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 ANSWERS PROVIDED TO THE QUESTIONS GIVEN

1. Cultism: cultism in the story can be seen as to when Demola was recruited, the dangers shown as Demola’s execution and the consequences as when K.K and Bentol were taken to court and tried because cultism is a criminal offense and is treated seriously by the law.

Stigmatization of rape victims: this can be seen from Mr. Richards’s behavior towards Keziah when the results for the pregnancy test came out. Instead of him to understand that it wasn’t her fault he chose to treat her like dirt.

Mental effects of rape: this can be seen from not only Keziah but also Stella’s story, how when she got raped she never remained the same and dabbling into immoral activities as a form of self-retribution even though it wasn’t her fault.

Substance abuse and drugs: though this cant be seen in the book in a broad extent it can be seen when K.K influences Demola to use them to calm down or when he told him to use them on Keziah so he could rape her. The minimal instances show the effects of drug use and constant abuse.

Negligence on the part of parents: this can be seen by Mr. Deniran and his wife. It wasn't until demola had died that they realized that they hadn't done their part as parents because he failed to check on him, monitor his activities and counsel him when he need it and by the time they realized it was too late.

2. Keziah: she can be seen as one the main characters the story is centered on. She was typically a good girl, a good student, a good daughter who was being constantly disturbed by a male on campus. She wouldn’t have answered him if not for the ramblings of her roommates leading to her getting raped and eventually impregnated which earned her the scorn of her father. The constant scorn and disapproval of her father led her to attempt to take her own life because she couldn’t bear the burden of looking like a shame to her family but she was saved, her father finally accepted her, she gave birth to the child and she was allowed to go back to school. Her story can easily be seen as one of a tragi-comedy.

Demola: he can also be seen as one of the main characters even though his appearance was slightly short lived. He came from a rich good home and as we can see his aim was to gain the attention of Keziah which after many tries he eventually got but through bad influences he raped her and she opted never to speak to him again and look at him with the penance of a scornful eye which made him to lose her forever. He then went on to join a cult group after being convinced by his friends who were obvious bad influences which led to his demies in an intercult clash.

Stella: the role of Stella was seen after Keziah was raped and she ran back to her hostel room. To try and console Keziah she narrated to her the story of how she got raped by four boys when she was in her pastors house which led to her despising God and giving herself away to worldly and sinful actions till she was called back to God through a dream she had twice showing that there was still mercy and God existed. She went on to encourage Keziah that she shouldn’t feel dejected or worthless because of what happened.