

**Degree ii ( Honours )**  
**Paper - iv**  
**Book- She Stoops to Conquer**  
**Explanatory Section**

**Explanation: 1**

**I protest..... deficiencies below.**

The above these lines have been taken from a wonderful laughing comedy *She Stoops to Conquer*, written by a great writer **Oliver Goldsmith**. These lines have been spoken by the hero of the play Marlow in act iv.

Here, **Marlow** totally misunderstands Mr. Hardcastle. He takes him to mean that his servants are not drinking enough and, therefore the innkeeper cannot make any profit. If others were to be as miserly as these servants, the innkeeper would have to close his business. In that sense, his servants were setting a bad example in the house which Marlow mistakes to understand the real significance of the remark, which Marlow does not.

**Marlow and Mr. Hardcastle** are at cross-purpose. **Hardcastle** is offended because the servants are drinking freely and behaving in an improper manner. Marlow thinks that innkeeper is dissatisfied because the servants are not drinking enough. So, he assures him that he has definitely instructed his servants to drink, as much as they could; still if

they could not drink enough, he is not to be blamed. Mr. Hardcastle on the other hand, is angry because the servants are drinking excessively and creating disorder.

### **Explanation: 2**

**She that you addressed..... Ladies' Club.**

In above these lines, the heroine of the drama, Kate Hardcastle tells Marlow, that she is the same girl, with whom he talked in the first meeting in a sober and sentimental vein, and later called her “a tall squinting” thing. Next, he took her to be a bar maid and talked to her as a swaggering braggart, whom the ladies called the ‘agreeable rattle’ of the Ladies’ Club. When Marlow first met Miss Hardcastle, he behaved as a modest sentimental gentleman. But in the next meeting when he took her to be a barmaid, he talked to her with bold forwardness and boasted that he was nicknamed as the agreeable rattle of the Ladies’ Club. The ladies were very fond of him. In this way does Kate mock at him.

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