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Complete the passage by filling in the blank with the most appropriate sentence.

1. Chronic pain is pain that persists or recurs for longer than three months, and it is often described as burning, electrical, throbbing or nauseating. ---- The most common kinds are back pain, severe headache, migraine and facial pain, and the condition can last for years while serving no apparent useful purpose. Its physical complications may include loss of grey matter in the brain, insomnia, metabolic disorders and heart disease.

- A)** Treatment usually combines medication with physiotherapy, and increasingly with psychological approaches such as cognitive behavioural therapy.
- B)** Such damage is thought to be reversible in many patients once the underlying pain has been brought under control.
- C)** Estimates of how many people live with the condition vary widely, largely because national surveys define the term in different ways.
- D)** Pain of this kind almost always has a single identifiable cause, which is why treating that cause resolves it.
- E)** This contrasts with acute pain, which is associated with a specific cause, typically resolves once that cause is treated, and decreases over time.

2. The Arctic is the polar region of the Earth that surrounds the North Pole and lies north of the Arctic Circle. ---- Land within the region has a snow and ice cover that varies with the season, and beneath the tundra the ground is predominantly treeless permafrost. The name itself comes from the Ancient Greek word for bear, a reference to the constellations that stand above the northern sky.

- A)** Sea ice there has been retreating for several decades, and the summer minimum is now far below the average recorded in the twentieth century.
- B)** Such conditions make agriculture impossible across almost the whole of the region, and settlements depend on supplies brought in from further south.
- C)** The region takes in parts of northern Norway, Sweden and Finland, of Russia, of the United States and Canada, of Greenland and of northern Iceland, together with the Arctic Ocean and the seas adjoining it.
- D)** Its indigenous peoples have lived there for thousands of years and have developed distinctive ways of hunting and of building.
- E)** Because the region is defined by latitude alone, its boundaries have never been the subject of any scientific disagreement.