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The resemblance between the two is uncanny no matter how you think about it. Yet, when you rally all your brain cells together and think deeply enough, you will realise how the two are not so different from one another yet, why one of them might be better than the other.

Participate only if you like: Participation is not mandatory in a business competition. You only take part if you want to. No one is going to drag you into the mix of things without your approval. On the other hand, marriage is like despair. It will eventually come knocking at your door even if you don't want it to. It doesn't matter if you don't have someone in mind to get married to or if you don't want to get married at all. The

bottom line is, your parents want some grandchildren and the duty falls on you.

Choosing a partner: Pretty self-explanatory this one. The whole purpose of an arranged marriage is to set you up with someone you hardly know. On the other hand, when it comes to building a team for a business competition, you will have the opportunity to explore your options and identify the best ones from the lot to pick as your potential teammates. If you are lucky, all they are going to do in an arranged marriage is show you a bunch of pictures and their biography, which only points out their features but not their flaws. In a worst case scenario, your parents are going to decide your life partner without your approval.

Easier to cut ties: In a business competition, not only do you get to select a

THINGS YOU CAN DO IN A BUSINESS COMPETITION BUT NOT IN AN ARRANGED MARRIAGE

partner of your choosing, but you also have the luxury of kicking them out of the band whenever you feel like. Try doing that in an arranged marriage without having your finances get intertwined or without societal intervention.

Expect constructive criticism: The judges at a business competition are there to judge your performance, presentation skills, analytic abilities and all the other technical aspects your team shows at the event. All the criticism they throw at you are constructive, factual, and beneficial to your future endeavours. The only judgement you will get in an arranged marriage is based on your educational degree or your financial status.

You can participate in more than one: The competitions are organised

year round, by different institutions with different themes. You can take part in as many business competitions as you like. When it comes to marriage, it is difficult to manage and afford just one. Even if you could manage multiple ones, there's no guarantee that your existing partner(s) will allow anyone else to be introduced into your life.

If you are still lost in your thoughts as to why this comparison needs to exist, just remember that there are people out there who will probably end up getting involved in both these worlds and you too might be one of them.

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The Best Broast in Town

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No, I am not talking about fried chicken that we all know with the golden flour skin. Broast chicken is pressure fried instead of the usual deep-frying method that is used for fried chicken. The two are nearly synonymous over here in Dhaka and that always makes ordering broast chicken a 50-50 decision. Although I struggle with the idea of broiler chicken ever tasting good, Helvetia (yes, the Helvetia) has pretty much proven me wrong over the past year.

I remember when the place was the bee's knees a decade or so back. Uncles would go there for coffee and mothers would love the soup takeaway. For us kids, the fried chicken on a bed of fries was where it was at. I re-discovered Helvetia because it was the only decent fastfood place in Motijheel, where I used to live. Dodging their generic fried rice set menus and other stuff, I ordered the broast chicken thinking it's fried chicken. That was honestly the best chicken-related mistake I ever made.

Finding chicken breast that's cooked perfectly is like trying to look for a restaurant that won't try to charge you 80 bucks for just pouring a drink from a bottle to a glass and serving it. However, Helvetia cooks it right. The meat stays juicy and the skin is crispy and browned to perfection. What more could you want?

The double broast comes with two pieces of chicken (one breast and one drumstick usually) so it's more like one-and-a-half broast instead of being double. The amount of fries is okay but what really gets me is the amount of garlic sauce. If you think printer manufacturers are stingy about printer ink, then you should meet the guys at Helvetia. Usually, they'll give you one garlic sauce that's the size of the usual tiny containers. You also get a dinner roll, a packet of ketchup, and coleslaw. Overall, if they fix the sauce issue, this meal is well worth the price of BDT



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Besides, if you're with friends but don't want a heavy meal, you can go for the six-piece chicken wings at BDT 265. They're extremely flavourful and can really work as a guilty pleasure. The garlic sauce really shines with the wings, in my opinion.

Overall, with gourmet burgers at every corner, and

cheese-dripping dishes screaming at you on your Facebook newsfeed, it's hard to think that Helvetia is still there and going strong. So far, to me, Helvetia has the best broast chicken in town. If that ever changes, watch this space.

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