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**Question**

• *Attempt* *an* *incisive* *interrogation* *of* *solomon* *A*. *Edebors* “*Good* *Morning* *Sodom*” *underscoring* *at* *least* *5* *undelying* *thematic* *the* *drama* *engages*.

•*Attempt a detailed character analysis of any three characters in Solomon A. Edebor ‘Good Morning Solomon’*

THEME OF INADEQUATE PARENTAL GUIDANCE

Demola parents are guilty of inadequate parental guidance in his life, thereby exposing him to seek advice from external sources. The play points out the consequence of inadequate guidance. Once parents fail to teach their children the right thing someone will teach them the wrong thing.

Rape and the emotional trauma it brings on the rape

THEME OF PEER GROUP INFLUENCE

In this context it can be used that ‘bad group corrupts good manners’. The friends you keep can influence your way of thinking and it can be seen in the relationship between Demola, K.K, and Bentol.

Pg73 movement 21 shows how Demola, undeK.K and Bentol’s influence raped Keziah, took drugs and later joined the red shadows confraternity group in the school. This led to his death and expulsion from the school.

Pg32. Movement 6 also shows us how Daniel and Tosin’s friends gave them the wrong advice to rape Stella. This also led to the four of them spreading some days behind the bars

All these are as a result of peer influence and they all suffer the consequences of their actions.

THEME OF BAD PARENTING

The text explains how bad parenting can take a toll on their children lives . a child who does not receive appropriate attention from the parents, will be happy to receive care and attention from outsiders, this can be seen in the case of Demola whose father believed that, being able to cater for your child needs financially is all a child need. He therefore neglected moral care for the child.

Pg 74 shows us how Demola’s father didn’t pay appropriate attention to him and didn’t even change his attitude when he requested for his hostel outside the school premises, and all others.

If Demola’s father has been there for him and advised him on bad friends, Demola won’t have fallen into their trap.

* 1. The text explains how justice prevails over family wealth or status.

Pg 32 explains how Stella was being justified by the law after even gang-raped by her pastor’s son and friends, their actions led them to spend few days in jail.

Pg 52/53 shows how the school decided not to cover up the heinous act of some of theory students, as they dish out the punishment for violation of the school rules by expecting the preparations of the crime disregarding their family’s wealth

Pg63 of the text shows how the cultists were being sentenced according to law, these acts enables us to know that JUSTICE PREVAILS.

THEME OF REMORSE OR REGRET

The text also emphasizes on how some characters later regretted their actions at the end.

Pg 65, movement 19 shows how K.K regretted ever luring his friend to carry some despicable acts which were punishable by the law. He also regretted shooting Demola despite it being unintentional which led to his death.

Pg 39, movement7 shows how Demola regretted over listening to his friends when he was asked to take advantage of her, and couldn’t bear ro see the feelings if hurts and betrayal in Keziah’s eyes, after the deed has been done.

Pg 74, movement21 shows up how Engineer Diran regretted his actions of not given appropriate attention beside financially to his son which led him to listen to the advice of his friends.

Pg72, movement20 explains how Dr Richard regretted ever picking his status as a priority over his daughter, Even after being raped and got pregnant. This action almost cost him the life of his daughter as she almost took her life, when she felt she was nothing but a source of humiliation for her father.

THEME OF IGNORANCE

This text also explains ignorance. It shows how ignorant ENGR Diran was, he never executed that his actions could make him lose his son. Even Dr Richard does not have a clue of how much his behavior towards her after finding out that she was pregnant could make her commit suicide. Stella was ignorant of how her behavior towards God could make her lose her life if she continues in that path.

**CHARACTER ANALYSIS**

* Stella: she is a very good friend of Keziah who had been raped at the age of fourteen by four boys in her pastors house and also comforted Keziah after she was raped by Demola. After she was raped, she hated God for allowing it to happen to her and didn’t even pray to him for about five years. She engaged herself in a lot of immoralities and even became an expert in them. When she entered the university she wanted to carry her ways to the next level until one night when she had dreams about her clothes were burned under the command of Adeyoju and wanted to drown herself to avoid the shame but was stopped by a man who gave her clothes to wear. These dreams continued for a while, not completely the same but they all had her trying to drown herself and being stopped by a man. She eventually changed and rededicated her life back to God.
  + - Keziah Richards: she is seen as a very serious student at the beginning of the book. She is devoted to her studies and nothing else other than that but she was often being disturbed by a boy Demola who found interest in her. She is eventually raped by Demola on the day that she went to his house to seek help with her English assignment. He put some drugs in the 5 alive which made her go unconscious and then her raped her. She then meets Stella who helps her in her time of grief after the incident with Demola, telling her that hope is not lost as she shares the testimony of what had happened to her earlier on in life. A few days later she discovers the father of her child is dead leaving her unconscious on the cold sick bed of the university health Centre. Due to her being in the health Centre, her father makes enquiries of her health status only to discover that his daughter and only child is pregnant at a young age. The feeling of disappointment from her father makes him to turn a cold shoulder despite the pleas of his wife. Due to this Keziah fills very disappointed at herself and attempts suicide which makes her father see the consequences of his actions and accepts the present situation of his daughter and welcomes her once more. She eventually gives birth and names her daughter Mouritha. She later gets a chance to start over at the University of Ibadan.
    - Demola Diran: He is a 200lvl English student of Mayflower university from a wealthy family of Engr & Mrs. Diran. Despite his unhealthy obsession with Keziah, he is a bright student. He had numerous dark spots in his life as a result of parental gap. This resulted to Nkanga Nwoko (K.K) a 400lvl English student stepping up and guiding him down a destructive part. His genuine love for Keziah is corrupted as K.K advices him to use the opportunity of her visit to his room to get what he has been longing for through a devious method. He heeds this advice and results to raping Keziah. He is downcast by the outcome of events as Keziah sees him as a monster. He is introduced to cultism and use of hard drugs by this so-called friend. He officially becomes a member of the sacred Red sparrows’ confraternity but his membership is short-lived along with his life as he is killed accidentally by K.K in a cult clash. K.K is sentenced to life imprisonment on account of various charges. Engr & Mrs. Diran visits him and learn the truth about their son, they make a decision to help in the caring of his child with Keziah.

Stella: She is Keziah roommate and the first person to learn about the unfortunate event that had taken place in her life. With kind and soothing words, she tries to encourage Keziah by sharing her testimony as she was also a victim of rape. Seven years ago, she was raped by the two sons of her pastor and their friends. Although the perpetrators are caught by the long arm of the law, the shame and disgrace lead her to a life of immorality and disbelief in God. She has a reoccurring dream, symbolic to her call to repentance. Coincidentally a floormate of hers Emmanuella knocks on her door to share the good news but she turns it down abruptly. After the good sisters’ departure, the message is left pondering in her heart. She decides to submit herself before the altar and plea for the saving gracing. From that point onward she lives a life anew. Few days later she is at the site of Damola’s killing, immediately she calls Keziah to come to the scene. After the turn out of events she rushes Keziah to the hospital after she faints and bleeds from in-between her thighs. After Keziah is stable at the Centre, she excuses herself to inform Keziah’s mother about the unfortunate event. She is seen as a good friend all around.