of them receive dozens of answers. “ There ’ s nothing embarrassing about it, ” explained a Calcutta businessman advertising for a son-in-law. “ It ’ s just another way of broadening the contacts and increasing the possibility of doing the best one can for ones daughter? ”

1. What does this passage mainly talk about? A. Columns of marriage advertisement in Indian. B. Modern changes about the idea of marriage in Indian. C. The standard of choosing a husband or a wife. D. The role of marriage advertisement.

2. The example in the paragraph 3 tells us\_\_\_\_\_ A. Some new changes have occurred in the modern society. B. Working wife have arrived in Indian. C. The custom of the dowry should be forbidden D. Earning power has become more and more important in marriage.

3. The words “ the same thing ” in line 2 paragraph 4 refers to \_\_\_\_\_ A. no dowry B. simple marriage C. the changes D. illegal

4. Which of the following statement is true according to the passage? A. All the Indian in

modern society think caste unimportant. B. The color of skin is absolutely important to Indian. C. Not all the Indians think that dowry should it comes to marriage. D. The caste in India has been neglected when it comes to marriage. 5. What factor should be considered for an India doctor when he chooses his wife? A. Complexion. B. Church-education C. Caste D. Both A and B 参考  
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