Writing (Social Media)

Most people claim that Social Media have a huge impact on our interpersonal relationships and have changed the way we communicate with people. Have Social Media improved the quality of relationships in society?

Write an essay(120-180 words) to express your view about the positive as well as the negative aspects of social media and give examples.

Suggested answer ( Ενδεικτική απάντηση)

As technology progresses social networking grows. In today’s society, it is normal and expected to use at least one communication network. Social media have had a major impact on how we communicate, both in a positive and a negative way.

 Some of the positive aspects of social networks are that they have enabled users to connect to other people in faraway places across the world and they have allowed them to be reunited with old friends or classmates with whom they have lost contact for a long time. Social media also allow us to have access to news in real time and communicate it to friends, exchanging opinions with them. Finally, people can freely express their thoughts or feelings on their accounts, receiving comments, sharing views and bonding with friends.

 However, there is a negative side to how social media influence communication. Social media can become highly addictive and lead users to alienation from friends. What is more, uncontrolled use can result in depression, negatively affecting our relationships. Last but not least, social media provide a platform for rude people to make inappropriate comments or engage in cyberbullying, creating arguments and negatively affecting the quality of our relationships.

 On balance, it appears that there is a positive and a negative side to the way social media influence communication. If we use them in moderation, we can take advantage of all their positive aspects.