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## Apology by Plato

### Short Answer Key

1. Socrates was charged with impiety (disrespecting the gods of Athens) and corrupting the youth by encouraging them to question authority and traditional beliefs.
2. Socrates defends philosophy by arguing that it encourages critical thinking, self-examination, and the pursuit of wisdom, which benefits both individuals and society.
3. Socrates uses irony to highlight the paradox of wisdom and ignorance. He claims to be ignorant, even though he is known for his wisdom, to demonstrate the limitations of human knowledge.
4. Socrates accepts the guilty verdict and the death sentence with equanimity, believing that death is either a dreamless sleep or a continuation of his philosophical journey in the afterlife.
5. "Apology" raises fundamental questions about the nature of wisdom, the value of philosophy, the relationship between the individual and society, and the importance of questioning established beliefs.

