**Passage 1: Cheating death (Unit 6)**

1. Have you ever ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ yourself growing older***? Unwilling to ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your age*** after about 40; afraid to be referred to as "***over the***  ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ," "an old codger***," and many other ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** phrases — in a word, having a sense of shame about the normal human experience of aging. Well, this may not be necessary ***in the***  ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ future***.
2. Imagine a world in which ***getting***  ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with a new heart,*** liver or other organs, all grown from your own body cells, was as ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** as ***knee***  ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** are now. Or one in which you celebrated your 94th birthday by ***running a***  ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** with your school friends. Imagine, in other words, a world in which ***aging had been***  ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** .
3. That world is ***not yet on***  ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** but something like it ***might be on the***  ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** . The process of aging is something doctors and scientists are increasingly studying. ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it is not yet on the***  ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .*** But slowing it probably is. ***Average***  ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** have risen a lot over the past century, but that was thanks to better food, housing, public health and some medicines. ***The new increase would be brought***  ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by specific***  ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ drugs,*** some of which may already exist.
4. This, optimists claim, will ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ life*** for many people to today's ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** of 120 or so. But it may be just the beginning. In the next ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***not just average lifespans but maximum lifespans will rise. If ***a body part \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_out,*** it will be repaired or ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_altogether***. ***DNA will be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_for long life.*** Add in ***anti-aging drugs***, and it will be common for people to live over 100.

[5] ***To this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,*** many hopeful repairmen are now ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_up shop.*** Some of them want to ***upgrade \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tissues using \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_cells.*** The business of ***growing organs from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***is also ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***. At the moment, these organs are small, imperfect and used mainly for drug testing. But that will surely change. ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_is known to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in families, which suggests that particular \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of genes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_life***. Some are investigating this, with the thought that modern ***gene-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ techniques*** might one day be used to make crucial,***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** changes to the DNA of those who need them.

[6] ***From an individual's v\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, this all sounds very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***. For society as a whole, though, it will have ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***effects. Most of them will be good, but not all.

1. ***One \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_is that*** long life will make ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_social and economic problems*** worse. ***The most \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_challenge will be access to anti-aging treatment.*** If longer life is expensive, who gets it first? Already, income is one of the best ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of lifespan***. ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the gap with treatments \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to the poor might deepen \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.***

[8] Will older workers ***be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_against,*** or ***will numbers give them the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_hand \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the young?*** Will older people ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_onto their jobs for longer,*** or will they grow bored, quit and do something else entirely? And will all those old people ***keep youthfully \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_mentally as well as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***or instead make society more ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***(because old people tend to be)?

[9] A reason for hoping that the elderly would ***turn \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_less hidebound*** is that life itself would be more ***a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of new beginnings*** than one single story. ***Middle-aged \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***might ***be not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_lost youth as wondering how to make the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of the next half-century.***

[10] Retirement would become a more distant option for most, since ***pension \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_would have to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to support their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_lifespans***. To this end, ***the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_career would become the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***and education would have to ***change \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***. People might go back to school in their 50s to learn how to do something completely different. ***The physical \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***would surely need a rest. The accountant might become a doctor. The lawyer, a charity worker. Perhaps some will ***take long breaks*** between careers and ***party \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***, ***in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_that medicine can offer them \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_repairs.***

[11] ***Such \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_is fun, and mostly optimistic.*** ***The promise of a longer life, well \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, would \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_a person out.*** But this vision of the future depends on one thing — that a long existence is also a healthy one. ***Humanity must avoid the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_fallen into by Tithonus,*** a character in Greek legend, who ***was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_eternal life*** but not eternal youth. ***Eventually, he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_into a cicada.***

[12] ***This trap should be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_against.*** Living longer is terrific, but ***living p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and independently*** is what most people really want. Many health problems, specifically those connected to the heart and the bones, ***are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_against in youth, but \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_into old age***. This must be taken into consideration if a long and healthy life is to ***become \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***. Moreover, even a healthy brain may ***age \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***. ***An organ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to keep 70 or 80 years of memories may be unable to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when asked to store 150 years' \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.***

[13] Yet ***biological understanding is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_quickly***. ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_longevity is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_reach*** — even if actual ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***may not be as close (or as interesting) as some fantasists would like to believe. Be sure to ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_up a very long \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_list***.