

WRITING TASK 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

There is evidence that inhaling cigarette smoke causes health problems not only for smokers but for non-smokers who inhale other people's smoke.

In view of this, smoking should be banned in all public places, even though this would restrict some people's freedom of action.

What are your views?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

Sample Answer

This answer would probably receive a **Band 5**.

In recent years, the health problem has already attracted notice, because a lot of people died from smoking or passive smoking. Therefore, some people suggested that the Government should ban smoking in all public places. For example, such as restaurants, pubs, coffee shops and offices. It is worth being thought and discussed carefully.

To start with, when governments thought about this problem, there are some things that should be concerned. For instance, such as people's freedom and rights. Furthermore, health education should be taught to people since they were studying in primary school or high school. For example, in my case, I know smoking will damage my health, because cigarettes include nicotine and chemical materials, so I never smoke.

Moreover, how it would affect the business and cause many people to lose their jobs, it is often said that the economy will get worse. For example, the restaurant will not have a lot of people spending money there, because they lose their freedom. Nevertheless, governments thought some problems should be solved in the face of difficulty. Just as such as some restaurants and shops can arrange smoker areas and non-smoker areas.

Overall, I believe health is more important than money or anything. Therefore, some knowledges tell me smoking is not only a killer for health. For instance, such as drugs and drinking alcohol. I think governments should divert their purpose or money to basic education, if people got enough health knowledge, they would give up or never touch it.

Task Achievement

The task is only partially completed. The writer does not really address the dilemma posed in the rubric (banning smoking in public places), but rather seems to answer a slightly different question about smoking. For example, he/she makes suggestions about how to discourage smoking, but does not discuss issues connected with regulation at all. At 236 words, the answer is slightly under length.

Coherence and Cohesion

The text is carefully paragraphed, and although devices such as the use of pronouns or substitution to weave connections are lacking, there are several sequence links, and these are generally used appropriately. However, despite the presence of these overt markers to link ideas, it is difficult to recognise the logic of the underlying argument put forward by the writer. In other words, the text lacks coherence.

Lexical Resource

The writer demonstrates awareness of vocabulary connected to the topic of smoking and health, and uses it appropriately. More abstract concepts are not dealt with, but it is unclear whether this is due to deficiencies in the writer's lexicon, or a misunderstanding of the task itself (see **Task Achievement**). Spelling is very good.

Grammatical Range and Accuracy

There are errors throughout this response, and at times these cause a breakdown in communication. This is particularly the case when more complex structures are attempted, for example, *the Government should be banned in all public places or When governments thought this problem, have some thing should be concerned*. Verb forms are not controlled, even in simple clauses, for example, *so I never smoking or some restaurants and shops can arranged smoker area*. Sentence divisions are not always properly marked, and commas are overused.

Marks

This answer would probably receive a **Band 5**.