A Triumph of Surgery

Assignment

Short Questions:

1. What does Mrs Pumphrey do to help Tricki? Is she wise in this?
2. Is the narrator as rich as Tricki’s mistress?
3. How does he treat the dog?
4. Why is he tempted to keep Tricki on as a permanent guest?
5. Why does Mrs Pumphrey think the dog’s recovery is ‘a triumph of surgery’?

Long Questions:

1. Do you think it is a real-life episode or mere fiction? Or is it a mixture of both?
2. A Triumph of Surgery describes the silly behaviour of a rich woman who is foolishly indulgent, perhaps because she is lonely. Do you think such people are merely silly or can their actions cause harm to others?
3. What would you have done if you were in the narrator’s place?