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QUESTION;

1. Attempt an incisive interrogation of Solomon A. Edebor’s Good morning, Sodom, underscoring at least five underlying thematic thrust the drama engages.
2. Attempt detailed character analyses of any three characters in Solomon A. Edebor’s good morning Sodom.
3. What are the points of divergence between the published and the film version of GOOD MORNING SODOM.

ANSWER;

1. **Negative peer pressure:**

We see this everywhere, where youths are often victims of negative peer pressure. Where they are talked into doing things, they are unsure of. We see this theme is portrayed by Demola in the play. First, he was talked into staying off campus by his friends who among them was kk. He was then talked into raping the girl he liked after putting so much effort into becoming her friend and gaining her trust. He also indulged in drugs and cultism which his friends introduced him to. He was a victim of peer pressure and as we can see he caused a lot of terrible things which among them was raping his friend and getting her pregnant, disappointing his parents, getting expelled from school and much worse led to a very disgraceful death. He succumbed to peer pressure and met a very unpleasant fate.

1. **Lack of inadequate care and parenting:**

The tertiary system of education is where most youths fall victim to a lot of casualties. Therefore, parents are to do well to ensure that their children have a good foundation, moral and values and that they check up on them regularly ensuring they are following the right path. We can say Demola’s parents did not do their job when it came to this and that is why he lacked inadequate care and parenting. If his parents had been of support not only materially and financially and were there for him physically and psychologically things might have turned out differently. Demola lied to his parents on different occasions and he always got away with it because they never bothered to visit or check up on him and his friends Bento and kk ended taking their role and leaded him in the wrong path, persuading him to engage in different despicable activities which cost him his life. It was at this point his parents realized they had failed him as parents as had to live with the consequences of their negligence.

1. **Psychological and emotional support of parents when their children come out short:**

Youths often go into reckless activities and expect that that the consequences will not catch up with them while for some it was actually a mistake. In the case of Keziah, it was a mistake and she went through so much trauma and this was when she needed her parents the most. Keziah a strong willed and focused girl who happened to fall into the wrong hands and was drugged, charmed and raped by her friend suffered a lot. When she saw Demola’s lifeless body laying on the floor she was shocked and immediately passed out and started bleeding. This event caused her parents to learn that she was nine weeks pregnant at the time. This made her parents very disappointed and pained but her mother Mrs. Richards decided to accept everything that had already happened but Mr. Richard Keziah’s father did not. In fact, his attitude towards her changed and became nonchalant and this made Keziah cry often and troubled her mum. Mr. and Mrs. Richard often had arguments about their daughter’s condition. Mr. Richard suggested aborting the baby and Mrs. Richard disapproved as it goes against their principles. All this took a toll on Keziah as she would overhear their arguments about her. She later decided to commit suicide because of this and her parents almost lost her. It was then Mr. Richard realized he had been hard on her and almost lost his daughter due to his attitude towards her. It was then he apologized and decided to support and accept her condition. When she had conceived the baby, her parents surprised her by getting her admission in university of Ibadan where she would complete her education from 200 level.

1. **Inability of constituted authorities to take decisive steps towards curbing anti-social vices;**

Tertiary institutions should have effective authorities, laws, policies and punishments

to prevent activities like cultism and using of hard drugs. If there were authorities in place there would not have been cultist groups in the first place and maybe it would have prevented the death of Demola. There should not only be authorities to handle the activities caused by these social vices but there should be able to prevent them and not only do something about it when the damage has already been done. Authorities to make sure the schools are conducive and safe for everybody to learn.

1. **The danger and effects of rape:**

We know that the theme of rape comes in when Keziah paid Demola a visit in his house off campus. Demola was pressured by his friends to rape her and assuring him that it would feel good. He offered her juice after which she felt dizzy and tired but Demola said it was mental fatigue saying she was jack the reader. Keziah woke up without her clothes on the bed with Demola, after realizing what had happened, she could not control her tears and told her friend Stella everything that had happened. With time Keziah’s parents found out what had happened and the fact that she was pregnant this caused a lot of change in her family and the resentment she received from her father was say unbearable and thinking of that the fact she failed them she attempted suicide by taking a drug. Luckily her father went home and saw the letter she had left on the center table. He immediately rushed her to the hospital and she was lucky to have been alive. At the end of the day her father recognized his mistakes and found ways to make it up to her. Rape is a very unfortunate thing which can cause havoc in families and almost broke the home of Keziah.

Question 2;

1. **Keziah;**

Keziah was a focused, goal driven girl who only had her eyes on the price and wanted to stay away from anything that would stop her from achieving her goal. A member of mayflower university in Ugbebor, Nigeria. She was very focused on her education and making her parents proud. She was belonged to a wealthy family and so did Demola a boy in her level who seemed to like her always disturbed her saying they should be friends. Keziah was not the type who trusted boys and believed that all they wanted was “what was between your thighs”. After some words from her friends Ovie and Bunmi telling her to give Demola a chance she gave it a try. After all efforts of Demola chasing her he got a little of her trust and wanted her to come to his house which he used helping her with an assignment as bait knowing she would not refuse since it was an assignment. She was drugged when she drank a juice Demola offered her and later woke up without her clothes on the bed with Demola. When she realized what had happened, she kept on repeating the statement “I am ruined” rushing out crying. She later came across her friend Stella and told her everything in order to calm Keziah down, Stella told her the experience she has had with boys and how she managed to pull through to console Keziah and give her hope. Few days Demola was found dead due to a fight with a rival cultist group. When Keziah got the chance to see him laying lifelessly, she passed out and started bleeding and was immediately taken to the school’s health center. This incidence led to her parents knowing she was nine weeks pregnant and brought a lot of resentment from her father to her. Due to everything that happened her mother insisted she keeps the child and this caused problem at home which she felt she was the cause of and attempted suicide. This was an eye opener for Keziah father Mr. Richard who finally accepted and supported his daughter to complete her education in another university after conceiving the child.

1. **Demola:**

Demola, Keziah’s course mate, also from a wealthy family. Demola liked Keziah and cared about her. He wanted to get close to her and would talk to her every chance he got. He had good intentions when it came to her but his friends Nkanga Nwoko (a.k.a. kk) and Usman Yibo (a.k.a. Bentol) made him do things he was not sure of. They got him to drug her and rape her encouraging him that he would enjoy it, although he later did, he regretted it and did not want to forgive himself after what he had done to her and blamed his friends saying it was their fault. Continuing his talk on how he was so sorry about what he did to Keziah he was offered hard drugs to help him forget about his sorrow and guilt. Another scene opens when Demola was introduced to cultism and became a member of the red shadow confraternity where he was offered something to drink binding his body, soul and spirit to the noble sect. An unfortunate morning there was a fight between the red shadow confraternity and a rival cultist group where kk shot Demola which he claimed was a mistake. After this, kk and the other members were taken to jail and charged to court where kk got a life imprisonment for manslaughter and a hundred thousand naira fine while the rest got a 2-year imprisonment and a hundred thousand naira fine alongside with being expelled from the school and so was Demola. Shortly after this, kk met with the parents of Demola, Engineer and Mrs. Diran. There kk gave his parents a photo of them which Damola gave to him when he was dying to give it to his parents and tell them how sorry he was. There kk told his parents all they made him do from moving out of campus to live off campus, drugging, charming and raping his fellow course mate, going into hard drugs and cultism. It was at this point Demola’s parents had realized how much damage he had caused and how they failed as parents just providing his financial needs but not being there for him psychologically and physically, they had never gone to visit him or check up on him and so concluded that they were to blame for everything he did especially when they had talked with Keziah and her parents and accepted to perform the responsibility of the son regarding the unborn child.

1. **Nkanga Nwoke:**

Nkanga Nwoke (a.k.a. kk) a friend of Demola, a 400-level student. KK was a very good friend of Demola and when he discovered he belonged to a wealthy home he decided to get closer to him but their friendship only yielded bad fruits. He alongside with his friend Bentol got Demola do a lot of things that were not good for him. Kk was inconsiderate and did not think of the effects this would have on his friend Demola even when they were pressuring him about raping a girl he liked. We can see that the characters who portrayed the theme of negative peer pressure were Demola who was the victim and kk and Bentol who were the ones who made him do questionable things. Kk’s actions late brought along its consequences. Consequences which include the death of his very good friend Demola, him getting arrested and charged to court alongside the other members of the cult group and being expelled and the shame and disappointment he must have caused his mother who they stated was a widow who struggled to pay for his education by selling plantain by the roadside. In the court session the defense council tried their best to plead with the judge to temper justice with mercy because it turns out that he is the only hope his mother has and the long-awaited bread winner of the family. The defense counsel asked for a plea in order not to send his mother to an early grave while the prosecution counsel made it clear that if they go unpunished it creates the idea that youths can delve into things like this and go unpunished. The judge made his final judgment after hearing from the both counsel charging Nwanga Nwoko for the death of his friend saying it was manslaughter with the punishment of a life imprisonment and 100,000 fine while the rest of the culprits who belonged to the cult group were charged with a 2 year imprisonment and a 100,000 fine. In the end he got to pay the bitter price for his bad actions.

Question 4;

Eight movement;

In the book, three blindfold men were said to be kneeling down but, in the movie, it was only two men

In the book, one of the deceased cultists was called Dragen but in the film he was Dragon.

Tenth movement

In the film, Keziah was not bleeding and no car stopped once she fainted but the book said otherwise.

Thirteenth movement;

in the book, the DPO was a woman but in the movie it was a man.

In the film, the DPO instructed two officers to ask the IPO to speed up his investigation. He told them to make a copy of the case file and send it to the DPP for advice. They were also told to quickly conclude their investigation so prosecution could begin but in the book this did not happen.

Twenty second movement;

The scene inside the labor room was not shown in the movie version.

Twenty first movement;

Mrs Diran was said to be dead in the movie.

Nineteenth movement;

The part where kk brings out a picture of Damola’s parents was not in the film version.

Twentieth movement; Keziah was said to be lying down on her bed in the book but in the film, she was on a couch.

Seventeenth movement;

The court clerk did not make a single statement in the film.

In the film Kk’s mother had no appearance unlike in the book.

In the book, the judge was said to have glasses but, in the film, he had none.

Fourth movement;

In the published version, it was written that Demola takes a mouthful spoon of rice but in the fil he had no rice just a drink.