Reading Two-Minute Challenge

Challenge yourself to read the following passage and answer the question below in only two minutes.

Despite its harsh environment, Antarctica is home to a diverse range of life forms. Beneath the ice, microorganisms thrive in subglacial lakes, while the surrounding oceans support whales, seals, and penguins. The cold desert is also a hub for scientific research, as its isolation offers ideal conditions for studying climate change and astronomy. Interestingly, Antarctica receives less annual precipitation than the Sahara Desert, making it one of the driest places on Earth.

What makes Antarctica an important location for scientific research?

A. Its subglacial lakes support diverse microorganisms.

B. Its environment supports species like whales and seals.

C. Its unique conditions aid climate and astronomical studies.

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