



## READING COMPREHENSION

Choose the best response, based on your reading of the Essay.

- ① Karl Elsener's mother, Victoria, helped sell his knives in the family hat shop in \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Paris (b) the early 1780s (c) the late 1880s (d) Copenhagen
- ② The Soldier's Knife was designed to compete against \_\_\_\_\_ knives.  
(a) switchblade-type (b) German (c) Japanese (d) Pacifists'
- ③ The Officer's and Sports Knife was lightweight and handy because it needed only two \_\_\_\_\_ for six tools.  
(a) hands (b) ounces of steel (c) springs (d) types of metal
- ④ The "INOX" part of the brand name "VICTORINOX" refers to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Elsener's mother (b) high quality (c) reliability (d) stainless steel
- ⑤ Choose "T" for True or "F" for False.  
As a cultural icon, the Swiss Army Knife is a metaphor for non-functionality.  
(T) (F)



## Complete the Summary by filling in the blanks.

Karl Elsener set ( 1 ) shop as a cutler in Switzerland in 1884. His mother, Victoria, helped ( 2 ) his knives in the family hat shop.

Elsener developed his first Soldier's Knife for standard Army use in 1891 to compete ( 3 ) a German company. It had a cutting blade, reamer, screwdriver, and can-opener. But the Germans could produce fine knives at a better price. In 1897 Elsener invented his ingenious Officer's and Sports Knife. It weighed less but did ( 4 ), because it used only two springs for six tools. This is what made Elsener and his knives ( 5 ).

The current brand name VICTORINOX is ( 6 ) Elsener's mother's name (VICTORIA) plus INOX (a French abbreviation for "rust-proof" metal; stainless steel). The company has used the Swiss Federation white cross emblem ( 7 ) 1909. VICTORINOX bought out Wenger, its main Swiss rival, in 2005.

As a cultural icon, the Swiss Army Knife is a metaphor ( 8 ) multi-functionality, versatility, durability, and quality.

a. famous b. up c. against d. buy e. since f. sell g. made up of h. for i. more