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## On Liberty by John Stuart Mill

### Short Answer Key

1. The harm principle states that the only legitimate reason for society to restrict an individual's liberty is to prevent harm to others.
2. Mill believes that dissenting opinions and controversial ideas contribute to the robustness of society's beliefs and encourage critical thinking.
3. The "tyranny of the majority" refers to a situation where the majority suppresses minority voices and opinions, which Mill considers problematic due to the stifling of dissent and diversity of thought.
4. Mill views education as essential for fostering responsible exercise of individual liberty, as it helps individuals make informed and ethical choices.
5. Mill's ideas in "On Liberty" have influenced modern political thought by advocating for individual freedom, limited government intervention, and the protection of minority rights.

