CHAPTER IV

CONCLUSION

Based on the analysis above, there are some results that could be concluded. The result of the study shows that the novel *The Girls of Riyadh* by Rajaa Al-Sanea has the main characters. There are two statements problem that will be answered. The first is how the main characters described and the second is how their love life described on the novel. The researcher uses two theories. The first is the New Criticism. New Criticism is used to get the main characters’ characterizations. And the second theory is the Triangular Theory of Love by Robert J Sternberg. The Triangular Theory of Love is used to observe the love lives of the main characters.

This research discuss the main characters. Such as Sadeem, and Michelle. Sadeem is the second main character of the novel *The Girls of Riyadh* and the most talented among them. She is a wedding planner, she can dance, can play piano, good in poem writing, and she was always a top student as she also graduated with honors. Behind Sadeem’s talents and achievements, she also suffered from losing her father, as her father was died because of a sudden heart attack ten weeks before her final exam. On her college level, she took business management. After being hurt by the two man that she has love before, at last she was wed to her aunt’s son Thariq.

Another main character of the novel was Michelle. Michelle also is a slim girl. Her father met her mother in Stanford University in America. During her
college, she took computer science. Michelle is not really her real name because her real name is a Saudi name Mashael Al-Abdulrahman and her family name means “servant of the merciful”. But she loathed Saudi Arabia and its severe traditions. Michelle is an educated and cultured girl, she do not want to be like her poor friends who are all under controlled. Michelle’s mother is also facing some cancer that results her to having no babies again. Michelle has been in a relationship with an Arabian man but when they decided to marry, her fiancé Faisal’s mother did not agreed because she is an American girl. She is now living with the other girl and with her best friend Hamdan.

In general, the main characters experienced different components of love of Sternberg as each one of them experienced different kinds of love with their chosen one to love, one of them found her forever love immediately, while one of them felt hurt until she has loss her respect to every men because for her experience, and according to her, every man is the same as the others that has hurt her feelings already. There is a main character also that very love her husband no matter how her husband treat and act with her, until she just found that her husband was actually in an another relationship; to be short he betrayed her, while the other one main character, until the end, she never married to anyone, but it has been planned that someone will marry her the mother of that man does not like her as she is an American girl.

The other important happened on the novel was the moment Sadeem gave herself to a man a week before their wedding to prove how really she loves him but after that night the man did not appeared again in front of her. Lames also has
the very important thing or role from the novel, as among the four of them, she is the only one girl that has achieve their dream, which is to marry their first love man, therefore among them only her got the successful love life.