**UGWU Sophia**

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**Media and communication studies**

**Social and management studies**

1.) Attempt an incisive interrogation of Solomon A. Edebor’s Good Morning Sodom, underscoring at least five underlying thematic thrusts 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?

1.) A.) **Obsession**: obsession is an idea or thought that continually preoccupies or intrudes on a person’s mind and this can be seen on the part of Demola, who was deeply infatuated and obsessed with Keziah, Demola believed that he loved Keziah, but he couldn’t stand the idea of not having her and he let himself be influenced negatively even though he knew what he was going to do was wrong.At first, he had good intentions but after Keziah’s continuous rejection and negative influence of his friend kk, he gave into desperation and instead of letting her go he decided to drug and rape her.

B.)  **Negative peer influence**: This can be seen in the case of Demola who was negatively influenced by his best friend kk, who encouraged him to engage in many criminal practices to his detriment. Kk took advantage of Demola’s wealthy background and succeeded in making him do many terrible things like leaving hostel for town, introducing him to drugs, leading him to join a cult and even convincing him to rape his course mate Keziah whom he had been infatuated with. Although kk later regretted his actions, the damage had already been done and it cost Demola his life.

C.) **Lack of adequate parental care and monitoring**: This was depicted by Demola’s parents who did not play an active part in their child’s upbringing. They did not monitor his activities in school and let him have his way most if not all the time. They even admitted to knowing that Damola lied to them but letting him get away with it and not bothering to check on him. They did not bother to know how he was doing in school and what his challenges were, and they created the opportunity for his friends to take their place and influence their son negatively in their absence. They lured him into practicing many despicable things all without his parents’ knowledge and unfortunately it led to his demise and his parents had to live with the consequences of their actions forever.

D.) **Sexual abuse**: This was a major theme explored in the book, and it was depicted in the cases of stella and Keziah. Good morning Sodom talks about the effects of sexual abuse on the victims and the lifelong stigma that the victims had to face. In stella’s case, she denounced her faith for a while and was not able to connect with God after the incident. It scarred her and left her with bitterness until she was able to find peace once she found God again. While Keziah was raped by Demola, a friend she trusted and did not expect to violate her, it caused many problems for her as she ended up pregnant and even attempted to take her own life.

E.) **Remorsefulness:** this can be seen on the part of Demola and kk who both felt remorse for their actions. Demola felt guilt and was deeply troubled by his actions towards Keziah as he even tried to apologize to her, even though she did not accept his apology, he regretted his actions and felt sorry for his actions. In the case of kk, he felt sorry towards Demola and his family for deceiving his friend, leading him down the wrong path and leading him to his death which he caused unintentionally. He later apologized to Demola’s parents and admitted his involvement in Demola’s downfall and later death.

2.) A.) **DEMOLA DIRAN**: He is a 200 level English student, described by his course mate ovie as “serious, intelligent and hardworking”. He was infatuated with one of his course mates, Keziah. He tried many times to get her to date him, but he was never able to persuade her. He listened to the bad advice of his friends and conducted a plan to drug and rape Keziah after convincing her to come to his home. Demola was influenced negatively by his friend kk and left his hostel for town, he started using drugs and even joined the“red shadows” cult group, which later got him killed. He did not have a close relationship with his parents, and they were not actively involved in his life, giving him whatever he wanted whenever he asked, which allowed him to fall into the wrong crowd. He had a child with Keziah, but he died before he found out she was pregnant. Overall, Demola was not a bad person, just easily swayed by his friends and gave into his desperation for Keziah but he later felt remorse and even tried to apologize to her, despite his despicable acts, he felt sorry for his actions.

B**.) KEZIAH RICHARDS**: She is a 200-level student that is very well mannered, she comes from a loving home and has a good relationship with her parents. She is very hardworking and focused on her studies, she did not want any distractions in her life. She was actively pursued by her course mate Demola, she tried to reject his advances many times, but Demola was very persuasive, after the persuasion of Demola and some of her course mates; Ovie and Bunmi, she agreed to meet up with Demola to study. Unfortunately, things went south as Demola drugged and raped Keziah, leaving her feeling angry and dejected. Keziah refused Demola’s apology and never forgave him. she had a tough time with her parents after they found out about her pregnancy as her father refused to believe the circumstances of her pregnancy. She later attempted to take her life before being rescued by her father, she later had the child, a baby girl and continued her education with the support of her parents.

C**.) ENGINEER DIRAN**: He is Demola’s father, he cared about his son but was not incredibly involved in his life in school. He made sure he provided whatever his son needed, ensuring that he secured his future financially but did not ensure his wellbeing. He did not question his son’s choices and was not aware of many of the things he was doing on campus. He knew his son lied to him but did not bother to check on him. He was surprised and saddened when he found out about his son’s despicable practices, he acknowledged the fact that he failed his son and had to live with consequences of his actions. He took responsibility for his son’s actions by being there for Keziah and the child when he found out

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

o In the **second movement** of the book, it was made to seem like Demola and Keziah had their conversion on their way to the library while in the movie the conversion happened in the library with Keziah walking away and leaving Demola sitting.

o In the **third movement** of the book, during Dr Yusuf’slecture, no one interrupted but during the movie two students interrupted the lecture by coming late.

o Also in the **third movement**, Demola approached only Ovie after class to talk to her about Keziah, but in the movie, he approached both Bunmi and Ovie, and the conversation took place in class instead of outside as proposed in the book.

o In the **fourth movement**, Demola was said to be eating rice in the cafeteria while talking to Keziah but in the movie, he only had a drink.

o In the **sixth movement**, Keziah received a message from Ovie and the type of phone she was using was specified, meanwhile in the movie it wasn’t specified, and the message wasn’t mentioned.

o Also in the **sixth movement**, it was said that stella woke up in the hospital after regaining consciousness, but it wasn’t depicted in the movie, also, in the book the man in her dream was wearing khaki shirt, shorts and a cap but in the movie, he was wearing Ankara shirt and trousers without a cap. Also, stella’s meeting with Emmanuella took place in her bedroom not long after she woke up from her dream in the book but in the movie, it took place outside while stella was drying her clothes.

o In the **eight movement** of the book, during the red shadows meeting, three men including Demola was initiated that night but, in the movie, it was only two men that were initiated excluding Demola as he was already a member of the red shadows.

o The gun shots incident that took place in the **ninth movement** of the book was not depicted in the movie.

o In the **tenth movement** of the book, Keziah was said to have collapsed a few meters away from the crowd and was hurriedly carried to a car, but she collapsed amid the crowd during the movie and when she was carried to car was not shown.

o In the **thirteenth movement** of the book, the DPO is a woman but in the movie the DPO is played by a man, also there were only two other criminals along with kk but in the movie there were three.

o In the **sixteenth movement** of the book, the conversation between Dr Richards and his wife about Keziah’s pregnancy took place in their bedroom but in the movie, it took place in the parlor.

o the court case which took place in the **seventeenthmovement** of the book was abridged in the movie and the names of the cultists were mentioned in full “Torkuma Okorie, Musa Abubakar, Olupitan Steve” but it was never mentioned in the book. Also, the scene where Mrs Nkanga collapsed after the verdict in the book, did not happen in the movie.

o In the **nineteenth movement** of the book, both Mr. and Mrs Diran were present in Agobi prison when kk confessed to them but in the movie only Mr. Diran was present as Mrs Diran was said to be dead in the movie.

o In the **twenty-third movement** of the book, Keziah’s daughter was named Mouritha, while in the movie she was called Heritage Demola-Diran, also in the book, Chinenye the caretaker Keziah’s parents hired for her was not mentioned in the movie.