

Read the text and answer the questions that follow.

Lady Malvern calls

Lady Malvern has entrusted her pampered son, Wilmot, to the care of Mr Wooster in New York while she is touring America. Wilmot is now in Blackwell's Island prison. Mr Wooster has no idea how to explain Wilmot's imprisonment to Lady Malvern; fortunately, his butler, Jeeves, steps in to help.

'If I might explain, your Ladyship.'

Jeeves had projected himself in from the dining room and materialised on the rug. Lady Malvern tried to freeze him with a look, but you can't do that sort of thing to Jeeves. He is look-proof.

'I fancy, your ladyship, that you may have misunderstood Mr Wooster, and that he may have given you the impression that he was in New York when his lordship was—removed. When Mr Wooster informed your ladyship that his lordship had gone to Boston, he was relying on the version I had given him of his lordship's movements. Mr Wooster was away, visiting a friend in the country, at the time, and knew nothing of the matter till your ladyship informed him.'

Lady Malvern gave a kind of grunt. It didn't rattle Jeeves.

'I feared Mr Wooster might be disturbed if he knew the truth, as he is so attached to his lordship and has taken such pains to look after him, so I took the liberty of telling him that his lordship had gone away for a visit. It might have been hard for Mr Wooster to believe that his lordship had gone to prison voluntarily and from the best motives, but your ladyship, knowing him better, will readily understand.'

'What!' Lady Malvern goggled at him. 'Did you say that Lord Pershore went to prison voluntarily?'

'If I might explain, your ladyship. I think that your ladyship's parting words made a deep impression on his lordship. I have frequently heard him speak to Mr Wooster of his desire to do something to follow your ladyship's instructions and collect material for your ladyship's book on America. Mr Wooster will bear me out when I say that his lordship was frequently extremely depressed at the thought that he was doing so little to help.'

'Absolutely, by Jove! Quite pipped about it!' I said.

'The idea of making a personal examination into the prison system of the country—from within—occurred to his lordship very suddenly one night. He embraced it eagerly. There was no restraining him.'

Lady Malvern looked at Jeeves, then at me, then at Jeeves again. I could see her struggling with the thing.

'Surely, your ladyship,' said Jeeves, 'it is more reasonable to suppose that a gentleman of his lordship's character went to prison of his own volition than that he committed some breach of the law which necessitated his arrest?'

Lady Malvern blinked. Then she got up.

'Mr Wooster,' she said, 'I apologise. I have done you an injustice. I should have known Wilmot better. I should have had more faith in his pure, fine spirit.'

'Absolutely!' I said.

42. 'Jeeves had projected himself in from the dining room and materialised on the rug.'

What does this quotation tell readers about the way that Jeeves arrived in the room?

- (A) He stumbled into the room.
(B) He hurried into the room.
(C) He entered the room when called.
(D) He appeared in the room unnoticed.
43. Jeeves used the word 'removed' to describe what happened to Wilmot in order to
- (A) cause confusion about Wilmot's location.
(B) understate the seriousness of the situation.
(C) provoke trouble between Wilmot and Lady Malvern.
(D) suggest that the situation could be easily reversed.
44. 'He embraced it eagerly.'
- In this quotation the word 'it' refers to
- (A) the defence of innocent people in the prison system.
(B) the idea of improving the prison system.
(C) the problems associated with the prison system.
(D) the idea of investigating the prison system firsthand.
45. Which aspect of Jeeves's explanation did Lady Malvern struggle with?
- (A) the fact that Jeeves was speaking directly to her
(B) the concept that Wilmot had voluntarily gone to prison
(C) the idea that Wilmot wanted to help with research for her book
(D) the need to punish Wilmot for his misbehaviour
46. Which option could replace the sentence 'I have done you an injustice', and retain the same meaning?
- (A) I have accused you of being unjust.
(B) I have avoided an injustice.
(C) I have treated you unjustly.
(D) I have helped you to prevent an injustice.
47. Which statement best describes Jeeves's character?
- (A) He is prepared to defer to the intelligence of his employer.
(B) He respects those people whom he perceives to be superior.
(C) He presents himself with confidence and is able to easily fool others.
(D) He thinks nothing of protecting himself at the expense of his employer.
48. This story is told from the perspective of
- (A) Mr Wooster.
(B) Lord Pershore.
(C) Jeeves.
(D) Lady Malvern.

