IELTS Writing Task 2 Sample 142

WRITNG TASK 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Smoking should be banned in all public places. What is your opinion? Please give reasons?

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

You should write at least 250 words.

As the society grows more and more health conscious, stronger voices to ban smoking in all public areas begin to emerge. Banning public has been used as a mean for government to discourage smoking and also to improve city image. It is almost impossible to achieve consensus on this issue as it creates great inconvenience for the smokers. However, I believe smoking should be banned in public places and my reasons are as follow.

Looking at the health aspect, smoking should be banned in public places because it is not only a health hazard for the smoker it creates more harm to the others. Cigarette is a known carcinogen that has been associated with increased rates of lung cancer and heart disease. However, the hazard does not end there second-hand smoke has been proven to create more detrimental effects on health on both the smokers and the people around them. This is especially harmful for those with weaker immune systems such as children and elderly.

Looking at the sociological aspect, smoking should be banned in public places because smoking is a personal choice. One’s personal enjoyment should not be at the expense of others’ health. When a person smokes in indoor public areas such as restaurants and shopping centers, pollutants continue to circulate the premise and affecting the health of everyone within the building. It is unfair for the non-smokers to be forced to share the health risks of the smokers.

To sum up, public places are shared by all, smokers and non-smokers, old and young, and should be made friendly to all. Negative effects of smoking go beyond the smoker himself, creating health problems of the public. While some choose to accept the side effects of smoking, risks of smoking should not be forced upon others. Therefore, in my humble opinions, smoking should be banned in public places.