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"The Rivals"

Question: - Write a short note on the character of Sir Anthony Absolute.

Answer: - Sir Anthony Absolute plays a significant role in the drama 'The Rivals'. He is a lovable character despite his whims and idiosyncrasies. He is a rich aristocrat suffering from gout. He abruptly decides to come to Bath to avoid another recurrence of his gout and he reaches Bath immediately. He is autocratic and does not tolerate any disagreement. He has no consideration for the wishes and feelings of others. He is both autocratic and obstinate.

Sir Anthony is a man of sound common sense and practical wisdom. It was his love for his son and his practical wisdom which caused him to propose his son's suit for Miss Lydia as she is an extremely good-natured and goodhumoured gentleman. He



humours Mrs. Malaprop when she is exposed and humiliated by telling her that she is still in bloom. He is a refined and accomplished man of the world. He is intelligent, cultured, prudent, affectionate. In brief, Sir Anthony is a very lively and lovable character with a deep affection for his son.

The end.

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