

Sample Midterm Exam Responses

Sample Response #1: received an A-

There are many parents out there who post images or videos of their children on social media. They may have posted them without telling or asking their children's permission. Posting something about someone without permission will cause problems to occur. Parents should follow the idea of "house rules" when posting anything about their children online because posting invades the children's privacy, makes them feel self-conscious, and parents may not have realized that they are actually posting something personal about their kids lives and not theirs.

Parents posting photos or videos of their kids online invades the kids' privacy. Their kids may not have liked the parents posting things about them online. The parents sometimes don't ask for permission to post it, as well there are times where the kids want things to be left unknown and not shared. A 14-year-old eighth grader who lives in Manhattan named Maisie Hoffman stated that "I really don't like it when my parents post pictures of me on their social media accounts... I worry more about my dad he doesn't always ask if he can post things" (Antonia). Parents need to realize that posting online will allow everyone to see it. Kids may not enjoy being looked at nor want the attention therefore parent should ask for permission before posting something on social media.

There will be times when parents posting things about the kids will make the kids self-conscious. When they see their parents taking out the camera they would end up hiding or staying away. The author of the *New York Times* article "Don't post about me on social media, children say" explained that "a mother of three elementary school age children in Manhattan said that when parent chaperones took pictures during a 3rd grade field trip to the zoo her daughter hid when she saw the phone because she didn't want the pictures to be posted on Facebook with her in them" (Antonia). There are kids out there that don't like their photos to be taken. Posting it can be embarrassing as well. "Isabella Aijo, 15, a high school sophomore in Natick, Mass. said "I definitely know people who have parents who post things they wish weren't out there. There was a girl in my eighth grade class whose mom opened a YouTube account for her in the fourth grade to show off her singing... A peer played the song in class and almost the entire class laughed hysterically over it" (Antonia). When these things happen the events will stay in the children's memories forever.

There are parents out there that post things online that may not realize they are posting personal things about their kids and not about them. They may think it was about them, but it was actually about their kids. "When parents share those early frustrations they don't see themselves as exposing something personal about their children's lives but about their own" (Antonia). What parents post on their social media can affect their children "as a society says Ms. Steinberg we're going to have to find ways to balance a parents right to share their story and a parents right to control the upbringing of their child with a child's right to privacy" (Antonia). Parents need to realize that the things they post will stay in media for a long time they should be careful on what to post.

Many parents out there post images or videos of their children on social media, many post them without the permission of their children. Parents shouldn't do that. They should follow the idea of "house rules" when posting things about their kids online. Posting without permission will lead to invading privacy, make children feel self-conscious or embarrassed, and parents may not realize they are posting personal things about their kids and not about them.

Sample Response #2: received an A-

We live in a technological era in which social media completely consumes peoples lives. Children and adults are wasting the majority of their time for a few likes. Children are okay with it and parents are as well however children are not okay with parents constantly placing pictures of them without consent. The children feel they should have a right to their own privacy. In addition they also feel there should be a balance of house rules. The truth of the matter is parents should follow house rules because everyone has a right to their own privacy, it brings stability and balance between the child and parent, and lastly it brings value and respect to the household.

From a personal experience in which I encountered not too long ago I had a similar issue. My mother would constantly take pictures of me and upload them to Facebook. In the beginning I paid no mind because it had been my mother so how bad could the picture possibly be. However in this particular case she repeated this cycle and I reached my boundary. It's not that I didn't like pictures, it had been multiple pictures of me uploaded without my consent. I felt as if everywhere my mother and I went it was an instantaneous photo shoot. I felt as if I needed to sign a photo consent form for my own mother. Furthermore the photo spreads continued until I finally approached my mom I told her that I felt I needed privacy and that there is a time and place for everything. My mother did not like that of course however she came to the revelation that she had been taking one too many photos, that children should have their natural right to privacy.

Adding to the mother-daughter chronicles of unwanted attention, it is also understandable that my parents follow house rules that bring stability and balance. Another event in which I faced with my mother was when we finally reached a peace treaty. After it took effort for her to finally limit the amount of photos. She finally gave in realizing how frustrated and annoyed I was. We decided to talk things out for the both of us. I decided to talk about it with positive and respectful language because I love my mom and she took pictures because she loves me so I didn't want to jeopardize our bond over the idea of social media. Therefore we reached a balance where my mother limited the amount of pictures and I did my part of smiling in the pictures she did take of me. As a result we reached a balance and we now live in a stable household. As previously mentioned it is important for parents to obtain house rules in order to reach balance and stability with their children.

The idea of valuing others opinions in a household is essential in order to have a happy household as well as the idea of parents valuing the respect of their children. When it comes down to the idea of social media according to the article "Don't post about me on social media, children say "by KJ Della Antonia, Della Antonia argues that parents should value and respect their children because it gives a sense of trust between them. "That trust means I get my candid shots and he keeps his digital identity whatever he eventually wants it to be intact" (Della Antonia). This illustrating the idea that by having a sense of trust and value gives the parent the ability to take pictures without posting and the child gets to keep his identity. Moreover with respect it gives the household the ability to remain at peace with one another following the idea that parents in order to gain their "candid shots "must value and respect their children's opinions.

Social media has always been an ongoing trend in today's society. Like any other trend it has its ups rises and downfalls. Social media within households experience this with the parents and their children will probably never understand why their mother would want to capture them eating a fruit and then want to post it but to the parents that's their own Kodak moment. As once stated there is a time and place for everything. As time and technology advances so do parents. They eventually will realize that children are entitled to their privacy by establishing house rules. It brings the idea of balance and stability, it also gives two main points value and respect for one another like a good household should always have, the balance of respect and value between the child and parent.