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ASSIGNMENT.

QUESTIONS:

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 analysis of any 3 characters in Solomon A. Edebor’s Good Morning Sodom play.

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

ANSWER

1. Five underlying thematic thrust the drama engages.

* Inadequate Parental Care
* Peer pressure
* Cultism
* Drug abuse
* Brutish sexual drive

**Inadequate Parental care**

It is any behavior that contributes to offspring survival like providing shelter, food, clothes and defending offspring from danger. Lack of parental care can cause distance between the parent and child. The child doesn’t receive parent love. Most parents don’t have time for their children because of work while some were raised by their guardians who can’t probably give them parental love and care. Demola lacked parental love and care because his parents, Engineer Diran and his wife Mrs. Diran. They never asked about their son’s wellbeing and academics life. They always assumed that Demola was doing good in School. They never called to check up on him during his stay in school. They gave him all his wants and needs without asking him what he needed it for. K.K noticed Demola got everything he needed so he decided to take advantage of it. K.K influenced Demola to do all the bad things. If Demola received proper care and love he wouldn’t have gone astray.

**Peer pressure**

This is the direct or indirect influence on peers. The pressure that you feel to behave in a certain way because your friends or people in the group expect it. It can also be defined as doing something out of your comfort zone just because you want to pleas others. Peer pressure can be positive or negative but most times there have only been negative situations. Getting the right balance between being yourself and fitting in the group is a way of coping with peer pressure. Demola Diran in Good Morning, Sodom play was a victim of peer pressure with the kind of people he moved around with. He wasn’t able to handle the pressure from his friends and listened to their bad advices which led him to an Uncanny death. Keziah was also a victim of peer pressure, her friends Ovie and Bunmi who talked her into falling for Demola’s trap which mares her life.

**Cultism**

Cultism is the practices and devotions of a cult. Cultism can also be defined as an act of belonging to a secret cult in an educational institution. Cult is a secret society which is not open to everyone. K.K who was a bad influence on Demola brought up a cultism deal and took Demola there when Demola wasn’t in his right state because K.K drugged him. Demola and few other men that were placed in the middle of the group kneeing. Demola was introduced to the cult without his consent.

**Drug Abuse**

This is the use of illegal drugs or use of prescription or over the counter drugs for purposes other than treatments. It can affect one’s mental, emotional, social, physical status. Demola Diran was a victim of drug abuse through his friend K.K. K.K told Demola drugs will change his life positively and make him forget his pains and sorrows. Demola also drugged Keziah with hard drugs in her drink to take advantage of her. Also, during the cult gathering, all members were asked to take drugs for the initiation process to be complete.

**Brutish Sexual Drive**

The sexual drive drawn here is some what resembling or is a characteristic of a brute. Demola was tempted to sleep with Keziah. His sexual drive became higher which made him sleep with her, causing her with an eternal damage.

1. Character analyses of any three characters in Solomon A. Edebor’s Good Morning, Sodom

* **Demola Diran**: He is a 200 level undergraduate of Mayflower university who is a course mate of Keziah. Demola showed interest in Keziah who knew he had feelings for her. Keziah didn’t want to have anything to do with Demola. He deceived Keziah, she thought he meant only good and no harm to her. Demola drugged Keziah to take advantage because of his high sexual urge and this action got Keziah pregnant and ruined her education adventure. He actually lacked parental care this brought about not giving him a good moral upbringing. He was also a victim of peer group influence. K.K his friend who introduced him to joining cult which led him to suffer from undignified death. Demola was also introduced to drugs and was expelled for anti-social vices despite him being dead.
* **Keziah Richards**: She is also in 200 level undergraduate of the Mayflower University. She is the daughter of Dr Aworawo Richards and Mrs. Joke Richards. She was a disciplined and focused student who was only interested in her education. She always tried to make her parents proud by studying hard but she later became a victim of negative peer pressure brought to her by Demola and her other course mates, Ovie and Bunmi who tried to deceive her. Despite her ignoring and refusing the advances Demola gave her, her virginity was taken by Demola through rape. Through this Keziah became pregnant and her education adventure was affected because she had to atop school. She almost got disowned by her father and had to dropout from school, this caused crisis for her. It was a very difficult task for her but her mum stood by her and showed her unstoppable love even when her father cut ties with her. Her father later forgave her and started to care for her again and also sent her back to school after her safe delivery.
* **Stella:** She was a roommate to Keziah and kind of a friend. She was raped by her pastor’s sons and their cousins. She lost all hope, faith and trust with God but she was eventually drawn back to him. She has dealt with her fears and now has trust in the lord.

1. The points of divergence between the published and the film version of GOOD MORNING, SODOM?

* **Setting**: The setting of Good Morning, Sodom was said to be Mayflower University in the book but the film version revealed that it was the Mayflower University in Ugbebor, Nigeria. This university was a fictional piece as it doesn’t exist in reality.
* **Dialogue**: There was some conversations that were added in the film version of Good Morning, Sodom, which includes :
  1. In the Thirteenth Movement of the book Good Morning, Sodom, some new conversations were added in the film version. In the film version, the DPO told the IPO to hasten with the investigation, duplicate the case file, send a copy to the DPP for advice and to round up the investigation as soon as possible in order to commence prosecution.
  2. The court scene in the film version had the conversation reduced, this was probably to reduce the time length of the movie.