

Task 3 High-Scoring Answer

The reading passage explains confirmation bias, which is when people pay more attention to information that supports their beliefs and ignore information that disagrees. This can lead to one-sided thinking and poor decisions.

The professor supports this idea with an example from his psychology class.

In the lecture, he describes an activity where two student groups researched whether coffee is healthy or unhealthy. One group believed coffee was harmful, while the other believed it was beneficial. Even though both groups used the same sources, they only selected information that supported their opinions.

The group that thought coffee was bad focused on the risks of caffeine, while the other group talked about health benefits. Neither side mentioned opposing evidence.

This clearly demonstrates how confirmation bias causes people to overlook information that challenges their views.