Essay Quiz on Unit 3 of NextText and Digital Nation

Each question is based on one of the chapters you viewed and discussed on Digital Nation. Choose 2 of the 4 questions and write a thoughtful and thorough response. Although the title of this quiz says “essay”, your answers do not have to be in essay form. Make sure that you answer each part of the question, and try to use specific examples from the video, book, or your life experience to support your responses. Each question is worth 50 points. You will have 50 minutes to complete the exam.

1. Do you believe that there is such a thing as internet addiction? In what ways is overuse of the internet similar to or different from an addiction to drugs, alcohol or gambling?

2. In this unit, you have seen people expressing the fear that computer technologies are having a negative impact on students’ intellectual development. Discuss one of the examples given in the video, chapter or outside readings that indicate that technology has created “the dumbest generation”. Summarize the criticism and explain why you agree or disagree.

3. Philip Rosedale, founder of the MMORPG, Second Life has been quoted as saying, ”technology over the last 50 years has mostly separated us. Now, technology starts to gather us again.” Using examples from the book, video, or your own life, explain why you agree or disagree with this statement.

4. What are the advantages and disadvantages of working in a Second Life environment? Do you think that the predictions made in the video that this will be the dominant way that people will work in the future will come true? Explain your answer.

This quiz will address the following High D EAP writing objectives:

1. Write detailed responses to an exam of several short answer questions based on class content.
2. Write a variety of simple, compound, and complex, affirmative, interrogative, and negative, sentences, which are consistently accurate and comprehensible.
3. Convey complex ideas through accurate and appropriate use of a range of academic vocabulary and idiomatic phrasing.
4. Revise work independently for grammatical correctness.

It will also allow me to see how well you can complete a writing task under time pressure.