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1. Attempt an incisive interrogation of Solomon A. Edebor's *Good Morning, Sodom*, underscoring at least five underlying thematic thrusts the drama engages.
2. Attempt detailed character analyses of any three characters in Solomon A. Edebor's *Good Morning, Sodom*.

#### QUESTION 1

##### LACK OF ADEQUATE PARENTAL CARE AND GUIDANCE

In the play *Good Morning Sodom*, lack of parental care and guidance caused Demola to go astray by allowing his corrupt friends take the place of his parents in his life. Demola's parents were irresponsible and their irresponsibility allowed their son Demola to give in to the despicable advice his friends gave him.

##### NEGATIVE PEER PRESSURE

In the play, negative peer pressure was portrayed as Demola's friends pressured him to sleep with Keziah without her consent. Also negative peer pressure led him to start taking drugs and also to join a cult group which led to the end of him.

##### CULTISM

Due to negative peer pressure, Demola was initiated into a cult group. Certain operations are to be performed by cult members. And most of them do not make it back home alive. Unfortunately, Demola was a victim and that led to his death.

##### DECEIT

In the play *Good Morning Sodom*, Demola sensed that Keziah was focused on her academics and did not want any distraction so, he used "academics" as a bait to get Keziah close to himself. This then gave him the chance to sleep with her without her consent.

##### DRUG ABUSE

Demola's wayward friend introduced him to drugs which made him high and bold enough to do the criminal things they wanted him to do.

## QUESTION 2

### KEZIAH

Keziah was a normal school girl that was devoted to her studies and only wanted good grades to make her parents proud. Her seriousness was known to everyone such that any day she is absent from school people will be worried. Her seriousness in academics was used as a bait to get close to her which led to her unexpected pregnancy.

### DEMOLA

Demola was a university student who was innocent but later got influenced by negative peer pressure. Demola did not have sufficient parental care and guidance so, it made his friends take the place of his parents in his life. Negative peer pressure and influence led Demola to indulge in despicable acts like rape, cultism, drug abuse. He engaged in cultism and that led to the end of him.

### Mrs Richards

Mrs Richards, the mother of Keziah was a very good mother in the play. She always took care of her daughter, advised her and encouraged her to stay away from bad friends.

Also, she understood Keziah's unplanned pregnancy and also tried to convince her husband Mr Richards to take the matter lightly.

## QUESTION 3

The play is an eye opener to the causes of some lingering atrocities that have been bedeviling the nation's campuses, ~~that~~ pointing out some factors like ignorance on the parents side, negative peer pressure and influence.

It also calls for awareness ~~and~~ and active participation of parents in the lives of their children and sanctions of bad behaviours by designated authorities.