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."

It is much easier to use these emojis than actually typing your feelings.



This shows that images are becoming the new mode of expression because this shows when the person is laughing a lot. This is becoming the new mode of expression because people use this expression a lot to show that something is really funny.



This shows that images are becoming the new mode of expression because this shows that they are happy. This expression is being used a lot.



This shows that images are becoming the new mode of expression because this shows that they are feeling or looking cool. This could also be feeling good about something they did This expression is being widely used.

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

They are quicker to use than words. This is an advantage because we can communicate a lot quicker by replacing works with emojis. Emojis can portray more meaning than the words. This is an advantage because these small things can mean a lot more to some people than words and this could be used for positive reasons. They can also save a lot of time because we can quickly choose any emoji we want and type with wasting any time on words.

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

The disadvantages of using emojis in communication are that

Emojis can have different meanings to certain people and across different religions or cultures. This shows that the people can have different opinions on the emojis being used and this can result in negative viewpoints. Another disadvantage is that emojis lack precision. This shows that using emojis will not be effective communication as they may not tell the whole picture. Lastly, emojis are posing a challenge for legal cases. This means that emojis can be used instead of words and if the message is taken to court, a person can actually get charged if they did something wrong.

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 am against this because I feel that the rising issue of emojis is overrated, it has no significant impact on the life of people, and there are more important topics that need to be addressed in this world. Firstly, I think that the issue of emojis being equitable is overrated because there really aren’t that many people who care if emojis are equitable or not. Secondly, emojis don’t have any significant impact on the life of people because these emojis are only on people phones and in text messages. Generally, emojis are not used for telling important information because they are mainly used by close friends for fun reasons. Lastly, there are more important topics that need to be addressed such as poverty and education. But to relate it to technology, some topics are online bullying, online frauds and many more. These are much more important than emojis being equitable and they should have more people concerned. In conclusion, I feel that the rising topic of emoji equity is overrated, it has no significance, and there are more important topics.

1. List and explain three (3) examples of how emoji equity affects users.
2. Firstly, emoji equity affects users because some people feel that emojis are not racially diverse enough. This means that people who have different skin colours, different religions and cultures are not represented enough.
3. Secondly, some people feel that emojis barely represent people who have disabilities. This means that people who have physical or mental disabilities are not represented. An example of this is that the only representation of disability in emojis is a wheel chair.
4. Lastly, some people feel that in order to make emojis more equitable, women must be represented more. This means that there should be more women shown of different cultures in different professions.
5. List and explain three (3) examples of how emoji equity is being addressed by companies such as Google.
6. Firstly, Google is creating and releasing over 10 emojis depicting professional women in different professions and skin colours. This is to promote gender equality, show women in diverse careers rather than the stereotypical ones, and to empower young girls.
7. Secondly, through Unicode, Apple has created and released emojis that have different skin colours. This is to promote diversity so that people around the world can see themselves represented in the emojis.
8. Lastly, multiple different companies such as Scope are working towards trying to represent different people with different disabilities. They have sent over 18 different emojis to Unicode to better represent people with disabilities and in Paralympic Sports.
9. 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 am for this because I feel that women around the world are facing much more important issues than emojis such as access to education, employment opportunities, and gender-based violence. Firstly, women are facing more important issues than emojis when some of them around the world don’t have access to education. It is estimated that around 31 primary aged girls don’t attend school. Secondly, some more important issues than emojis are when women don’t have equal employment opportunities. Worldwide, it is estimated that women earn a tenth of the world’s income while working two thirds of the total work hours. Lastly, some more important issues than emojis are when women experience gender-based violence. It is estimated that one third of the women worldwide experience violence, abuse, and much more. In conclusion, I feel that there are a lot more important issues than emoji equity such as access to education, employment opportunities, and gender-based violence.