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Candide by Voltaire

Multiple Choice Questions

1. Who is Candide's mentor and teacher of optimism in the novella?
 - a) Pangloss
 - b) Martin
 - c) Cacambo
 - d) Voltaire

2. What philosophical concept does Pangloss's optimism parody in "Candide"?
 - a) Existentialism
 - b) Stoicism
 - c) Leibniz's optimism
 - d) Nihilism

3. What is the recurring phrase associated with Pangloss's philosophy?
 - a) "Life is meaningless."
 - b) "All is for the best in the best of all possible worlds."
 - c) "God is dead."
 - d) "Nothing matters."

4. What themes are satirized in "Candide" by Voltaire?
 - a) Only religion
 - b) Only philosophy
 - c) Religion, philosophy, government, and society
 - d) Only government

5. Despite the trials and tribulations he faces, what characteristic defines Candide's outlook on life?
 - a) Pessimism
 - b) Resilience
 - c) Indifference
 - d) Cynicism

