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Scoring Guide for Reading Open Response
Section V Information Paragraph Question 7

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Q7: State a main idea of this selection and provide one specific detail from the selection that supports it.

Climate change is endangering polar bear survival in the wild. Since climate change is lengthening the ice free periods in Southwestern Hudson Bay, the polar bears are stranded on land and away from their normal diet of seal meat during the summer, resulting in less fat build-up for the winter.

Annotation:
This response provides a correct main idea (*climate change is endangering polar bear survival in the wild*) supported by specific and relevant details from the selection (*climate change is lengthening the ice free period polar bears are stranded on land and away from their normal diet of seal meat resulting in less fat build-up for the winter*). The connection between climate change and the threat to polar bear survival is clear.