

## Portugal's contribution to the Age of exploration

Write an account of Portugal's contribution to the Age of Exploration.

**(10 Marks)**

### Getting the Marks

- Ok so this answer has 10 marks and the examiners mark scheme states that to get it she/he can award 2 marks for overall quality of answer (spelling, presentation, detail, inclusion of all major points).
  - After that there are 8 marks left and you get 2 marks for each SRS (main point). So in effect you need 4 main points, but you should do one or two extra points to ensure that you get full marks.

### **THE PLAN**

- This plan that we covered in class is based on including 5 main points to ensure that you get all of the marks.
- Make sure that you have each main point included in a separate paragraph. Leave space - make each one obvious to you and to the examiner.
- A good habit is to underline the key word for each paragraph.

- 1. The Spice Trade – India, Spice Islands, Wealth, Great Silk Road.**
- 2. Henry the Navigator – Portugal, Sagres, African Sea Route.**
- 3. Expeditions – Caravels, Portolans, Astrolabes and Quadrants.**
- 4. Diaz – 1487 – King John, Cape of Storms**
- 5. Vasco Da Gama – Portolan, Mozambique, Mombasa, Arab Trader, Calicut.**

Sample paragraphs...

*With the fall of Constantinople in the 15<sup>th</sup> century, trade along the Great Silk Road became dangerous and unreliable, so European explorers started to search for an alternative route to get to the Spice Islands and India.*

*Prince Henry of Portugal was so fixed on securing a sea route to Asia that he established a navigational school in Sagres. This he hoped would be key to Portugal's access to the extremely valuable spice trade.*