*Read the article The Aral Sea: An Environmental Crisis and answer the questions below.*

**Part 1: Main Idea (6 points)**

1. What is the main idea of paragraph 4? (2 points)
2. What is the main idea of paragraph 6? (2 points)
3. What is the main idea of the entire article? (2 points)

**Part 2: Comprehension (10 points)**

*Answer the following questions in your own words*. *Do not COPY from the text.*

1. Describe the Aral Sea and its surrounding areas in the 1960s before the Soviet Union made any changes. (2 points)
2. Why did the Soviet Union decide to use the water from the Amu Darya and Syr Darya and how did they use it? (2 points)
3. What were two of the short term successes of the Soviet Union plan? (2 points)
4. What were two of the negative environmental effects of the Soviet Union plan? (2 points)
5. Why did many people in the Aral region become sick after the environmental crisis? (1 point)
6. In your own words, what was the conclusion of the 1990 scientific conference? (1 point)

**Part 3: Critical Thinking (6 points)**

*Answer the following questions in your own words*. *Do not COPY from the text.*

1. In order to prevent future environmental problems like the Aral Sea region, what should governments do? (3 points)
2. How does the situation of the Aral Sea region act as both a warning and a message of hope? (3 points)

**Part 4: Vocabulary (6 points)**

*Use context clues to define the following words. Write your own original sentence using the word.*

1. **Collapsed** (para. 5)

*Native species of fish died out, and the commercial fishing industry* ***collapsed****.*

Definition (1 point):

Original Sentence (2 points):

1. **Sustainable** (para. 9)

*However, while the Aral Sea is a clear warning for the catastrophic dangers of this type of development, the continuing survival of the North Aral also offers hope for ecologically damaged areas as well as for* ***sustainable*** *development worldwide.*

Definition (1 point):

Original Sentence (2 points):