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ASSIGNMENT

1. Attempt an incisive interrogation of Solomon A. Edebor's Good Morning Sodom, underscoring at least five thematic thrusts the drama engages.
 - I) Theme of unwanted pregnancy
 - II) Theme of cultism
 - III) Theme of indifferent parenting
 - IV) Theme of peer influence
 - V) Theme of rape

Theme of unwanted pregnancy: In movement 14, it was known that Keziah got pregnant of her daughter mouritha out of wedlock. The pregnancy was due to the rape which occurred in movement 6. Keziah was raped by demola in his room when Keziah went to him for an assignment but unknowingly to her, demola had other plans. Keziah's parent got to know about her nine weeks pregnancy when she was rushed to the hospital after fainting on seeing demola's lifeless body. Her father expressed his disapproval to her for bringing shame to the family. Her father later opted for an abortion but her mother refused. He treated Keziah like a piece of rag for a very long time before he finally accepted the pregnancy after her suicide attempt. She gave birth to a healthy baby girl named mouritha.

Theme of Cultism: Demola's friends KK and bentol are cult members of the red shadows cult group in the campus which goes by the motto untouchable, untameable and unmerciful. In movement 8, Demola was lured by his friends (KK and Bentol) and initiated into the Red shadows cult group. Demola was later shot and killed by his best friend (KK) during a fight against "The Sparrows" (The red shadows' rival)

Theme of indifferent parenting: There was indifferent parenting on the part of Engineer and Mrs Diran (Demola's parents). They were only worried about the desire to secure their children's financial future. They were not worried about their children physical, emotional and mental wellbeing. They never for once visited him in the campus to know how he's doing. Even when demola lied to his parents about insufficient accommodation, they still didn't find out

because of their indifference towards him. Because of demola's lack of parental care, He went astray by taking wrong advices from his friends which led to his early grave. In movement 21, Engineer Diran talked about how indifferent he was as a parent and also regretted not being a good parent. He also admitted that they (He and his wife) were the one that drove demola to his tragic end.

Theme of peer influence: Demola was a victim of negative peer influence. His best friend KK and his other friend bentol exposed him to a lot of social vices. Kk convinced him to leave the hostel for town and gave him the initiative to lie to his parents that "The campus could not accommodate all students". Kk knew his parents will never find out about the lie because they never visit demola in school. Kk and bentol also introduced him to doing drugs. They also planned how demola managed to rape a female course mate (Keziah). They also gave Demola a handkerchief which Keziah would sniff and make her dizzy so that he will be able to carry out the evil plans of rapping Keziah. Demola was also lured into joining the secret cult which led to his untimely death.

Theme of Rape: Keziah and stella were victims of rape. In movement 6, Keziah went to demola's room for explanation of an assignment. Unknowingly to her that demola had a hidden agenda to carry out. Demola made Keziah sniff the charmed handkerchief given to him by his friends to make her dizzy and unconscious. She woke up the next morning to meet herself on demola's bed after her chastity has been stolen away from her by demola. She left hastily to her room and told her roommate stella about the sad incident. Stella who was also once a victim of rape consoled her and narrated her own story. When she was just 14 years old, she was gang raped by 4 boys. She went with her father to the pastor's house who was the fellowship unit leader in her area. Her father went out with the pastor leaving her behind with the pastor's male children in the house. The pastor's children in collaboration with their 2 other friends raped her in turns. She lost consciousness and woke up on the hospital bed. Her parents wanted to press some charges but the voice of persuasion prevails after so much appeal. Stella blamed God for this, hated God and didn't pray

to God for the next five years. She was so traumatized about the rape incidence and became expert in all forms of immorality. She finally returned to God after she had series of dream about God's love for her and how he's willing to save her if she can return to him.

2. Attempt detailed character analyses of any three characters in Solomon A. Edebor's Good Morning Sodom.

Keziah: Keziah is the daughter of Dr. Aworawo Richards and Mrs Joke Richards. She is a medium height, slightly rotund, fair young lady. She is a 200 level English student in May flower university. She is well loved at home and very focused. She didn't succumb to demola's pestering to date him. In movement 5, she was advised by her friends (ovie and Bunmi) to at least give demola a chance to be her friend. She decided to follow her friend's advice and that was like the worse decision she ever made in her life. She went to demola's room one afternoon for explanation of an assignment but didn't know demola had other plans for her. She woke up and met herself on demola's bed deflowered. She wept bitterly and regretted ever trusting demola. Stella her roommate consoled her. One faithful morning, Stella called Keziah to the school gate after demola has been killed by his fellow cult member. On sighting demola's dead body, Keziah fainted and was rushed to the hospital where her parents came to pick her up. When the result of the rest that was run on Keziah came out, they discovered she was 9 weeks pregnant. Her parents especially her father was so disappointed in her for bringing shame upon the family Her father treated her like a piece of trash until when she attempted suicide. Keziah wrote a letter apologizing to her parents especially her dad, for all the shame she has brought upon the family. She also informed her father about killing herself and that she would have been dead by the time he reads the letter. Luckily for Keziah, her father found her on time and was able to rush her to the hospital early enough. Both her and her baby were safe. Her father apologized to her for how he treated her and started to care for her. Few weeks later, Keziah gave birth to a baby girl named mouritha which her parents really loved and took care of. Her dream of being a graduate became a reality again after her dad enrolled her in university of Ibadan with her 100-level result to continue her studies.

Demola: demola is a 200 level English student in Mayflower university. He is the son of Engineer and Mrs Diran. He was a good boy from the start but fell victim of Negative peer Influence because of his parent's indifference towards him. He disturbed Keziah for a relationship for a very long time and betrayed Keziah's trust just when she finally agreed to be friends with him. Demola's friends convinced him to rape Keziah and gave him a charmed handkerchief to use on Keziah. Although he was very reluctant at first but he later agreed to carry out the evil plan. He apologized to Keziah in movement 7 but the deed had already been done. Demola later became a member of the shadows secret cult which led to his doom. During a group fight with the sparrows cult group, Demola was mistakenly shot by his best friend(kk) which drove him to his tragic end.

Stella: Stella is Keziah's room mate who was also a victim of rape. She told Keziah about her story in movement 6 after Keziah was raped by demola. She loved God and everything about God's kingdom. Stella was raped when she was just 14-year-old after following her father to the pastor's house. She loved church and everything about God. She accompanied her father to the pastor's house one day and her father had to leave her with the pastor's two sons (Tosin and Daniel) because the pastor's wife got involved in an accident. While she was with the pastor's sons, two of their friends surfaced and they went inside to discuss. They came back outside and told stella to come in and speak to her father. Unknowingly to stella that they were about to carry out their evil plan. They overpowered her and raped her in turns. She lost consciousness and met herself at the hospital. Her parents especially her mum wanted to press charges but after so many appeals by the church elders, the voice of persuasion prevailed. Stella blamed and hated God for all that happened. She didn't pray to God for the next five years and she engaged in all forms of immorality. She took her immorality to the next level when she entered the university until one day when a man appeared to her and promised to replace all the clothes which had been taken from her if she agrees to return to him. She woke up shocked and after few days, she resumed her usual life. She finally returned to God when she had the same dream again but in a little bit

modified way. At that point, she knew God was pointing at her disgraceful story and asking her to return to him.

3. What are the points of divergence between the written and the film version of Solomon A. Edebor's *Good morning, Sodom*.
 - I) Mrs. Diran was said to be present in the book but wasn't present in the movie.
 - II) In movement 1 of the book, Keziah's hair was said to be braided but she was on wig in the movie.
 - III) In the book, Olumide said trust me but in the film, he said nothing.
 - IV) Movement two: she was already on a phone call in the film while in the book she stopped because her phone was ringing.
 - V) Movement three: in the film there were latecomers in the class while in the film there was no latecomers.
 - VI) Movement four: in the film demola bought only malt and Keziah ate rice and stew while in the book he ate and she ate rice with beans and plantain.
 - VII) Movement five: in the film they were under tree while in the book they were coming from class
 - VIII) Movement six: demola did not ask what type of phone she was using in the film while in the book he asked.
In the film she slapped him after she woke up and she did not shout mogbe while in the book she did not slap him and she shouted mogbe.
 - IX) Movement seven: K.K was already sitting down in film while in book K.K came to join him.
 - X) Movement eight: Demola was already part of the Red shadows cultist in the movie while in the book, he was just joining.
It was the dragon and fistula they were avenging while in the book, it was dragon and fistula.
 - XI) Movement nine was skipped
 - XII) Movement ten: in the movie, there was no blood when demola died. Keziah fainted immediately on seeing demola's dead body in the movie but in the book, she fainted after taking some steps.
There was no car and hospital seen in the movie in this movement.

- XIII) Movement twelve: in the book, stella only stood and waved at them when Keziah and her family were going home after Keziah was discharged while in the movie, she entered the front seat of the car.
- XIV) Movement thirteen: The D.P.O was a male in the movie while she was a female in the book.
- XV) Movement fourteen: Mrs Richard was absent in the movie but she was present in the book.
- XVI) Movement fifteen: In the book, they were in the bed room while in the movie, they were in the sitting room. Then after everything, Keziah's mother was consoling her in her room but in the book, there was nothing like that.
- XVII) Movement 17: Mrs Nkampanganga was not shown in the movie but she was shown in the book.