

Unit 8 Critical Thinking Questions

- 1. What are some major differences between face-to-face communication and electronic communication? Discuss at least one strength or benefit and one weakness or drawback of face-to-face communication versus electronic communication.**

The main difference is that when you communicate face-to-face you can pick up on the tone and emotion. This you can't get through electronic communication. This is why people take things differently when things are said electronically. Sometimes people get offended by texts, but the sender had no intention of that. Through face-to-face, you don't have to worry about this.

- 2. How would you explain the American Journal of Preventative Medicine's findings that being on social media for two hours or more a day makes someone twice as likely to feel socially isolated?**

Using social media a lot substitutes for face-to-face communication. So instead of talking to someone, you text them. So through this, you're doing everything while by yourself using your fingers.

- 3. What are some actions you could take that would help to make you a valuable asset in a collaborative team, beyond merely completing your portion of the task at hand?**

To be someone who everybody can turn to if problems arise. If people need help, they can turn to me. If they need me to do something, they can turn on me. This makes the mood on the team higher, which allows for better productivity.

- 4. How has the rise of electronic communications contributed to an increase in online bullying?**

Since you don't have to communicate with people face-to-face when you do it electronically, people can bully people online without having to do it in front of their face. It almost is like the bully doesn't have to feel any emotion when they do it electronically. As we use social media more all the time, this makes it even easier.

- 5. Imagine your friend came to you saying that they had been suffering from cyberbullying. What are three things you would say to them or ask them about in order to help them?**

1. Who is cyberbullying you and what are they saying to you?
2. How do you feel?
3. You should let a trusted adult know what is going on.