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1. Attempt an incisive interrogation of Solomon A. Edebor’s Good Morning Sodom, underscoring at least five (5) thematic thrusts the drama engages.

{A} **BAD PARENTING** :The book ‘’Good Morning Sodom’’ contains the thematic thrust of bad parenting due to the behaviour of the characters like that of Damola. The issue of bad parenting is evident in the book and kept on reoccurring in the book. An example of bad parenting is the issue of Damola’s parents (Engineer Diran and Mrs Diran). They allowed the desire to secure their children’s financial future becloud their sense of duty as parents who should see to the well being of their children, not only financially and materially, but also physically and psychologically. Mr and Mrs Diran did not bother to check on Damola to know how he is doing in school and what his challenges were. So K.K (Damola’s friend) took their place and led Damola down the wrong path.

(B) **CULTISM** : This is a major thrust in the book “Good Morning Sodom”. Cultism was represented in form of cult groups like “SPARROWS” and “RED SHADOWS”. RED SHADOWS was the cult Damola ended up joining after being influenced by K.K and Bentol . Damola was initiated by the cult leader ”SPARK” and the other cult members . Damola was killed due to the conflict between the two cult groups “SPARROWS” and “RED SHADOWS”. K.K and some other members of the cult were later apprehended by the police after the incident of Damola’s death. Some other cult members were injured and rushed to the hospital which is guarded by police officers while the rest of the cult members were on the run.

(C) **PEER PRESSURE** : This is one of the thematic thrust in the book “Good Morning Sodom”. It entails the influence that Damola peers had on him . Damola peers which are K.K and Bentol influenced him to leave the school hostel for town, also introduced him to drugs and also encouraged him to rape “Keziah” which was one of his course mates and some other terrible things.

(D) **UNWANTED PREGNANCY** : This was as a result of Keziah being drugged then rapped by Damola in his apartment outside of school . Keziah later heard of her pregnancy nine (9) weeks after the death of Damola where she fainted and was rushed to the hospital. The DR ran some tests and that was how she knew about the pregnancy.

(E) **RAPE** : This issue was discussed twice in the book “Good Morning Sodom” . Firstly on Keziah who was raped by Damola in his apartment outside the school and also her room mate Stella who was raped by four (4) boys not one (1). This incident occured 7 years ago when stella was fourteen (14) years of age. It happened in her pastor’s house . Stella was told to stay in her pastor’s house by her dad, while he and the pastor attend to the pastor’s wife that was involved in an accident . Stella was left alone with four (4) guys two (2) of which are the pastor’s son and the other two (2) were their friends . Not long after the departure of the pastor and stella’s dad , the boys forcefully raped Stella on their father’s bed .After the incident the boys spent some time in jail.

1. Attempt a detailed character analyses of any three characters in Solomon A. Edebor’s Good Morning Sodom.
2. Keziah : Keziah, is a medium height , fair young lady with newly plaited hair schooling at May Flower University . She is the daughter of Dr Richards and Mrs Richards. Keziah is a serious and focused student. On her way to the library she met Damola her course mate, a guy that has been disturbing her saying that he likes her and all . Keziah later got close to Damola . She decided to visit him in his apartment outside school . This was when Damola drugged her and raped her. Keziah found out about the death of Damola , without any one to take responsibility of the child , Engineer Diran and Mrs Diran, Damola’s parents promised to perform the responsibility of their dead son . Later on Keziah changed school to University of Ibadan after giving birth to a girl.
3. Damola :He is one of keziah’s course mates . He was deeply in love with Keziah and tries his best to win her but she keeps on rejecting his offer .Damola ended up raping Keziah by following the advice of K.K and Bentol his close friends . He did drugs and also joined a cult named “RED SHADOW”. Damola ended up being killed by K.K during a cult fight.
4. Stella : stela is one of keziah’s room mates in her hostel. After the rape incident, Keziah returned to the hostel . Stella was there to console her by sharing her past experienced about how she was also raped. Stella was the one that helped Keziah to the hospital after she fainted shortly after seeing Damola’s dead body.
5. What are the points of divergence between the published and the film version of Good Morning Sodom.
6. In the film version Damola did not follow Keziah to the library , While in the book she agreed for him to follow her to the library.
7. In the film version during Dr Yusuf’s lecture he was interrupted by two students , a boy and a girl that he told to get out of the class for late coming, While in the book he was not interrupted by any student.
8. In the film version Damola asked both Ovie and Bunmi about Keziah’s absence , While in the book Damola called Ovie aside to a corner to ask about Keziah.
9. In the film version Emmanuella approached Stella while she was doing laundry outside , While in the book Emmanuella approached Stella when she woke up from her nightmare in her room.