



**Provincial Department of Education- Sabaragamuwa-Week School**

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**Subject: Appreciation of English  
Literary Texts**

**Grade -10**

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## **The Nightingale and the Rose**

Oscar Wilde

### **Part 3**

Answer the following questions

- 1. By selecting a bird as the protagonist, Oscar Wilde questions humanity in the society in his short story 'The Nightingale and the Rose'. Comment on this statement with reference to the text.**

**You may include the following points in your answer.**

- who the protagonist is
- what qualities are depicted through the character of the protagonist.
- the other main characters and the strengths and weaknesses brought out through those characters
- your opinion on the view discussed in the question

**2. Even though fairy tale elements are obvious in the prose ‘The Nightingale and the Rose’, the writer brings out a harsh social criticism underneath.**

**Do you agree?**

**You may include :**

- what fairy tale elements are apparent in the text
- different aspects of the society criticized by the writer
- your idea on the given statement

**3. All the efforts and the sacrifice done by the Nightingale ultimately become futile due to deceit and hypocrisy prevailing in the human world. Is this an adequate analysis on the prose “The Nightingale and the Rose”?**

**You may include:**

- the efforts and the sacrifice done by the Nightingale
- the qualities depicted through the characters of the young student and the professor’s daughter
- your opinion on the given statement