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AFE 122 ASSIGNMENT

THEMATIC ASSESSMENT AND CHARACTER ANALYSIS OF

 **GOOD MORNING SODOM**

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1. **Attempt an incisive interrogation of the book, underscoring at least five thematic thrusts the drama engages.**
2. **Peer Pressure**: This was a major theme in the book, as it affected most of the actions taken by one of the main characters, Demola Diran.. Demola unfortunately happened to be a victim of peer pressure, as Nonso (KK) pushed him to drug and rape Keziah as is revealed in Movement 23 (page 73). During Nonso’s confession as well, he confessed to being the reason Demola joined the cult and started doing drugs as well.
3. **Redemption**: Stella, Keziah’s roommate told the story of how she was raped by the pastors sons and two of their friends. This led her to hate God and the church. She stopped praying, and only followed her parents to church. The incident wounded her faith deeply, and when she was at her lowest, God used dreams and her hall mate, Emmanuella (whose advice she initially rejected) to draw her back to Him. She used her story as a motivation for Keziah when she found out she had been drugged and raped.
4. **Betrayal**: This theme can be seen in Demola and Keziah’s supposed “friendship”. Demola took great advantage of the trust Keziah had in him. Even knowing how long it took to get her to trust him enough to visit him, he betrayed that trust, and drugged and raped her.
5. **Bad Parenting**: Examples of bad parenting can be seen in Demola’s parents, Engineer and Mrs Diran, who payed no mind to Demola’s activities/whereabouts while he was at school, therefore leaving him in the hands of Nonso, who was a bad influence. It can also be seen in Dr. Richards, who treated his daughter like an outcast after he found out she was pregnant, which drove her to attempt suicide.
6. **Love**: The theme of love can be seen in Keziah’s parents, Dr. and Mrs Richards, especially Mrs Richards, as is seen in the first movement when she came to visit her in school . It was also seen when she accepted her daughter’s pregnancy from the start and cared for her right till she put to bed. This kind of unconditional love can usually only be found in parents.
7. **Attempt detailed character analyses of any three characters in the book.**
8. **Keziah Richards**: Keziah was the average height, light-skinned daughter of Dr. and Mrs Richards, who loved her very much and were proud of her. She was a 200 level student at Mayflower University, and one of if not *the* main character in the book. She was a girl who held her values in high regard and did not compromise even when Demola Diran, her course mate, kept persuading her to be his “friend”. She was a victim of rape by Demola. The rape led to a pregnancy which caused her father to be immensely disappointed in her and treat her like an outcast for a while. This show of disappointment from her father led her to attempt (and fail) suicide. She later gives birth to her baby (a girl) and names her Mouritha. Her parents surprise her by sending her back to school, but in a different institution, University of Ibadan for a fresh start.
9. **Demola Diran**: Demola was a 200l student of Mayflower University, who unfortunately fell victim to peer pressure. Due to the lack of proper parental care and guidance, Nonso (KK) was able to easily influence him, leading him (Demola) to join a cult, Res Shadow. Demola was also coerced by a Nonso into raping Keziah, after the latter told him it was no big deal, since she kept playing hard to get. He was eventually shot dead on accident by this same Nonso in a gunfight with a rival cult, leaving his parents great sorrow, and Keziah with his unborn baby (which his parents agreed to take responsibility for).
10. **Stella**: Stella was the roommate of Keziah. She was a Christian with a tragic past.. When she was 14, Stella was raped by her pastor’s two sons and two of their friends. She turned her back against God and turned to the things of the world, living in immorality. After several years, God started calling Stella back to Him through dreams, and one day after one of her dreams, her floor-mate, Emmanuella came to her, telling her that God wants her closer to Him. Stella rebuked her but kept having the same kind of dream. She then realized it was a call from God, and finally gave her life back to Him, returning in her faith stronger than ever.