Writing Task 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

**Some business prohibits smoking in any of their offices. Some governments have banned smoking in all public places. Do you agree or disagree?**

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

You should write at least 250 words.

In recent years, smoking in public places has become a controversial issue while lots of people still start smoking every day. Yet it should be borne in mind that new scientific research has shown that smoking was really harmful by causing cancers and other diseases. That is why we have to consider the bright and seamy sides of banishing smoking in all public places such as restaurants, coffee shops, bars and offices as well.

On one hand, smoking has been prohibited in public places due to the fact that it is most of the time disturbing non-smokers people. Indeed the smoke created by a cigarette alight causes some people to cough and besides the smell being strong it can stay on clothes for several days, which can annoy everyone.

On top of that, research has proved that smoking was exposing people and particularly non-smokers and children (as they are not used to smoke) to a certain amount of chemicals present in a single cigarette such as tar and carbon. This is one of the reasons why smoking has been banished as it provokes lung cancers and other bad and important diseases. Moreover it harms unborn babies as the chemicals are absorbed through the umbilical cord.

On the other hand, governments should have asked people's opinion about prohibiting smoking in public places as it is part of people's liberty of acting. Moreover some restaurants, bars and coffee shops has decided to create a smoking area for smokers, it is however not all of them doing so. There is therefore an inequality and people have then to smoke outside most of the time, isolating themselves and thus creating a gap between smokers and non-smokers.

Besides if it was really harmful, why shouldn't the government completely banish smoking instead of making profits on tobacco sales? Smokers are generally unwelcomed in some places and sometimes discriminated at work as they usually need a smoking break.

All in all, I agree that banishing smoking in public places is a good fact. As a non-smoker, I enjoy my time in a public place considerably much better when it is forbidden to smoke.