1. **Context**

The passage occurs in the *Crito.* Socrates is in prison awaiting his execution. He is visited by his friend Crito, who tries to convince Socrates to escape. Crito has sufficient money and resources to secure the escape, but Socrates ultimately argues that it would be unjust to do so. In this passage, Crito presents three arguments for the claim that the just thing is, in fact, to escape.

1. **Content**

Crito gave three reasons as to why Socrates accepting his death would unjust. First, Socrates would be doing what his enemies wanted and therefore he would be collaborating with someone who was doing something wrong. Second, Crito brought up the matter of Socrates’s children and said that he would be failing to raise and educate his sons. He insinuated that Socrates would be a bad father if he let his children be at a disadvantage as orphans even if he was given the option not to. Lastly, he said that by accepting his death, he was being a coward and choosing the easy way out because living was the much harder choice. He is saying that Socrates is going against his own words by refusing to flee.

1. **Assessment**

I don’t fully agree with Crito’s belief that escaping Athens was the right and just course of action despite the arguments he presents. By implying that Socrates should escape his punishment for whatever reason, then Crito is also implying that anyone can do so. If everyone were to just pick and choose which laws to abide by, then there would be no structure and chaos would ensue.