

BCM SCHOOL, BASANT AVENUE, DUGRI ROAD, LUDHIANA

ANSWER KEY

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CLASS – XI

READING SECTION

1. The Amarnath cave is considered popular because it is one of the most important pilgrimage destinations in India. It is challenging due to its high altitude of 3,962 metres and difficult terrain located 140 km northeast of Srinagar.
2. The author uses the phrase "eternal abode" to convey the belief that the pair of white pigeons, who are said to have overheard Lord Shiva's secret, attained immortality and continue to reside permanently in the cave.
3. (b) their sighting is viewed as a divine sign and a blessing during the pilgrimage.
4. ...the cave is located at a height of nearly 13,000 feet and remains snowbound for most of the year.
5. (b) To show how varied stories add spiritual and cultural value to the site.
6. At its glorious best, the lingam can be over 8 feet high and over 7 feet in diameter.
7. It suggests that the Baltal route is risky, difficult to navigate, and may pose safety concerns for pilgrims due to its steep and confined path.
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9. Because it takes more days and includes longer walking stretches.
10. **Advantage:** It is shorter and allows devotees to complete the darshan and return to base camp on the same day.
Challenge: The route is steeper and the journey track is narrow and dangerous at places.