RI 4.2 – Determine the main idea of a text and explain how it is supported by key details; summarize the text.

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Amazing Antarctica

Antarctica is the coldest continent on Earth. Located on the South Pole and covered in ice, it is a desert because it gets very little precipitation. Many unusual discoveries have been made at this icy wasteland over the years. In 1912, a British explorer discovered a fossil of a prehistoric tree. This proved that a forest once covered Antarctica. In 1986, a new species of dinosaur fossil was discovered. Explorers since then have explored the base camps of the first explorers. A fruitcake, which had been perfectly preserved in the freezing temperatures, was found in one camp. It was "deemed edible," but few people want to eat fresh fruitcake. So, no one was willing to try it.

Part A – What is the main idea of the passage?

a. Antarctica is the coldest continent on Earth.

b. Located on the South Pole and covered in ice, it is actually a desert because it gets very little precipitation.

c. Many unusual discoveries have been made at this icy wasteland over the years.

d. Explorers since then have explored the base camps of the first explorers.

Part B - Which sentence from the passage ***best*** supports the main idea?

a. Antarctica is the coldest continent on Earth.

b. In 1912, a British explorer discovered a fossil of a prehistoric tree.

c. This proved that a forest once covered Antarctica.

d. Located on the South Pole and covered in ice, it is a desert because it gets very little precipitation.

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