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generations of the same family were all alive at the same time? Research into ageing may enable women to remain fertile for longer. And that raises the prospect of having 100-year-old parents , or brothers and sisters born 50 years apart<sup>1</sup> . We think of an elder sibling as someone who can protect us and offer help and advice . That would be hard to do if that sibling came from a completely different generation . Working life would also be affected , especially if the retirement age was lifted . More people would stay in work for longer. That would give us the benefits of age-skill , wisdom and good judgement . On the other hand , more people working for longer would create greater competition for jobs . It would make it more difficult for younger people to find a job . Top posts would be dominated by the same few individuals , making career progress more difficult . And how easily would a 25-year-old employee be able to communicate with a 125-year-old boss? Young people would be a smaller part of a society in which people lived to 140 . It may be that such a society would place less importance on guiding and educating young people , and more on making life comfortable for the old . And society would feel very different if more of its members were older. There would be more wisdom , but less energy Young people like to move about . old people like to sit still . Young people tend to act without thinking . old people tend to think without acting . Young people are curious and like to experience different things . Old people are less enthusiastic about change. In fact , they are less enthusiastic about everything . The effect of anti-ageing technology is deeper than we

might think . But as the science advances , we need to think about these changes now . “ If this could ever happen , then we ’ d better ask what kind of society we want to get, ” says Daniel Callahan . “ We had better not go anywhere near it<sup>2</sup> until we have figure those problems out . ” 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)