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TOPIC- SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER

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EXPLANATIONS

Explain with reference to the context the lines given below:

Q. 2. "I often told you, that though ready to obey you, I should leave my little fortune behind with reluctance. The greatest part of it was left me by my uncle, the India director, and chiefly consists in jewels. I have been for some time persuading my aunt to let me wear them. If fancy I'm very near succeeding. The instant they are put into my possession, you shall find me ready to make them and myself yours."

ANS- These lines are spoken by Miss Neville in Act II Scene I of the play, "She Stoops to Conquer" authored by Goldsmith. When Hastings proposes her to elope that night with

him and go to France where they could marry, she says that she is ready to go with him wherever he chose. But she expresses a little reluctance to go away without her jewellery. This is more so because most of it has been left over for her by her mother, and so she has sentimental attachment with it. She has been persuading Mr. Hardcastle for some time to give her back her jewelley and she is almost ready to do so. The moment she comes to possess her box of jewellery, she would surrender herself and all her possessions to him. He could then take her whenever and wherever he would like.

These lines show that Miss Neville sincerely and deeply loves Mr. Hardcastle and she is fully ready to elope with him. She is a fashionable young lady so jewellery is her weakness which causes hindrance in way of her elopement.
