

Formal Invitations

Answers

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Sample answers:

- a) Formal, traditional wedding invitations in Australia usually contain standard phrases where the parents invite guests to attend the wedding of their son or daughter, for example, 'Mr and Mrs have the honour of requesting your presence at the marriage of their daughter ... to ...'.

Details of the date, time and venue of the ceremony and reception are included. There will also be a request for an RSVP.

If the people are religious, the invitations may contain a quote from a scriptural text.

However, as Australia is a multi-cultural society, there are probably many different types of formal, traditional wedding invitations used here.

- b) It tells me that for many people in Indonesia, religion is an important part of life. Many Indonesians practise their religion. Religious beliefs and practices play a significant role in weddings in Indonesia.

- c) I think people are not expected to respond to wedding invitations in Indonesia because Indonesian people are not overly concerned about the number of guests attending a wedding. Many Indonesian hosts ensure there is enough food and drink at the celebration by catering for more than the expected number of guests.

- d) It means that I would not be obliged to send a written reply even if I thought this would be normal procedure. However, I understand that if I am invited to a wedding in Indonesia, I am considered a valued friend and should certainly make the effort to attend.

If this is not possible, it would still be a good idea to apologise, either before, or after the event and give a brief explanation as to why I can't / couldn't attend. It doesn't need to be a written apology. I could explain in person or even by phone.

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Kepada YTH Bapak / Ibu

Dengan hormat,

Atas nama panitia, saya mengundang Bapak / Ibu untuk menghadiri Pameran Seni SMU

5 yang akan diadakan:

Hari / Tanggal: Sabtu, 15 Oktober 2010

Tempat: Sekolah Menengah Umum 5, Jakarta

Waktu: Jam 08:00 sampai jam 16:00

Atas kehadiran Bapak / Ibu saya mengucapkan terima kasih.

*Hormat saya,
Ketua Panitia*

Soni Gusman