Read the following resources before answering the questions below

* <http://www.cbc.ca/news/technology/emojis-forever-pringle-1.4577456>
* <http://www.cbc.ca/news/emoji-equality-google-1.3698970>

Guidelines for writing a supported opinion paragraph (SOP)

* + <http://schools.peelschools.org/sec/fletchersmeadow/studentlife/OSSLTprep/Documents/Sample_%20Writing%20a%20Supported%20opinion%20paragraph.pdf>

Questions

1. List and explain three (3) examples of how "images are becoming the new mode of expression."

* Express one’s feelings - 😊 The smiley emoji shows that the user is happy
* Has multiple meanings behind it - 🍑 The peach emoji means a peach originally. However, to other users this emoji has other meanings which at most time be sexual.
* Express the tone of the message - 😎 If the cool emoji was to be used while texting, this would mean that the user is talking in a cool way.

1. List and explain three (3) advantages of using emojis in communication.

* It helps one to communicate through expressions. As we talk face-to-face with other people, we get to know how we feel about each other’s statements or talks. But we do not have the ability to understand each other’s thinking and expressions through texting. So the use of emojis allows us to understand what they think or feel about each other’s words.
* It shows the receiver how close in a relationship he/she is with the sender. People use only letters to sound and look professional in front of their intended audience such as an essay. However, when they are in front of people who they are comfortable, they easily open themselves and express themselves in their most honest way ever. So using emojis when texting a stranger-like person can be pretty risky.
* It does not take lots of time to communicate one huge message the sender wants to relay to the receiver. Some people do not find the time to text to other people while some people do not like texting too much to people. So using emojis saves them the time that they believe to be precious for other activities.

1. List and explain three (3) disadvantages of using emojis in communication

* Some expressions of the emojis cannot be understood. Even though people use emojis to allow the receiver to understand what expression they currently have on their face, some receivers do not understand the meaning or the expressions of the emoji as it might mean something else.
* It reduces our ability to communicate in real life. As we use lots of emojis while we text, we forget how to express our thoughts through words. Making it easier to communicate online means making it difficult to communicate in real-life.
* The expressions of the emojis can be an ironic expression of the sender to the receiver. Most people use emojis to express their current emotions. But some likes to exaggerate their expression with emojis or use emojis without any special feelings or reason. Most of the time, these people respond with emojis as they do not care about the other person’s feelings and just wants to convince the receiver that they do care.

1. Write a supported opinion paragraph (SOP) that addresses the comment "nothing is more important than how emojis are replacing words.". (for or against)

Concerning issues to the society is an ongoing thing that no one is tired of, due to the surprises brought with them. Emojis replacing words is also one of those concerning issues as people are losing their ability to converse through writing, the emojis can have more misleading meanings than words and they have a low ability to express the true meaning of the sender’s words. First, “nothing is more important than how emojis are replacing words” as people are losing their ability to converse through writing. The use of emojis prevents them from using words that express their opinions in writing formats such a supported opinion paragraph. Second, “nothing is more important than how emojis are replacing words” as the emojis can have more misleading meanings than words. 🙆 This emoji seems to be a character putting their hands on top of their head which means they are surprised. However, this emoji is originally known as “Face with OK gesture”. This gesture is mainly used in Eastern Asia. Lastly, “nothing is more important than how emojis are replacing words” as emojis have a low ability to express the true meaning of the sender’s words. For example, a smiley emoji is used to show joy towards something or someone. But if someone were to send this emoji to someone else to show how happy they are, the receiver will believe that the feelings that the sender is trying to convey, are very shallow. Therefore, “nothing is more important than how emojis are replacing words” as people are losing their ability to converse through writing which is an essential tool to their careers, the emojis can have more misleading meanings than words which has solid meanings and makes one look professional depending on the word used, and they have a low ability to express the true meaning of the sender’s words which can ruin the relationship between the sender and the receiver.

1. List and explain three (3) examples of how emoji equity affects users.

* People of diverse racial background should be represented. In the world, there are people of different skin tones and ethnicities. Although emojis first started as having fair skin toned emojis and a white ethnicity emojis, it has now changed due to the different topics arising about excluding other races around the world.
* People of different ages, careers, and disabilities should be represented. Nowadays, anyone could be using emojis while texting. They could be of any ages, careers, or could have a disability. But when they would like to explain any of these 3 points to other people through texts, it can be a bit difficult for them if they want to use emojis. So having emojis representing these three points allow people to understand they are part of this inclusion that has been a crucial topic in every society.
* People part of the LGBTQ+ should be represented. Having a romantic relationship does not mean only a relationship between a man and a woman. It can be a man and another man or other genders dating their own or many other things. But some people simply do not want to acknowledge this type of romantic relationship in the 21st century. So having emojis that allow people of the LGBTQ+ community to realize that inclusion is a major topic in today’s society.

1. List and explain three (3) examples of how emoji equity is being addressed by companies such as Google.

* Having emojis that represent working women and ethnicities - Recent emojis have had drastic changes to become what it currently is. Emojis have different skin tones, religions, jobs, gender, and sexuality.
* Having emojis that represent social justice issues - Rainbow (Pride) flag is an example
* By addressing the issues to the Unicode Consortium

1. Write a supported opinion paragraph (SOP) that addresses the twitter comment   
   “isn't there more serious issues to focus on in regards to women than emojis?” (for or against)

Women are obviously more of a serious issue than emojis because of the issues they fought against and for several decades which are sexism, equality in rights, and treatment in the workplace. First, women are more of an important issue than emojis because of the sexism they fought against. Men in the society used to believe that women should not be considered as a “human” as they are not able to do similar tasks easily performed by men. Even though the number of those believers decreased as women proved themselves to be better than those old versions of themselves, some believers are still stuck with this old saying that man is the supreme race in this world. Secondly, women are more of an important issue than emojis because of the equality in rights that were not easily acquired and applied in society. Women have been putting lots of efforts to acquire equal rights such as being able to work or study in the same environment as men. Although this has been occurring for almost two centuries, there are still some flaws in the benefits and rights provided to the women. Lastly, women are more of an important issue than emojis because of treatment in the workplace. A workplace can be one of the safe and unsafe in many different ways. For women, it was and might still be a place that is challenging to them depending on their surrounding that they are being provided. Team work and the environment being provided by the coworkers can determine the state of the workplace. Also the dominance of the workplace by gender determines it too. So when women go to a male dominant workplace, it is difficult to say that it is a good workplace as the woman might feel uncomfortable or targeted depending on the actions. Therefore, Women are obviously more of a serious issue than emojis because of the issues they fought against and for several decades which are sexism, equality in rights, and treatment in the workplace.