

## 二、英文作文 【請用黑色墨水的筆作答】

As social media increase in popularity, emojis now play a crucial role in our daily lives — from chatting with friends to sharing posts online, they can be seen everywhere. With emojis, we can easily express what we're feeling without using words, and can make our texts seem more playful and relaxed. I believe this is the reason why people have taken such a great liking to them. Take emoji two for example. We can clearly show others that we're annoyed, but in a light-hearted way so as not to create an awkward atmosphere. On the other <sup>hand</sup>, emoji three is such a lively expression of happiness and laughter that it often comes in handy when someone shares funny stories with us. As a whole, emojis help us convey emotions that are otherwise difficult to express in words.

However, emojis may also cause problems when it comes to interpreting the <sup>true</sup> meanings behind them. My friend once texted me telling that she'd failed a math test with a cheerful smiley emoji after the words. I was greatly confused and couldn't stop myself from replying and enquiring what was to be happy about having to retake the test. Of course, it turned out that

she was simply being sarcastic — my clueless question ended up irritating her and made her feel as if I was looking down on her, even though that hadn't been my intention at all! To prevent situations like this from happening again, I now remind myself to read between the lines when a contradicting message and emoji appear. I have also learned to be more sensitive to other people's feelings in order to avoid misunderstanding their usage of emojis. Emojis are definitely convenient and an easy tool to use, but correctly understanding them has proven to be a not-so-easy task!