

Practice Exercise 11

I am a science fan. My education is scientific. I have even written a short article for a scientific magazine. Science, to my mind, is the one reliable means we have to discover the truth. This is why when an error is made in the name of science, I feel the way a man would if his favorite uncle had taken to drink. Over the years, I have come to feel that way about what science has done to food. I agree that people in the United States set as good a table as any other people in the world. I agree that the food is nutritious. The only trouble with it is this: Over the years, the food has become less and less palatable. It appeals more and more to the eye. But do we eat with our eyes? Almost everything used to taste better when I was a kid. Now everything looks great but tastes like cardboard.

1. The author of this selection succeeds in striking a balance between two tones:
 - a. admiration and envy.
 - b. humor and annoyance.
 - c. realism and sentimentality.
 - d. eagerness and frustration.
2. The author plays the role of
 - a. amateur critic.
 - b. learned expert.
 - c. willing accomplice.
 - d. uninterested bystander.
3. The selection ends on a tone of
 - a. hopeful expectation.
 - b. satisfied revenge.
 - c. sincere approval.
 - d. undisguised disappointment.
4. Underline the sentence in the paragraph that shows that in general the author respects the achievements of science.