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."

By saying “images are becoming the new mode of expression” it is saying that now there is multiple ways of communicating and that using emojis is one way.

Some examples of using an emoji to communicate with others are when you send the thumbs up emoji you might be agreeing with the other person, or when you send the orange anger emoji you could be getting frustrated. Another example could be the crying emoji to show that they are sad, or the laughing emoji to show that they like the comment and find it funny. Another example could be the surprised emoji to show their expression. Overall the emojis are there to show how the person is reacting to the comments and messages sent. It gives texting more real life attributes since you could tell how the other person is reacting.

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

Some advantages of using emojis while texting are that it shows the feelings of the other person to show that the person is happy or sad. so you know what you should message them. Emojis are making it so that you have to type less to because instead of typing “I agree” you could now just put the thumbs up emoji. Having emojis in texting also makes it more fun for the two people that are involved because of just seeing only words you could use colorful pictures to tag along the message. It could help with bad grammar because you could show the picture you are trying to type such as a photosynthesis you could instead show a plant and a sun. Emojis also stand out more and will bring more attention to them so if u have an important message you could send the exclamation mark and the message to make sure people read it instead of other messages.

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

One reason why emojis are bad is because they discriminate against women by not having women in some jobs. Only recently have they added women who are doctors and scientists before than they discriminated against women. Emojis also don’t represent people with disabilities correct because they show all people with disabilities as a person in a wheel chair so they need to make it more diverse to show respect to people with disabilities. Emojis also isn’t fair towards the gay community because they don’t have a gay flag. The gay community has sent in their request to have their flag added onto devices. Emojis also don’t have different racial marriages which is creating the stereotype that people have to marry certain people. This stereotype could be stopped by having different racial marriages in the bank of emojis. Emojis are also racial in a way because the only brown man they had was a man in a turban and a only Asian man they had was a guy in a cap before the update bringing all the new emojis.

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 think that emojis are a good thing for texting because it gives a new way of typing and it adds more fun to reading messages. Emojis aren’t completely taking over texting because people still use a lot more words instead of just emojis however they add on an emoji to the end of their text to make it more entertaining for a the receiver. Emojis have also become a lot more diverse so now it can almost represent everyone equally it has women and men doing the same jobs, it has same sex marriages and it is now has all different colours seen in our community today. Overall emojis are becoming more and more equal for everyone and is adding more fun to texting. Emojis are useful while texting and create no harm therefore I think emojis are great to have on a mobile device.

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

It makes people feel more involved to see they as an emoji because there wasn’t always the darker skin tone of a boy and when they added that boys with that skin colour might feel that they are included. By having the female doctor emoji it is showing young girls and women that they can do anything and it doesn’t discriminate against them. It makes it more equal for boys and girls by having an emoji of the same occupation but as two different genders. By having the same sex marriage emojis it could have a huge impact on the LGBTQ community because it shows that there is support for them to. By having that emoji it shows that being gay or transgender it nothing wrong. By having diverse emojis it could have a positive effect on the kids and adults because it shows that all of them no matter what are equal to each other.

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

Now google has added emojis of people of all different races and many different skin tones so that all people feel equal. Now the people emojis represent everyone and don’t exclude any race or religion. Google and Apple now have women in all the occupations such as being a doctor before they didn’t have a women doctor emoji but now they are working too more equality in the emojis by creating women with the same jobs as men and men with the same jobs as women. Google and Apple have also added same sex marriage emojis showing that they respect same sex marriages and showing equality instead of just having a male and a female beside each other.

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)

This tweet meant that this individual does not care about the equality of all people. Not having women emojis is putting women and girls down like they are less important than men and this could lead to girls thinking that they are valued less. They should spend the time working on equality in emojis because it shows the people using them that everyone is equal and no one is above anyone else. By only having men doing certain jobs it is telling the women that they can’t do the jobs that men can do. By not having women emojis it gives the idea that Apple and Google don’t care enough to create those emojis.