**English 9 Sample Vocabulary Test for Lists 1 & 2 (This is a sample only; the actual test has more questions.)**

**Part One: Write the correct word next to its definition.**

Archaic argot atlas connotation denotation

Epicure galvanize idiom jargon jovial

Nemesis pidgin quixotic saturnine Pyrrhic victory

Semantics Sisyphean solecism standard vernacular

1. adj. /no longer used or applicable; ancient

2. verb/to stimulate or urge into action; to spur

3. noun / an expression with a special meaning that cannot be understood from the meanings of the individual words; a non literal expression

4. noun / a. a nonstandard or improper use of language; b. a mistake in manners or behaviors

5. adj. / conforming to the established language used by educated speakers; noun / something established as a measure of quality

**Part Two: Complete the sentences below, using the correct vocabulary word.**

1. If you wish to see a map of Zimbabwe you might try looking in the .

2. Judy won the elections but lost two friends in the process; I guess you can say she had a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Part Three: Choose a word from the word bank that best explains the picture below. Explain your answer.**

