

TASK 1

Write a letter to the editor

You have just read the following article in a newspaper and you have opinions about it that you feel need to be expressed. Write a formal letter to the editor expressing your ideas.

- Use this information to write a letter to the editor
- Aim to write approximately **100 words**

Bahrain Islamist societies want bars closed

By Habib Toumi, Bahrain Bureau Chief

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Shaikha Mai Bint Mohamad Al Khalifa, the culture minister of Bahrain, last week ordered 43 one and two-star hotels to stop selling alcohol and hiring female singers and dancers.

The ban is part of a scheme to clean up the tourism sector in Bahrain, the minister said.

However, those who are against the ban are saying that Shaikha Mai is just giving in to Islamists, who have been putting pressure on the authorities to follow their own rules and beliefs.

The decision will affect the jobs of hundreds of Bahrainis working in the tourism sector and will result in heavy losses for those who have invested in hotels.

"In fact, we want the minister to extend the ban to all the other hotels in order to really clean up tourism," the four Islamic societies said.

"This will really stimulate family tourism and will certainly generate much more revenues for Bahrain."

TASK 2

Write a comparison essay

Use some of the notes below to write an essay comparing wedding ceremonies in Australian and Saudi Arabia.

Wedding customs	
Australia	Saudi Arabia
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • takes place in many places including churches, peoples' homes and parks • white wedding dress worn by bride, a suit by groom • wedding cake • exchange of rings • not very formal • gifts are given from the family to the bride and groom • music, dance, song, food, drink • speeches and toasts • couple usually live together before marriage • followed by a honeymoon • sexes are integrated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • takes place in special wedding buildings • white worn by bride and groom • throwing out of old clothes • sexes are segregated as much as possible • rings exchanged • groom gives <i>mahr</i> to the bride • man gives a gift to the bride • followed by a honeymoon • friends sometimes play a big joke on the groom • very formal occasion • wedding cake • gifts are given from the family to the bride and groom

Write a comparison essay

Remember to include the following:

Introduction – to introduce
main ideas

Topic Sentences – for both
paragraphs of the body

Language of similarity
– too, also, both and, Neither

Language of difference
– but, however, although

Remember to include the following:

Topic sentence – general statement, then give an opinion

Supporting sentences
– say why you believe this, and support it with information and examples

Concluding sentences
– a summary of the paragraph, with a final comment, or a solution.