**Read the text and decide whether the statements below are TRUE (T) or FALSE (F).**

**US MILITARY ACADEMIES**

In 1802 Congress established the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. Forty-three years later, Congress established a similar institution for Navy at Annapolis, Maryland. Today a third academy, for the Air Force, is found in Colorado Springs, Colorado. It admitted its ﬁrst class in 1955.

Even though these professional training institutions exist, the method of student selection prevents the formation of another office ,,caste“. Except for a limited number of special appointments reserved for sons of military heroes, the majority of appointments to the academies go to the best qualiﬁed young men and women, regardless of background. Additionally, a speciﬁed number of appointments are reserved for enlisted members of the services. All applicants to these schools must qualify through examinations.

Finally, a large segment of the ofﬁcer corps in each of the services is drawn from Ofﬁcer Candidate Schools and Reserve Ofﬁcers Training Corps programs.

1. The first US military academy was established in the middle of the

19th century **T F**

2. The US marine ofﬁcers are trained at Annapolis, Maryland. **T F**

3. The Naval Academy was founded later than the Army and Air Force

Academies. **T F**

4. Only sons of military heroes are admitted to the Air Force Academy. **T F**

5. All US Army ofﬁcers are graduates from West Point, the Naval Academy,

or the Air Force Academy. **T F**