

The first race location, Union Glacier, offers the race’s competitors an extreme test: **25** most runners have never been to Antarctica before. Union Glacier didn’t pose too much of a problem for Pizzi, though, who **26** terminated her initial marathon in 3 hours and 57 minutes. It was in Dubai that Pizzi stumbled, literally. Having pulled a muscle in her leg, she ran a **27** time that was similar to that of her first race: 3 hours and 50 minutes.

World Marathon Challenge: Fastest Female Runners’
Race Times, by Year and Location

Location	Time (hh:mm:ss)	
	2015 (Zaikova)	2016 (Pizzi)
Antarctica	5:16:55	3:57:19
South America	5:14:45	3:44:18
North America	5:06:51	3:41:20
Europe	5:29:31	3:48:59
Africa	6:05:50	3:50:47
Asia	6:32:45	4:14:41
Australia	6:36:08	4:08:51
Total time	40:22:45	27:26:15
Average race time	5:46:06	3:55:11

Adapted from World Marathon Challenge Results, 2015 and 2016.
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At this point, the writer wants to provide information to explain why Union Glacier is an “extreme test” for the runners. Which choice best accomplishes this goal?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) temperatures can fall to as low as -4° Fahrenheit.
- C) runners spend more time there than they do in any other race location.
- D) afterward, the race runners immediately board a plane to Punta Arenas.

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- A) NO CHANGE
- B) got done with
- C) brought about an end to
- D) finished

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At this point, the writer wants to use information from the table to emphasize the relationship between two of Pizzi’s race times. Which choice best accomplishes this goal?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) record time of 3 hours and 41 minutes.
- C) faster time of 3 hours and 44 minutes.
- D) somewhat slower time of 4 hours and 14 minutes.