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Anti-Ageing Alchemy = Changing Our Culture for the Worst

“It’s never too early to stop ageing.” A few of us girls, sixteen year old, were sitting at a Mary Kay party in the Century High School Home Economics room and this lady with flawless skin and about twenty-five years old tells us, “It’s never too early to stop ageing.” I sat there thinking, “Wow, what is with our culture?” Many are so obsessed with ageing that they take the risks of surgery and pay money for these creams and yet are all going to die someday and ageing is just another party of life.” Some people call ageing a disease, but how can it be when it is a normal part of everyone’s life? Dr. Heidegger, in Nathaniel Hawthorne’s “Dr. Heidegger’s Experiment”, had three peers and he decided to see what would happen if he gave them something that would give them their youth back but not knowing how long it would last. After his peers had their moments of youth, doing their vices all over again, his peers became old again. In the end he summarized saying, no matter how long this youth would last for, he would not want to be young again because you will just go back to the old vices you had when you were younger. The obsession of “perfection” and being young again is becoming an epidemic to our culture.

Ageing is a part of life and no one will ever be able to change that fact. The white/gray hair and wrinkles will come to every person at different ages. When did our culture become so obsessed with anti-ageing? People now are living longer than their

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**Commented [MR2]:** I like this as an opening sentence! It is gripping and interesting because of how contradictory it seems!

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**Commented [MR5]:** What a provoking question! I like it!

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ancestors and every year many more anti-ageing techniques come out. Awareness about anti-ageing products is rapidly increasing,” says Sulakshna Pathak, marketing manager, Oriflame India. “Ten years ago we had two anti-ageing products. Today, we have an extensive range of over 20 products specific to anti-ageing.” L’Oreal made its first anti-wrinkle in 1994 and then in 2005 they launched an anti-ageing cream for men (Shah 1). Now internationally, many name brands are coming out with anti-aging products for those who can’t stand to look at themselves in the mirror.

“Or fear of death cannot account for our need to look as perfect as we can,” mandolin says. Some resources say that the fear of death may be the reason for people to become young and others such as Luigi Ferrucci, in Kathleen McGowan’s “Can We Cure Aging?” say, “What they [elders] are really desperate about is not the fact that they’re going to die but that they are going to be sick, dependent, have to rely on others.”

Why can’t people see the beauty in their own bodies? Dove is coming out with products now to so celebrate the beauty in the aged human body (Tsiantar, 1), but these products are not as popular amongst the people. The anti-ageing products are making more profits than the ones who are trying to show you the beauty in your body.

People in this day and age are becoming too obsessed with ageing. These people need to learn how to take care of their body in a healthier way and not take the risks of surgery or side effects from these products. Many people try and strive for perfection but in there minds they will always want more. No matter how any one would want it to be changed, everyone ages and everyone ages at different times. Dr. Heidegger said he would never want to go back to his youth and when I am old, I would never want to put my body at risk to look younger just to look better for everyone else.

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**Commented [MR9]:** When I read this, I was confused about what the anti-wrinkle was... maybe add a clarifying word. Is it a cream? Is it a face mask?

**Commented [MR10]:** Often, the American spelling of this word is “aging” while the British spelling is “ageing.” Both are correct; however, it is important to stick to one spelling and use it consistently throughout the work.

**Commented [MR11]:** Should this be “our”?

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**Commented [MR13]:** Interesting! I like that this provides a possible explanation for what you are explaining.

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**Commented [MR15]:** Do not end paragraphs with quotes. As a rule of thumb, after every paragraph, you should have twice as much writing of your own thoughts.

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**Commented [MR18]:** “There” refers to place. “Their” refers to people.

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**Commented [MR21]:** I appreciate your closing thoughts, and the allusion to bodily risks! Consider bringing this into the paper earlier; I think it could be a very interesting point to develop and support your case.

**Commented [MR22]:** Jenny, Thank you for your paper. I appreciate your clear conviction to your stance on this topic. You had good ideas and used outside sources to support these ideas. Moving forward, consider what a counter-argument to your claim might be, how you can integrate it into your paper, and how you would address it. One tip for proof reading papers is to print the paper off and then read it that way. It is amazing what a change occurs when we are reading on paper rather than on a computer screen! Keep up the hard work!

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**Grade:**

<b>Ideas (Thesis)</b> 2
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<b>Word Choice</b> 3
<b>Sentence Fluency</b> 2
<b>Conventions</b> 1
<b>Evaluation of Sources</b> 3
<b>MLA</b> 3