Questions:

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

* They’re breaking language barriers
* They’re being used to express feelings
* People are using them to send messages of certain meaning, by combining two or more emoji’s together.
* They can say so much more, rather than having to type of a bunch of words.
* Images can be recognized by pretty much anyone

1. **List and explain five (5) advantages of using emoji’s in communication.**

* You do not need to speak or understand English to use them.
* They can be used to shorten messages, saving time when texting.
* They are simple and show a very readable expression, like a crying emoji perfectly represents crying.
* It’s so much more appealing than watching a bunch of words and letters.
* Multiple emoji’s can be combined with one another, to form a meaning or a sentence.

1. **List and explain five (5) disadvantages of using emoji’s in communication**

* When using a different device to receive an emoji the, receiving device may display the emoji differently than the sender. For example, Apple has the most well-known emoji sketch up, when it’s sent to android they’ll switch to their version of it, which could be different.
* They can sometimes can be miss interpreted, for example the eggplant emoji can mean two things, one being sexual.
* Sometimes people will use so much emoji’s to and extent of which you simply can’t understand.
* Sometimes they may use an emoji which can be an insult in some cases, it really depends how you use it, this happens often.
* People will try to use emoji’s to play off certain situations, for example if they are doing something wrong they’ll try to say that it doesn’t mean what they think.

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

In our day and age, social media and electronic devices share a big chunk of our lives. Most of us have some sort of electronic device, whether it be a phone or a laptop. From a young age everyone is thought a specific language whether it be English or Spanish. Now this can be a problem when you’re trying to communicate, someone who only knows English may not be able to read/write or even understand when someone speaks Spanish; but emoji’s can help break this language barrier. When someone uses a laughing emoji, both parties would be able to understand what the sender means. I wouldn’t say that they are replacing words directly, they are simply expanding and improving the understanding between different languages; they are also used to simply shorten phrases which could take some time to type.

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

* One gender is more represented than another (Male Or Female)
* Lack of different racial / cultural emojis
* Some people will feel left out or even discriminated because the emojis are made to represent the “standards”

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

* They are introducing over 300 new emojis to better represent woman
* Unicode approved 11 of 13 of googles proposal design.
* They are trying to improve the range of “standards” of society

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The quote “isn’t there more serious issues to focus on in regards to women than Emoji’s?” could possibly mean multiple things, but depending on how you look at it, you can have two completely different outcomes. I will be looking at it, in the way of; there are more important issues about woman equity in society rather than in Emoji’s. Firstly, when talking about Emoji’s we have to take into account that, these were originally generalized symbols used to represent a specific emotion, whether it may laughter or angry. It was only recently; a couple years, when these started to explode when Apple brought them into their operating system. People only recently started to bring this issue up, because most of the Emoji’s are based of men or are gender neutral, so companies like Apple and Google have acknowledged this and they have put time into developing and releasing the new Emoji’s which better represent people of different races and gender (Male / Female). Secondly, when it comes down to reality and the many issues that woman still face that are simply not addressed, it definitely outweighs the Emoji case. It’s really up to the company at the end of the day, for example, Google is a gigantic company, they can focus their efforts on helping address and empower woman; potentially getting rid of the current barriers that may exist in society. Although they can chose to set aside a team to develop and work on the Emoji’s at the same time, it is really how a company decides to plan and execute whichever they think it more needed. In conclusion, the quote is true, but once again it really depends on how you look at it, if you’re looking at it in a way which means Emoji problems are nothing compared to the problems woman face in society or the way Emoji’s represents and represents a general icon of what a woman ‘should look like’.