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The United States will have more adults aged 65 and over than children by the year 2035, the US Census Bureau says. As the American population ages, the demand for services and care for older adults is growing.

SenCura is a company that provides non-medical at-home care for seniors in the northern Virginia area. Cliff Glier founded the company 12 years ago. He says its services include help with bathing, transportation, getting dressed and planning and preparing meals.

Hollie is one of SenCura's professional caregivers. She visits 88-year-old Olga Robertson's home every day for three hours. Robertson says she likes having Hollie's help.

"Well, she cooks for me and she does a good job. She takes me to appointments (约会) and things like that and whatever I want to do. Sometimes, we go to walk in the mall if it's cold out in the winter time."

But when Hollie is not around, Robertson still has a caregiver—a robot named Rudy, who can have a conversation and also tells jokes and plays games and dances with Robertson.

In addition to keeping Robertson mentally and physically active, Rudy provides services 24 hours a day. He watches for lost things, reminds Robertson about her doctor's appointments and tells her when it is time to take her medicine. The robot is a little more than one meter tall. It has a screen that makes checking in with family and caregivers easy.

Anthony Nunez is the founder of INF Robotics, the company that created Rudy. He says the idea for the robotic caregiver was inspired by what his own mother lived through when his grandmother got older.

SenCura's Cliff Glier met Nunez and his team at an event more than a year ago. He became interested in introducing Rudy to his own customers. Glier says Rudy is not competition for human caregivers. He says the robot is there to help but cannot do all the things that caregivers do, like bathing and dressing seniors.

【1】What does the company SenCura do?

- A.It focuses on care service for seniors. B.It supports medical research projects.
C.It develops robots helping poor seniors. D.It provides medical services for seniors.

【2】Which of the following can not the robot Rudy do?

- A.Talk with seniors. B.Dress seniors.
C.Tell jokes. D.Play games with seniors.

【3】What inspires Anthony Nunez to invent the robot Rudy?

- A.The change in the population of the United States.
B.The fast development of modern science and technology.
C.The work experience from a professional caregiver called Hollie.
D.His mother's experiences of looking after his grandmother.

【4】What's the best title of the text?

- A.The American Population Ages Seriously
B.Professional Caregivers for Seniors Are Popular
C.INF Robotics Invented New Robots for Children
D.New Caregivers for Seniors

2.

Is there a newspaper at your school? If your school doesn't have one, you can help start one online. If your high school already has a printed newspaper, adding an online version can help you reach new audiences and add new content. 【1】 An online newspaper can be a chance for high school students to gain experience with journalism and with working online. So it's necessary to know how to start an online newspaper.

【2】 If your news site will only have an article or two a day, you may want to use a blog template (模板). If you plan to publish a more magazine-style weekly edition with more stories, you will probably want a more complicated front page to show what's in it.

Try to spend some money. Although it's possible to start a website for free, even \$50 will help your newspaper buy a memorable website address. 【3】 Therefore, don't feel unwilling or worried when you need to spend some money.

Create content for your newspaper. Along with written articles, an online newspaper is a great place for photo slide shows, videos, polls, forums and calendars. 【4】 Market your newspaper. You can promote it through old-fashioned announcements such as flyers (宣传单) and word of mouth. 【5】 You can make good use of Facebook, Myspace and Twitter.

Are you ready to start your own online newspaper? If take action right now!

- A.It's also much cheaper than a printed one.
B.Decide what kind of online newspaper you want.
C.Try to save money when you start an online newspaper.
D.These expenses can be made back later through online advertising.
E.However, it might be better to advertise on social networking sites.
F.Use a mix of content and a variety of voices to encourage more page views.
G.Online newspapers can help students get improved and do good to the environment.

3. 完形填空

There is an old suitcase in my house which represents the dreams and hopes of my family.

I'm always taking photos of the little _____ I find in the world around me. A few weeks ago, I visited my parents. My father was an _____ when he was young. I took a photo of something that I would _____ as a pretty big wonder. At first _____, it might not look like much. It was just a _____ brown suitcase with two silver locks up on the top. But to me, it's _____ what a miracle (奇迹) looks like.

That suitcase is the very one my dad brought with him when he _____ to the US from Turkey in 1965. He was just a 19-year old boy at the time who didn't know a _____ of English. He _____ all his friends and family, _____ that he would become an excellent engineer one day. That suitcase carried my dad's most valuable _____ — many black-and-white photos from home and his science and math textbooks, etc.

As a kid, I was _____ about the suitcase. It lived on the top of my bookcase. I never _____ much about it, though. It wasn't until I got _____ that I actually asked my dad about it. Looking inside, I found tons of photos and the _____ my parents wrote to each other, back and forth between the US and Turkey.

That's when I _____ how beautiful that dirty old suitcase actually was. It's a _____ of not only the hardships my parents _____, but also all the wonderful things they _____. How they found love, how their dreams _____ and how they got through them all.

【1】 A.secrets B.numbers C.wonders D.suitcases