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Question 1

Attempt an incisive interrogation of Solomon Edebor’s “Good Morning Sodom”, underscoring at least 5 thematic thrust the drama engages.

“Good Morning Sodom” This is a play that bring to light the ill moral decadences in the society which has found its way to higher institution. It touches the light of what most university students passes through or experience, regardless of if it’s a private or governmental/ federal institution . Specifically this play is an eye opener to the cause of some atrocities that have been roaming the nation campuses .

Good morning Sodom is written in a simple but beautiful language. It is profound, dramatic, but heart-rendering, its eye catching and educational.

Good morning Sodom also paints a realistic picture of how a harmless encounter among student turn out to be deadly and utterly destructive

This play has several thematic thrust as follow;

Peer group influence: meaning of peer group : this is a group of people usually the same age, background, and social status, with whom a person associate with and is likely to influence the person belief and behavior. Every friendship group has only two possible impact in each of their lives, it could either positive or negative.

Here, Dr. Edebor shows us his view of understanding on how ones friend/ friendship group can influence the way we think and adjust to the society. The play portrays just that, as it shows several trope of friends both positive and negative.

One of them being Stella and Keziah friendship, their friendship shows us a light of support even when things get hard it shows us encouragement and love. Although the pain they harbor is strong and unforgettable, they show us the positive outlook to such. Their friendship possesses such positive outcome, and a bold out look to the audience.

Another trope is Demola’s friendship trope which portrays the wrong aspect of friendship and introduction to a different life he diverted into. Demola and K.K friendship is something frowned out but yet educational. It teaches us to make friends wisely and be very observant and stick to the good moral value, the life style that would proud to live.

Lack of parental care and monitoring:

Lack Parental care means this also means parental absence, which means a temporary or extended absence of one or more parent. Some times the major cause of this is famously because of their jobs.

Most times having all the money in the world being given to the child doesn’t fill up the space of being absencent as a parent to the child/ children. This especially portrayed the life of Demola, as his family only gives him money but emotionally they aren’t there with him, which warranted him to seek comfort and attention in the wrong people of the society. If, just if it was another way around and his parents where actually involved in his life decision, he would not have turned out the way he did.

Cultism: this can be defined as collection of people coming together on the principle of protecting their members and defending their interest both positively and negatively with out exposing their power base to outsiders. Membership is usually restricted.

This one of the major challenges confronting the nation’s education system. The atrocities committed on daily basis by the cult group is obviously beyond imagination. The menace of cultism , indeed has become a social problem that calls for urgent and collective actions.

The play show what a campus cult comprises of. As it was mentioned in the text with the name of the cult group being mentioned as “ red shadows”. The book throws more light on the consequences of joining a cult group and one of them is explosion, Which the school bested upon the students in the particular cult group, these student all in different levels, colleges and dept .

Taking of hard drugs : hard drugs are drugs that aren’t prescribed by the doctors and could be harmful to ones immune system. Hard drugs has a negative effect on people causing them to do things they know on a normal thinking sense they wouldn’t do, it causes the taker to do berserk things .

Hard drugs has a high effect on humans action as portrayed in the play. It shows how people seek comfort and stress relief in hard drugs. In the play it show how ‘K.K’ convinced Demola to take drugs in other to relive the stress he was passing through. It is shown that K.K uses hard drugs as a form of stress relieve.

Overdose of drugs: A drug overdose is taking too much of a substance, whether it’s prescription, over-the-counter, legal, or illegal. Drug overdoses may be accidental or intentional. If you’ve taken more than the recommended amount of a drug or enough to have a harmful effect on your body’s functions, you have overdosed.

An overdose can lead to serious medical complications, including death. The severity of a drug overdose depends on the drug, the amount taken, and the physical and medical history of the person who overdosed.

Good morning Sodom throws light to this, as it was shown in movement Eighteen. When Mr. Reichard found his daughter lying on the floor and was unconscious . and was later rushed to the hospital as it was later disclosed that she tried committing suicide by taking drug overdose.

Question 2.

Attempt detailed character analysis of any 3 character in Solomon Edebor’s “ Good Morning Sodom”

Stella: stella is one of the cast member in both the movie and the play. She plays a role as one of Keziah’s roommate. she is first mentioned in movement one(1 when Keziah’s mom asked how Keziah is settling down. Its shown that stella is the only one who made Keziah feel more welcomed than her other roommate. stella is portrayed as a very sweet and easy going. She is one of the character who did not jump into assumptions in judging Keziah, rather she was able to listen to her story and through that was able to talk about her own dark past.

Her dark past in which no body was able to save her from, her dark past in which nobody believed her other than her parents, her dark past in which she was gang rapped by the people she trusted, her past life in which she thought she couldn’t escape and come out from. Stella shows us her struggle and what it felt like not to be believed and have society judge you s because the culprit’s of the rape was from a respected family as they are seen related to the pastor of their town. Who was a highly respected man.

Stella was able to comfort Keziah and encourage her to not look at life in the negative aspect, rather in a place of understanding. Stella teaches us that behind every smile can be a horrible past , a past so dreading and difficult to come out of , but rather than wallowing in guilt and condemning in yourself, its always good to look at the easy and possible calm side. She also mentioned how she was able to turn back to God and eventually she healed, although the scars are there they are a reminder of how she survived her horrible past.

Dr. Aworawo Richard: he is mentioned as the father to Keziah. From the novel and movie he is portrayed as a very wealthy doctor and businessman . He was mentioned first in moment one <1>. As he was mentioned by his wife, Mrs. joke Richard. About how he wouldn’t be able to meet up with Keziah but rather later due to his tight and urgent schedule.

Mr. Aworawo is described as a dedicated man to his family, and some one who highly respect the opinion of people and values only positive out look towards his family. He caught the attention of most audience in my opinion, when he came to light due to his lack of supportiveness towards his daughters situation claiming she has brought shame to the family and all his future generations. Expressing his pain in the most discomforting manner, as he seem to have lost the idea that his daughter was raped, but in his defense she was wrong. He suggested an abortion of the child but when his wife rejected it he went a complete mode of not noticing the daughter presence, making her feeling unwanted and dejected. It could only take when Keziah was in the brink of death for him to realize how foolish and self centered he was, and how he didn’t put into consideration on how she must have felt, and all the pain she had to endure not only from the society but also from her father, the one person she really thought she can rely on. he eventually saw through his mistake and changed, teaching us that anger can really cloud the mind and make us hurt the ones who we really only intended on protecting. He became a supportive father to Keziah and help her settle down even after pregnancy.

Mrs. Joke Richard: she is portrayed as one of the character in the book and a cast member in the movie. Mrs. Joke is the mother to Keziah. She was one of the first person to be in moment one <1>. She is seen as the only one out of the two parents who was supportive and caring towards her daughter as she understood her pain and what she must have felt being put in that situation. She is portrayed as a very sweet and loving mother, she didn’t abonden her daughter and took care f her during her pregnancy.

3. Differences between the published and film version of “Good morning Sodom”

Divergence can be defined as the difference between two or more things, attitude or opinions. Divergence can also be called disparity. There are a lot of divergence between the published and film version;

* In the film version, Keziah’s daughter name is Heritage, but in the published version her daughters name is Mouritha
* In the film the DPO s a male while in the published version the DPO is a female.
* In the film version K.K is not shown, but in the published she is shown.
* In the films version Demola’s mother is dead, but in the published version she is alive.

Theses are some of the differences I noticed from both the film version and published version. Although the published version is good and directly acted from the book, ther where still some part that they missed, which was written in the book. The published version gives full detailed of the message the author was tryin to pass to his readers.

“Good moring Sodom” is a recommended book to individuals ranging from age 15 and above, as ot educates us on the pros and cons on university life and the consequences. It also teaches parent not to be neglecting the little signs ben shown by their children.