



II. Reading Comprehension (3 points)

THE SCIENCE OF FEAR: HOW IT AFFECTS YOUR BODY AND MIND

Answer the questions below using complete sentences. Each question is worth 0.5 points with a total of 3 points. Up to 0.3 points might be deducted from the total mark for lack of intelligibility in the answers provided. You may use fragments from the text unless specified not to do so.

1. Sabre-tooth tigers are not usually encountered anymore.
2. The production of dopamine can cause a sense of joy/satisfaction/bliss when experiencing/during/in frightening moments/events.
(among others)
3. The hippocampus recalls familiar past events/thoughts/actions to aid the brain know whether the present danger is true or unreal.
(among others)
4. Frequent exposure to scary experiences can desensitize the brain, reducing its ability to react strongly to real threats.
5. weigh(s) (line 20)
6. It's important to understand what fear is so that you... can appreciate its role in survival and entertainment but also treat its impact on your health with respect.

III. Writing (4 points)

Choose ONE topic. Your answer should be 125-150 words in length. There is no specific penalty for exceeding 150 words in length. Extra points are not given for exceeding 150 words.

Including a title is optional.