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GOOD MORNING SODOM

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

1 CULTISM: The book 'Good Morning, Sodom' focuses on the effect of cultism and how it negatively affected the lives of young adults. It showcases how it can lead to expulsions like observed in movement fifteen, where students from different department and levels are expelled for antisocial vices and other misconduct, an example is k.k who as charged with

murder for killing his friend in a fight amongst rival cultist and for committing other heinous like crimes doing drugs.

2 PEER PRESSURE: The role of peer pressure in this book has once again that peer pressure affects the mind of people and can cause major destruction of life. Demola was negatively influenced by k.k to leave of campus, participate in hard drugs, join a cult and even to rape the love of his life Kaziah. Kaziah was also influenced by her friend Ovie and Bunnie to try to date Demola.

3 BAD PARENTING: This book focuses on making readers understand the effect of neglect and emotional abuse on young adult who are not properly cared for. In the story we see series of instances where the main character is shown neglects and emotional abuse, like when Kaziah was raped and when her parents blamed her

for being raped at first when they found out that she was pregnant, where she was called a disgrace and an embarrassment to the family. Another person who was shown neglect was Demola, whose parents didn't watch over him. Their ignorance played a big part in Demola's life which led to his untimely demise.

4 FORGIVENESS: This takes off to the scene where Kaziah decided to attempt suicide, ending her life and that of her baby. This movement portrays how her father had seen her suicide letter under the center table in the living room and her almost lifeless body in her room and rushed her to the hospital. The doctor told the father that if she had been a minute late she would have died and her father then apologized for how he behaved and treated her

5 RAPE: The book emphasizes on the issue of rape. In the play two people were raped, Stella and Keziah, Stella who was raped by the pastor's sons and their friends when her father left her in their trust because he had accompanied the pastor because of an emergency. The pastor's sons and their friends took their chance and raped her. Keziah on the other hand was raped when she went to Demola's house off the campus grounds to study. He drugged the juice he offered her and also applied charm on her using a handkerchief. The juice made her unconscious and then he raped her.

QUESTION 2. Attempt detailed character analyses of any three characters in

Solomon A. Edebor's Good Morning, Sodom.

(a) Kaziah is a brilliant student from the University of Mayflower. She is serious with her academics and has no time for boys or relationships. She has an admirer named Demola who has been trying tirelessly to befriend her for a while but is always unsuccessful as she had told him countless times that she has no time for relationships. She has two friends called Bunni and Ovie who constantly tried to persuade her to give Demola a chance and finally one day she went to his house with the intention of studying. In his house which was off campus, demola drugged her with juice and charmed her by rubbing a handkerchief on her face with the pretense of removing dirt, which made her

to fall unconscious. He then proceeded to rape her, after which she sobbed and cried to her friend Stella who told her that she will be alright. She then proceeded to avoid Demola.

She arrives at the University main gate where is she shocked to see the lifeless body of Demola on the ground soaked in a pool of his own blood. Still in shock she collapse on the ground and when she awakens she finds out that she is about nine weeks pregnant. With her parents dissapointed in her and calling her a disgrace and embarrassment to their family name she attempts suicides after with a letter to her parents. Fortunately for her she is found just in time and rushed to the hospital where she is saved. Still in recovery her father begs for her forgiveness.

Kaziah later gives birth to a child named Mouritha and later decided to go to university again

(b) Stella is a student of Mayflower University, she is one of Kaziah's friend. Stella is also a victim of rape. She was fourteen years old when she was accompanied her dad to her pastor's house for fellowship, on getting there they got a call that the pastor's wife was involved in an accident, her father and the pastor left the house and her father entrusted her to the pastor sons. She then joined the pastor's sons in the living room to watch a movie. They later brought two of their friends over to the house, where they planned to deceive her by telling her that her father wanted to talk to her on the phone in the room, she followed foolishly only to find out that their friends were

behind the curtain, they all raped her. She woke up in the hospital and was very sad and hated God for not helping her. Her parents tried to press charges against the boys but the elders of the church persuaded them not to. Her family later relocated to another state, but this only made this worse, she thought God had abandoned her. She dreamt that she tried to commit suicide twice but God saved her, this incident moved her and brought her back to God and how he had not forgotten her. She told her story to kaziah to remind her that things will get better and her life was not ruined

(a) Demola is a student of Mayflower University. He liked his course mate kaziah and had pure intentions about her but kaziah was not interested in relationships and wanted to focus on only her studies.

She had constantly rejected him, so Demola was influenced by his friend K.K. and Bentol who took the role of his parents because they were ignorant to what was happening in their son's life, to invite her over to his house which was off campus, where they planned that he will drug her, charm her and rape her. Demola realising what he has done tried to approach her and make amends but K.K. convinced him to do hard drugs. He then proceeded to join a cult group called Red shadow. He was then shot dead by his friend K.K. by mistake in a fight amongst other rival cult groups

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

In the movie when Keziah was absent from school Demola after the ENG 205 class sits behind Ovie and Bunmi (Keziah's friends) to enquire about her whereabouts but in the book it was as they were leaving class he approached them and asks to speak with Ovie.

A minor difference in the lecturers teaching where two students interrupted his class for coming late and he sent them out but in the book he was not interrupted by people.

Another thing that was different is that in the movie after Stella's first drowning attempt she was drying her clothes when Emmanuella came to meet her to tell her that God still loves her while in the book she was having a dream in her room when Emmanuella's knock on her door woke her up.

Another quick difference is that Demola was initiated in the cult group in the book but in the movie he was already part of cult.

Also in the book Demola actually followed Keziah to the library even though he intended to but in the movie he followed her there.

In the movie the pregnancy letter was just on the table when Keziah's father told her to open it while in the book it was in a book on the table.

In the movie the Engineer (Demola's father) stated that his wife was dead when he went to make amends with Keziah and her parents while in the book Mrs Diran (Demola's mother) is still alive and follows her husband to Keziah and her Parents house to make amends.

