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COURSE NAME: English Language
COURSE CODE: Eng. 101

TRACK: UNIFIED TRACKS
TIME: 1 Hour

Model Answer**Reading Comprehension** (7 Marks)

Read the following article about Sylvia Earle carefully, then answer the questions below:

Sylvia Earle was called a "Hero for the Planet" by *Time* magazine. She's an oceanographer, explorer, author, and lecturer.

Sylvia Earle is one of the world's most famous marine scientists and a National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence. She loves to go diving in the ocean. She has spent a lot of her life both in and under the waves. Earle has led more than a hundred expeditions and she set a record for solo diving in 1,000-metre deep water. In total, she has spent more than 7,000 hours underwater.

From the time she was very small, Sylvia loved exploring the woods near her home. She was fascinated by the creatures and plants that lived in the wild. Neither of her parents had a college education, but they too loved nature, and they taught young Sylvia to respect wild creatures and not to be afraid of the unknown. Earle describes the first time she went to the ocean: 'I was three years old. The ocean certainly got my attention! It wasn't frightening, it was thrilling. And since then I have been fascinated by life in the ocean.'

In the past, Earle was the chief scientist of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in the USA. Now one of her jobs is with Google Earth's Ocean. Earle's special focus is on developing a global network of areas on the land and in the ocean. This network can protect and support the living systems that are important to the planet.

The Gulf of Mexico has had many problems, especially after the Deep-water Horizon Oil disaster of 2010, but Earle says, 'In 2003 I found positive signs in clear, deep water far from the mouth of the Mississippi River. It was full of life. Large areas of the Gulf are not damaged. Protecting the most important places will be good for the future of the Gulf and for all of us.'

Read the questions and circle the correct answer below. (4 marks – 1 mark each)

1. What is the article about?
 - a. Sylvia Earle's childhood
 - b. The importance of the ocean
 - c. The size of the oil industry

2. Who does Sylvia Earle currently work with?
 - a. the Time magazine
 - b. Google
 - c. the NOAA

3. Which of the statements about Sylvia Earle is NOT true?
 - a. She's an experienced expedition leader.
 - b. She holds a record for the longest time under water.
 - c. She is a sportswoman.

4. What does Sylvia say about her first experience of the sea?
 - a. She enjoyed it very much.
 - b. She was afraid of the waves.
 - c. She was too young to remember it.

A. Match the underlined words in the article to their definitions. Note that there is an extra word. (2 marks – ½ mark each)

author	solo	woods	respect	support
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definitions	words
1. an area of trees, smaller than a forest	woods
2. to provide everything necessary, so that somebody/something can live or exist	support
3. a person who writes books or the person who wrote a particular book	author
4. alone, without anyone helping you	solo

B. What do the highlighted pronouns in the article refer to? (1 mark – ½ mark each)

1. her (paragraph 3) **Sylvia**
2. it (paragraph 5) : **The Gulf of Mexico**

Writing: (8 Marks) write on ONE of the following two topics

(A) Write a reflective blog (120-150 words) about things you did or happened to you during your summer holiday.

(B) Write a short essay (200 words) in which you describe a city you have visited / your favourite city. Include the following hints:

- what is the name and where is it
- when you visited it
- why did you like it
- what are the attractive places of this city
- and explain what influence did the city have on you.

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Task Focus 2	Organisation 2	Language Accuracy 2	Appropriateness 2	Total 8

End of Model Answer