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ASSIGNMENT

1a

CULTISM: As we all know, cultism is a secret act done or performed by group of people with the aim of achieving a common goal. For instance, financial breakthrough, security, respect from people and so on and so forth. With all this positive things that are listed above, the negative side cannot be avoided. Knowing this, many youths still end up joining one cult or the other and the consequences are always unbearable They don’t even think about the position the parents would be after they been caught by the police officers. Immediate expulsion followed by life imprisonment in cases involved with murder and also punishable by death in few cases. Looking at Demola, for instance, got killed after few moments on joining the secret cult and it was so bad that he was killed by his best friend who probably influenced him to join the cultic group. K,K and Nnwoka were caught and one of them was sentenced to life imprisonment bringing shame and reproach to the family name.

b

PEER PRESSURE: This is one of the greatest influence that is rampant in the society these days. It has most effect on individuals who can’t make their own decisions by themselves and depend on others to feel that position. Also, the friends you walk with will determine that kind of influence they would have on you whether positive or negative. For instance, Demola was friends with K.K who was obviously a bad friend and influenced most of his decisions. He started taking drugs when he met K.K, K.K advised him to forcefully sleep with Keziah knowing fully that he likes her all and because Keziah was been stubborn at first. He probably lured him to join the secret cult. If Demola had been friends with people of good standards and morals, he wouldn’t have made all these bad decisions.

C

BAD PARENTING: Parents have much role to play in this aspect. Most parent would complain about been busy with work while neglecting the children and denying them of attention. They would provide material things but forget the children also need to be supported emotionally. For instance, Demola was emotionally abandoned by his parents. They thought they have provided everything by fulfilling his financial needs not thinking about what the boy is doing with the money and his well-being. For instance, Demola friends took advantage of his wealth and exploited him. Lured him to taking drugs which the parents didn’t take note of until they were struck with the bad news about him. Also, Dr Beatrice, Keziah’s father, neglected his daughter when she needed him the most because she made a grievous mistake. Irrespective of her crime, the father shouldn’t condemn her, instead he should encourage her.

D

SEXUAL ASSAULT: This has always been a common crime among the elderly and young since the olden days. This Involves harassing the gender of opposite sex whether male or female, Rape is a very sensitive topic under this topic. Rape involves unlawful sexual activity, most often involves sexual intercourse, against the will of the victim through force with an individual who is incapable of giving legal consent because of minor status, mental illness, mental deficiency, unconsciousness, or deception, For instance, Kezaiah, a woman of standards who never gave men a chance to talk to her allowed Demola into her life thinking he would be different, Later on, Demola laid on her an everlasting scar by raping her just because she let her guard down once. Also, Stella was deceived by the pastor’s sons by luring her into the room. She never expected that because she believed they were religious and good people but the morale is this topic is that you can’t trust anyone.

E

RELIGION: Most people allow their belief in religion to blind them from doing what is right or acting in the right way. This can go sideways depending on the situation and the action you take. Looking at Stella, she was deceived by the pastor’s children into entering a bedroom you know nothing about but because of her belief, she let her guard down. She blamed God and got worse in sexual atrocities until God showed he still loved her. She deviated from her sexual atrocities and became a good Christian. Every action you take should depend not only on your belief, but every other factor involving the situation you are in.

2A

DEMOLA: A very interesting character in d novel who gave into the vices of the world. He started off brightly showing his caring attitude towards Keziah only to rape her and place on her a scar. His friends played a major role on every decision he took including taking drugs, joining cult and getting into sexual atrocities, His parent also contributed and did not help the situation, He eventually died and that was when his parents realized he has strayed away but it was too late. Also, he brought a child into the world which Keziah has to care of and the only reminder of Demola to his parents.

B

KEZIAH: Played a major role in the novel. She was a good girl with good morals and standards. Never let her guard down with boys no matter how desperate you try to make become friends with you. Her friends have told her many times to calm down and get to know them but she stood her ground. Demola, been a caring guy deceived her thinking he was different from the other guys, until she got raped by him. A moment of letting her guard down made her loose her dignity and had to bear the shame for the rest of life. Stella is a good example of what happened to her, so it was easy for her to convince Keziah to look at the bright side and show her that been raped is not end of the world. Her father didn’t help the situation which sunk her into depression and made her hate herself, she poisoned herself but was rescued and that was when the father realized he had failed a parent.

C

STELLA: She was more of a side character but had a positive influence in the novel. She was also a victim of rape. Became someone who served God diligently to an unbeliever, she became addicted to sex so deep that she didn’t care about the consequences. Until God used some people so she could remember him again and hear his voice. That was when she remembered God had not forgotten her and has a better plan for her. She became born again and left her sexual atrocities behind.

Q3. What are the points of divergence between the written version and film version.

Solution:

1.In the third movement, the film version had a scene where Dr.Yusuf was interrupted by some late students before continuing his lecture, while in the book, the lecture was uninterrupted.

2.In the third movement, the film version shows Demola asking Ovie about Keziah while sitting in the class, while in the book version, it was written that Ovie follows him to a corner to ask about Keziah.

3.In the book, when Stella was about to share her story with Keziah it was written that she moved over to the window side and looks to the distance where as in the film, she was sitting on a bed beside Keziah while narrating he rstory.

4.In the book, it was written that Stella woke up from a dream then Emmanuella enters, but in the film version, Emmanuella coming to meet Stella was another scene.

5.In the book version, Demola was one of the three new members initiated into the Red Shadows cult group, but in the film version, it was seen that there were only two new members being initiated and Demola was already part of the cult group.

6.In the book version, it depicted the DPO as a female while in the film version, the DPO was seen to be a male.

7.In the fifteenth movement, the film version had a scene where Mrs.Richards was consoling her daughter Keziah in her bedroom, but in the book version, there is no scene of such.

8.In the book version, the seventeenth movement showed a detailed courtsession between the Prosecution Counsel and Defence Counsel, while in the movie, the court session was brief then skipped to the judgement by the judge on the case.

9.In the film version, it was said that Demola’s mum was dead while in the book version, Demola’smum was alive.

10.In the film version, the name ofKeziah’s daughter, Heritage Demola-Diran was shown, but in book version, it was not.

In the film version, the twenty third movement was not shown but rather, it was written that Keziah transferred to University of Ibadan.