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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.NO.4.-            “I never knew half his merit till now. He shall not go, if I have power or art to detain him. I'll still preserve the character in which I stooped to conquer; but will undeceive my papa who perhaps may laugh him out of his resolution.”

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These lines are spoken by Miss Hardcastle in Act IV Scene I of Goldsmith's play, “She Stoops to Conquer”. Marlow's disillusionment and repentance bring the other side of his character and personality to Mr. Hardcastle. Miss Hardcastle

now discovers in Marlow many qualities which remained undiscovered so far.

Now she discovers many new qualities in him. She had not seen even half of his merits till then. Now she will not let him go, if she has the power and tact in her to detain him. She will continue to play this role, stooping to conquer him. She will tell everything to her father, who may just laugh away his folly and shake him from determination to go away from here.

This is the common pattern in all love comedies. In the beginning of the story complications are created in the course of love and gradually all those complications are resolved one by one and the story proceeds towards ringing of wedding bells.

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