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**HOME READING ASSIGNMENT**

***The Top Floor*** is a short book written by David Evans. This is an intriguing story about a young girl who tries to find a job in order to stay in London after graduating.

Your task is:

* to read the whole book
* to submit the written assignment before you take the final exam (by the 13th week for max.15 points).

**Your home reading assignment is in 3 parts:**

**I** Choose ONE of the following topics:

**A)** Describe ONE of the following characters from the novel (in 7-10 sentences, approximately 150 words):

- Maha

- Kieron

- George Hurst

- Ollie

- Mr Samir

- Dab

OR

**B)** Write a newspaper report on the event(s) that took place in the novel (in 7-10 sentences, approximately 150 words). Try to make your own account of what happened.

\*choose **A or B** for part 1

**II** Answer ONE of the following questions (in 7-10 sentences, up to 150 words):

* In what ways is Maha’s interview with Mr Hurst not a normal job interview?
* If you were in Maha’s situation, how would you react to the suspicious deliveries?
* In what ways is Maha employed illegally?
* Why do you think Maha can’t make herself buy a plane ticket and go home?
* What do you think is in the boxes? Use evidence from the story to support your idea.
* The real Mr Hurst proves his identity with his passport. What else in his behaviour suggests that he is telling the truth?
* If you were the real Mr Hurst, would you believe Maha’s story? Why (not)?

**III** Write an essay on ONE of the following topics (around 15 sentences, approximately 300 words):

* In the story many people make mistakes. What is the worst mistake you have ever made? Relate your experience to the story.
* The characters in the story see the world of business differently. What is your point of view? Relate your essay to the story.
* Several characters insist on the importance of trust in business. To what extent should you trust your business partners? Relate your essay to the story.
* “You only live once” – Have you ever taken any risks? Relate your essay to the risk Maha took when she accepted the job offer.
* Do you agree with Mr Samir that “the good guys don’t always win?” Give a few examples to support your opinion.