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**Essay 3**

**Score: Insufficient (INS) - 35**

Nowadays, governments release some laws because of new world conditions. One of these laws is banning teachers from directly communicating with students that are 18 years old or younger on social networking sites. Why was this law released? It has some reasons which are privacy of students, potential for inappropriate relationships and has disadvantage for students who are not using social media.

Firstly, privacy is a big issue between students and teachers. Before the law, anyone can reach any student's social media account. For example, if he/she wants to hide his/her account from the teacher, he/she should hide from everyone.

Secondly, [essay incomplete]

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**Essay 1**

**Score: Far Below Adequate  
(FBA) - 45**

Communication is an important part of our lives. In contemporary country, people have not enough time to interaction with others. They have to go work or school. And they spend a large amount of time in traffic, so people don't have time to set up healthy communication with others.

For example, a student spent huge time in school, he/she see more his teachers than his parents or his friends. Due to some reasons, a student should be in communication with teacher by social networking sites or internet.

Some of people against to student-teacher communication on social networking sites due to some reasons. But it is important for closer relationship between teacher and student.

Sometimes we can think that teacher and student have not a professional distance because of social networking sites. But there is a freedom of communication for student and teacher.

In conclusion, despite some of people are against to student-teacher communication on social networking sites, some of people don't against.

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**Essay 5**

**Score: Not Adequate (NA) - 50**

People use social networking sites almost for everything nowadays. They are very popular because people can talk to each other quickly thanks to them. If they are so popular, there is no surprise in using them for education. Teachers are connecting with their students on these sites. However, some topics are discussed as to whether student-teacher communication on sites should occur or not.

Research shows that the best way to good communication is to listen and try to understand. Thus, teachers must be friendly with their students. Social networking sites are a useful tool to bring teachers and students closer. If students do not feel their teachers close enough, they will never tell their problems easily. In addition, students learn many things from their teachers beyond the lesson. Past experiments showed that formal and strict education was not a good way to foster good communication.

Creating strong and free individuals is another main goal of teachers. It means that when a teacher graduates their students, they want their students to be encouraged in society. Social networking sites have a positive effect on that because this area gives students that comfort. Students can talk easily because, as mentioned in the previous paragraph, they feel close to their teachers, so they can communicate freely.

People who are against this argue that it is not a professional environment and there is no privacy for both students and teachers. They might be right in some things such as social life. However, people must break some taboos. Teachers and students are people just like everyone else. Of course they have a life outside of school. In addition, knowing their social qualities or family members should not be a problem.

To sum up, student-teacher communication on sites is very useful and significant in my opinion. Students are more equal and close than before with their teachers. The unforgettable thing must be that every student and their teachers respect each other's personal life.

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**Essay 6**

**Score: Doubtful (D) - 55**

In today's world, social media has big importance for people. Thanks to social media, information is shared quickly, and people access it easily. Student-teacher communication on social networking sites is a very popular topic these days. Some people argue that this situation creates good results but in my opinion student-teacher communication on social networking sites is not appropriate and beneficial.

First of all, the relationship between student and teacher should not be like a friendship for better education. Because of human nature, very close relationships cause lack of discipline. In addition, too much interaction on social media can cause inappropriate relationships and teachers cannot be objective in some of their duties such as grading exams or homework. Therefore, for their mutual benefit, not only teachers but also students should act professionally.

Secondly, now internet and smartphones are definitely more common than in the past. However, still some students don't have internet. Therefore, students who have internet can be more advantaged. This situation causes inequality in education.

On the other hand, some people argue that thanks to student-teacher communication on social networking sites, students start to see teachers as role models. However, social media is not necessary for this result. A teacher's actions in daily life can affect students too.

In conclusion, some people claim that student-teacher communication on social networking sites should be supported but in my view, this situation can cause ethical problems and bad consequences.

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**Essay 4**

**Score: Adequate (A) - 60**

The world has been globalizing every passing day. This globalization has brought many new concepts especially in the area of technology. As a result, the internet has become very significant for communication such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram etc. Some people believe that teachers should use social media more, because it contains many benefits for students. On the other hand, unavoidable disadvantages of social media can be seen in many cases. Although some people support the social media usage for teachers, it is disadvantageous for some students and it is directly against professional life.

Using social media requires some economical wealth and time, similarly, it is not a must for students. Firstly, there are many poor and rich students at schools. They both don't have the same chance to get a smartphone or computer. It is a fact that a computer or phone is a personal tool, which means people should buy them with their own money. Therefore, economic conditions create unbalanced consequences for students. Secondly, using social media is optional. It is not specified anywhere as a must. Therefore, students who don't want to use social media will be a disadvantaged group. They cannot reach possible online lectures, teacher talks etc. As a result, social media communication between student and teacher creates negative consequences for students who don't have enough financial support or are not willing to use social media.

Professional life needs privacy and control by others, so social media is a platform which is against both of these. Firstly, social media can show any information about teachers such as address, phone number etc. If so, some students who want to harm or threaten their teachers can reach teachers' homes, their children etc. with the aid of social media. There are many examples of teachers being harmed by their students. Secondly, schools should have the power to control the relationship between students and teachers. In social media, privacy is completely secured by companies. Hence, it causes inappropriate relationships between students and teachers. Even if the teacher uses social media carefully, it cannot be controlled by the school. All in all, privacy and control are not supported in social media, it is against professional life.

As a conclusion, people are discussing the positive and negative aspects of social media use between students and teachers. It is deeply explained that it causes disadvantages for some students in terms of economical conditions and motivation to use social media. On the other hand, it is completely against professional life in my point of view as well as in education.

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**Essay 2**

**Score: More than Adequate  
(MA) - 75**

Media is an umbrella term which cover mass communication methods that aim to inform, educate and entertain the general public. In this sense, social networking sites are considered to be the most effective tools that media utilise such as Facebook or Twitter. Such sites enable people to interact with each other readily and rapidly. Also, a relation can be built between teachers and students by means of these social networking sites after the end of the school. However, in some states, whether communication between teacher and students on social networking sites should be banned or not is a matter of controversy. While some people are against it, others, including me, support it.

People who oppose to this implementation put forward that a good relationship between teachers and students is quite important for students' success; therefore, as long as there is a connection between teachers and students, the level of intimacy increases between them, which encourages students to work hard. This view may be right to some extent; yet, they ignore a significant point. This communication may deviate from its primary purpose. That is, interaction that is supposed to increase students' motivation may provide the basis for inappropriate relationships between teachers and students. In this sense, teachers and students can interact with each other whenever they want, which may cause undesirable and inappropriate relationships between teacher and student.

Objectors of this issue also maintain that social network websites can be used as a teaching tool because, in this way, the process of education becomes easy and fast. It may seem valid at the first glance; yet, it is superficial. People live in a world in which technology develops constantly, but just because technology is advanced does not mean that all students have a social media account. This being the case, if social networking sites are used as teaching tools, students who do not have any social media account are deprived of their right to receive education.

To sum up, it is logical to enact laws that ban communication between teachers and students because such interaction paves the way for not only inappropriate relationships but also deprivation of the right to receive education.

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**Essay 7**

**Score: Very Good (VG) - 85**

In today's world, social media is a huge part of many people's everyday life and with the easy access it comes with, anyone with an internet connection can use it, including children. The easy access children have to social media can both be good or bad, depending on how it is used, and the attention of the adult responsible for the child.

When it comes to education, and the ties between school students and teachers over social media, some concepts can be controversial. In some states of the U.S.A., teachers are not allowed to communicate with their students over social media for a number of reasons the public is concerned with, including the disruption of the professional relationship teachers and students are expected to have and the invasion of the student's personal space on social media sites.

First of all, it is true that communicating over the internet may create a more unprofessional relationship between the teacher and the student; however, this is not always true and does not necessarily have negative outcomes. If these tools of technology are used correctly, teachers can find ways to engage students into learning more efficiently, and build better bonds with them which will end up affecting the learning process positively.

One negative result of this may be the disadvantage faced by students who do not have access to social media. However, this problem can be fixed by giving them access to computers at school, which provide a safer browsing option for young students.

Secondly, people argue that students deserve a personal space online that is away from teachers and other school staff, so that they can be themselves and not worry about being observed. However, this goes against the purpose of such online platforms. Moreover, most platforms offer an option which allows the user to limit the people who can view their activity and improve privacy.

In conclusion, the internet and social media are just tools that can be used for both good and ill. Limitations on such platforms will not only fail to get rid of the problems they may bring, but will also eliminate their potential — in this case, a better learning tool and a platform through which teachers and students can connect more effectively.