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AFE 122 ASSIGNMENTS: GOOD MORNING SODOM

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

1. **FRIENDSHIP**: As the saying goes that who you surround yourself with is who you will become. The play good morning Sodom presents the friendships between Keziah and Stella, Demola and K.K also known as Nkanga Nwoko, the friendship among Ovie, Bunmi and Keziah and the friendship between Demola and Keziah. The positive relationship between Keziah and Stella is shown in movement six page thirty one, where Stella is encouraging and advising Keziah, who was undermining her self-worth because she just lost her virginity to Demola. The friendship between Demola and K.K is more of a toxic relationship as K.K in movement twenty two confessed to negatively influencing Demola to leave off campus join a cult gang and even to rape the love of his life Keziah. The friendship among Ovie, Bunmi and Keziah was a bad influence to Keziah, where Ovie and Bunmi convinced Keziah to accept Demola’s hands of friendship. The friendship between Keziah and Demola which was firstly plantonic later dissolved to a thing of hate because he raped her because of negative influence.
2. **RAPE:** The book portrays the post traumatic effect of raped victims as seen in Stella’s story where she states that she was raped by her pastor’s sons and his friends when she accompanied her father to their pastor’s house. Her father left the house with the pastor because of an emergency call that the pastor’s wife was involved in an accident. Keziah on the hand was raped when she went to Demola’s house off the campus to study. Demola then offered her juice that he drugged and charmed her with a handkerchief he used to clean her face.
3. **BAD PARENTAL CARE**: The play shows the poor parental care offered by Demola’s parents and Keziah’s parents. In demola case it is shown in movement nineteen to twenty three, where Demola’s parent, Engineer Diran and Mrs. Diran were being remorseful for overlooking their roles of offering moral training and emotional support to Demola and only focused on provided for Demola financially, which resulted in Demola mixing with the wrong crowd and later his death which could be avoided. While Keziah’s situation, in movement fourteen, where her parents, Dr. Aworawo Richards and Mrs. Joke Richards had a disbelieve on her opinion on being raped and assumed she purposely had sexual intercourse with Demola off campus to disgrace her family name.
4. **FORGIVENESS**: In movement sixteen it was observed that Mrs. Joke Richards forgave her daughter after finding out she was pregnant while in movement eighteen Dr. Aworawo Richards was seen to forgive his daughter after her unsuccessful attempt to commit suicide. In movement nineteen at the ending it is noticed that Demola’s parents; Engineer Diran and Mrs. Diran forgave K.K as they realized they were also at fault.
5. **CULTISM:** The plays shows the detrimental effects of cultism on the lives of young adult, as shown in movement fifteen where students were expelled from school as a result of participating in anti-social vices. In movement seventeen, K.K, spark also known Sebiotimo Philips and his fellow gang members were charged to court for man-slaughter, illegal possession of fire arms, disturbing the peace of the society, joining an unlawful society( the cult group), engaging in a fight with their rival gang which lead to the death of Demola

QUESTION 2: attempt detailed character analyses of any three characters in Solomon A. Edebor’s Good Morning Sodom

1. **DEMOLA**: A student of Mayflower University, Port-Harcourt. Who is in love with his course mate Keziah but decided to settle for a platonic relationship; yet Keziah refused to offer Demola any of her attention, or even consider being friends with him. In the early chapters of the book, it is seen as Keziah has always insulted Demola any time he tries to make an offer of friendship. Although he had pure intentions for Keziah but he got influenced by the wrong friends, he mixed with (K.K and Bentol), who gave a negative emotion support, convinced Demola to rape Keziah as seen in movement six under the pretense of him explaining an assignment at his house. Demola later becomes remorseful but K.K was there to lead him back astray, that later resulted him to become a member of the red shadows(the cult group), to use hard drugs and in later movements resulted to his untimely death.
2. **KEZIAH**: The only child of Dr. Aworawo Richards and Mrs. Joke Richards. The jewel and pride of her family as seen in movement one; a hardworking student of Mayflower University, Port-Harcourt. In later movements she is seen rejecting Demola who advances for friendship due to the values her parents raised her with but due to pressure from Ovie and Bunmi, she later accepts Demola’s friendship which later resulted to her getting raped by Demola as seen in the sixth movement, she then starts undermining her self-worth and Stella encourages her that getting raped is not the end of the world. Although Demola becomes remorseful she refused to forgive him as she was really hurt by how Demola deceived her. She finds out that she is pregnant with Demola’s child after she collapses at the scene of Demola’s death. Her parents were disappointed in her. Her father wanted her to abort the baby but her mother later forgave her and accepted the child. She tries to commit suicide because she felt like a burden to her father as he refused to accept her pregnancy and forgive her. In later movements she gets her happy ending as her father accepts her and the pregnancy, Demola’s parent accepts her and she gets to further her education in the University of Ibadan leaving off campus and also raise her child Mouritha with the help of Chineye, her mother’s house help.
3. **STELLA**: Keziah roommate and friend, her first appearance was in the sixth movement while she was encouraging and advising Keziah who has just being raped by Demola. Her advice was based on the fact that she was victim of gang rape at a young age by her pastor’s sons and his friends; after the incident, the perpetrators were never truly punished because of the persuasion of the elders of the church. Her family decided to relocate believing that would give Stella some respite. Then she fell into an abyss of darkness, she became promiscuous, indulged in all sort of vices, she abandon her religion although going to church every Sunday she never felt truly saved. Till she had her personal encounter with her savior she became free, relieved from the trauma and burdens of rape as seen in the end of the sixth movement. Although she always contemplated on warning Keziah not to be too close to Demola, she still felt it was the traumas of gang rape affecting her. In mid- movements of the play she is seen assisting Keziah, rushing her to the hospital when she fainted at Demola death scene, calling her parents since she was worried about Keziah’s health.

QUESTION 3: what are the points of divergence between the published and the film version of GOOD MORNING, SODOM?

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| IN THE BOOK | IN THE MOVIE |
| 1. In the second movement : Demola did not accompany Keziah to the library while he was discussing with her on them becoming friends | Demola accompanied Keziah to the library, he sat next her to extend his hands of friendship to her. |
| 1. In the third movement, Dr. Yusuf taught without interruption; Demola stopped her friends Ovie and Bunmi on the road to ask about Keziah’s absence. | During dr. Yusuf’s class he was interrupted by two students who came late to class, Demola talked to Ovie and Bunmi in class to ask about Keziah’s absence. |
| 1. Emmanuel went to Stella’s room to talk to her about Christ | Emmanuel talked to Stella about Christ while she was packing her clothes from the line. |
| 1. Demola was initiated into the cult group. | Demola was already a member of the cult group during the initiation. |
| 1. Dr. Richard (her father) announced her pregnancy by giving her a book containing a letter that stated she was pregnant. | Dr. Richard told Keziah, she was pregnant by giving her a letter that stated she was pregnant. |
| 1. Her parents were in the living room while there were addressing the fact that she was pregnant | Her dad was in the living room, while her mom was in the kitchen, when her dad addressed the fact that she was pregnant. Then later her mum joined the conversation |
| 1. Her parents had an argument about her dad treating Keziah in a miserable way because she was pregnant; in their bedroom | Her parents had the argument in the living room |
| 1. Mr. and Mrs. Diran (Demola’s parent), went see K.K in jail | Only Engineer Diran went, Demola’s mother had died |
| 1. Mr. and Mrs. Diran went to see Keziah and her parents at their home | Keziah and her parents went to see Engineer Diran in his house |
| 1. Keziah’s daughter’s name is Mouritha | Her name is Heritage Demola- Diran |