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>

Questions

1. **List and explain five (5) examples of how "images are becoming the new mode of expression."**

It helps people from different backgrounds understand each other because they can communicate through different expressions. People can express themselves because of the different skin tone options. The social media generation changed the way of online communication; over 5 billion emojis were sent in the past year. Emojis are used to replace words in some cases because it is quicker to use them rather than typing out words. “emojis also help to reproduce characteristics of human communication”.

1. **List and explain five (5) advantages of using emojis in communication.**

Saves time, multiple ways to express yourself, instead of words there is visuals, emojis add empathy and personality to the text, emojis help add expressions you would use in a face to face conversation.

1. **List and explain five (5) disadvantages of using emojis in communication**

Miscommunication, different emojis can mean different things in different countries, cross platform emojis may be different (apple compared to android or computers), “emojis lack precision which limits their communicative efficacy.", the message can be perceived or understood differently by someone else.

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

I agree that emojis are replacing words. Since emojis came out in 1999, they have changed

in style and have increased greatly in numbers over the years. Emojis started off as simple

smiley faces and hearts and now you can show different expressions and actions in over 200 different ways. Since emojis have already advanced greatly over the years, I think they will continue to advance and replace typing permanently for some people. Jason Boyd, an associate professor said that sending emojis minimizes time and effort required to communicate. If emojis do continue over the years people will use them rather than typing to also save time and effort. Emojis are also replacing communication in online gaming in some cases. When some people play online games with someone that doesn’t understand the same language as them, instead of using a translator, they send emojis to save time and communicate. If emojis do continue to progress in future years, they will eventually replace typing permanently for some people.

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

When there was only one skin tone people thought that it was unfair, when they added different things like disability emojis and different skin tones people from different races probably felt included, when the only emoji of a family was one mom and dad and one girl and boy child some people didn’t feel included because this possibly didn’t apply to their family

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

Google added new emojis to better represent women, adding different skin tones to emojis, adding emojis with disabilities

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)**

I agree that there are some things that are more important than focusing on emojis for women but it is an important topic. If there is only emojis for men, obviously there is a lot of different people who feel that they aren’t included. It is important to add emojis of different genders and races so everyone feels included and has a way to express themselves. There are more important matters than adding emojis for everyone but since our generation has adapted to using emojis in their lives every day, they would think that it is an extremely big issue and would be against it. The problem with emojis is that there is always something you can add for someone. After adding different genders there are things like same gender families and disabled people, even religious things. So there will always be something to add in emojis. Therefore it is important to add multiple genders and other emojis but there are other world issues that are more important than this matter.

* + http://schools.peelschools.org/sec/fletchersmeadow/studentlife/OSSLTprep/Documents/Sample\_%20Writing%20a%20Supported%20opinion%20paragraph.pdf