

REGIONAL SELECTION

Name: _____

Chest Number: _____

Instructions: Fill in the missing words. Only write ONE word in each space.

Switzerland

Switzerland has one of the highest living standards in the world. This means it is very expensive to visit and live (1)_____ but it also means that the facilities, especially for leisure and travel (2)_____ very good.

When we think of Switzerland (3)_____ usually think of chocolate, cheese and clocks. Another (4)_____ money earner is the banking system. One of the other major reasons (5)_____ Switzerland is famous is the Red Cross organisation, which (6)_____ founded by Henri Dunant, a Swiss man in 1863. (7)_____ soldiers and civilians all over the world owe their lives to that (8)_____.

Switzerland has carefully stayed neutral in all wars (9)_____ the sixteenth century. However, all men have military (10)_____ when they are 20 and stay in the army reserves for 22 (11)_____, until they are middle-aged, all the while keeping full kit and a rifle at (12)_____. Some complain about the cost of this and in 2001 a referendum (13)_____ held to decide (14)_____ the army should be scrapped. It was (15)_____ to keep the army as it is.

Politically stable, Switzerland has been (16)_____ to concentrate on economic (17)_____ social matters for almost 200 years. Poor in mineral resources, it (18)_____ industries dependent on highly skilled labour. A network of roads and railways was built (19)_____ opened up areas of the mountains that (20)_____ had been inaccessible. 70% of the land is mountainous.