**ERD 004** NAME \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

DIAGNOSTIC TEST

SPRING 2016

**Directions: Read the article “Ship Wreck Discovery”. Answer the questions about the article.**

**Part 1: Main Idea**

What is the main idea of the article? **(2 points)**

Is there a lesson in the article? **(2 points)**

**Part 2: Critical Thinking (3 points each)**

Is there enough evidence to support the theory that there were survivors? Explain.

Do you think the Native Bushmen would welcome the Portuguese sailors? Why or why not?

**Part 3: Vocabulary**

Here are some quotes from the reading:

1. Try to guess the meaning of the **bold word** from the context clues. **(1 point each)**
2. Use each word in a sentence. **(1 point each)**
3. “This is a joint **venture**, called Namdeb, between the diamond mining company De Beers and the Namibian government, on the southern part of Namibia’s Atlantic coast.” (paragraph 1)

venture =

1. “The ship, with its extraordinary cargo of treasure and trade **goods** intact, had remained untouched in these sands for 500 years.” (paragraph 3)

goods =

1. “How the Portuguese fared in these **encounters** would have been up to them. Noli says that they could have survived and prospered if they worked together and traded with the Bushmen” (paragraph 11)

encounter=

1. “On the contrary, a big, strong, Portuguese dom could well have been seen as an attractive **prospect** for a son-in law”

prospect =

1. “Far from plundering, Namdeb agreed to **suspend** their operations around the wreck site and called in a team of archaeologists, and, for a few weeks, history was mined instead of diamonds.”

suspend =

**Part 4: Figurative language**

Below are some expressions found in the reading. Try to explain what they mean based on the context. **(2 points each)**

1. A twist of fate (1st paragraph) =
2. Priceless opportunity (4th paragraph) =
3. Escape by the skin of your teeth (paragraph 9) =

**Part 5: Comprehension Questions**

Write short answers to the questions about the reading. Do not copy; use your own words. (**2 points each**)

1. Why did the ship probably sink?
2. What was found on the site?

3. How was the shipwreck discovered?

1. Why did they have cameras to monitor the excavation process?
2. How was the ship preserved and excavated?

**Total \_\_\_ /36 = \_\_\_ %.**