**GENERAL WRITING TASK I**

**You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.**

You have a Facebook friend living in another country and s/he is curious to learn about a major news item in your country.

Write a letter to your Facebook friend. In your letter

* describe a news story in your country
* explain why people are interested in it
* say how the story personally relates to you

You do NOT need to write any addresses. Begin your letter as follows:

Dear ….,

**You should write at least 150 words.**

**GENERAL WRITING TASK 2**

You should spend about **40** minutes on this task.

**In many countries, plastic containers have become more common than ever and are used by many food and drink companies.**

**Do you think the advantages outweigh the disadvantages?**

You should write at least **250** words