

## **The Frog and the Nightingale Previous Year Questions (with model answers)**

**Q1. Read the following excerpts and answer the questions briefly. [CBSE 2024]**

“Yes,” the frog replied. “You see,  
I’m the frog who owns this tree.  
In this bog I’ve long been known  
For my splendid baritone  
And, of course, I wield my pen for  
Bog Trumpet now and then”.

**(i) Why is the frog famous in the bog?**

**Ans.** He is known for his splendid voice.

**(ii) Which characteristic trait of the frog is revealed from the above lines?**

**Ans.** He is proud

**(iii) Explain the term ‘baritone’.**

**Ans.** It means the adult male singing voice

**(iv) How does the frog introduce himself?**

**Ans.** He introduces itself as the owner of the tree.

**Q2. ‘The Nightingale was a misfit in the world of the cunning.’ Comment.  
[CBSE 2020]**

**Ans.** Yes, we agree and this statement means only those people can survive in this world who thrive as this world is full of cunning people and innocent people like the nightingale who are trusting by nature cannot survive and thus considered a misfit. The Nightingale was not able to sense the frog’s motive and thus lost her life.

**Q3. In what ways had the nightingale’s life changed after her arrival in the Bingle Bog? [CBSE 2019]**

**Ans.** After arriving in the Bingle Bog, the nightingale’s life changed dramatically. She rose to fame as a brilliant singer who had brought relief to the Bingle Bog’s animals by taking on the Sumac Tree and outshining the frog’s baritone. However, her celebrity did not last long as she accepted to participate in the frog’s training plan, which resulted in her not only being tortured but also leading to her sad demise.

**Q4. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : [CBSE 2018]**

“You must make your public happier :

Give them something, sharper, snappier.  
We must aim for better billings.”

**(a) Identify the speaker of the above lines.**

**Ans.** The frog is the speaker of the above lines

**(b) Who does ‘we’ refer to?**

**Ans.** ‘We’ refers to the frog and the nightingale

**(c) What must be done for ‘better billings’?**

**Ans.** For ‘better billings’ we must be sharp and alert. We should be able to do something extra-ordinary to get that attention in public.

**(d) What trait of the speaker’s character is revealed through the above lines?**

**Ans.** The speaker’s character has been portrayed as an arrogant, pompous, haughty, patronizing, opportunist, condescending and boastful.

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