

Cryptozoology and Human Biology

Cryptozoology · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. Many sightings of hairy, upright cryptids like Bigfoot are often attributed by experts to misidentified bears suffering from what specific skin condition that causes significant hair loss?

- A) Alopecia areata
- B) Mange**
- C) Psoriasis
- D) Eczema

2. What is the term for the psychological phenomenon where the human brain perceives familiar patterns, such as faces or shapes, in random or ambiguous stimuli, often explaining cryptid sightings in low visibility?

- A) Cognitive dissonance
- B) Apophenia**
- C) Synesthesia
- D) Hyperacusis

3. When humans experience extreme cold in high-altitude environments, such as those associated with Yeti sightings, what is the physiological process where the body restricts blood flow to extremities to keep vital organs warm?

- A) Vasodilation
- B) Vasoconstriction**
- C) Hypovolemia
- D) Bradycardia

4. A common physiological explanation for reports of 'chupacabra' sightings involves domestic animals or small predators affected by sarcoptic mange, which is caused by which type of organism?

- A) Virus
- B) Bacteria
- C) Mite**
- D) Fungus

5. In cases where eyewitnesses claim to have seen 'monsters' in water, human visual distortion known as 'refraction' can occur. How does water affect the apparent size of an object viewed from above the surface?

A) Makes it appear smaller

B) Makes it appear closer and larger

C) Has no effect on size

D) Makes it appear farther away

6. Human eyes possess 'rod' cells that are highly sensitive to light but lack color perception. In low-light conditions, which human visual limitation makes it difficult to accurately identify the texture or color of a cryptid?

A) Scotopic vision

B) Photopic vision

C) Foveal vision

D) Peripheral blur

7. What is the name of the biological 'fight or flight' response that triggers a surge of adrenaline in humans, potentially distorting memory and perception during a startling cryptid encounter?

A) Homeostasis

B) Sympathetic nervous system activation

C) Parasympathetic rebound

D) Metabolic syndrome

8. Some cryptid researchers suggest that 'giant' humanoids might be explained by medical conditions involving the pituitary gland, such as which disorder that causes abnormal height growth?

A) Gigantism

B) Dwarfism

C) Addison's disease

D) Cushing's syndrome