

Standard: VII

Time : 2 Hrs

- First 15 minutes is given as cool off time. Read the questions carefully during this time.
- Activity I is compulsory.
- Attempt any four activities from Activity II to Activity VI.
- Each activity carries 5 scores.

### Activity I

Here is a story for you. Read it carefully and answer the questions given below.

A long time ago in Siam (now known as Thailand), there lived a king. His daughter was as beautiful as a flower. She loved cats. There were all kinds of cats in the palace. She loved the grey cat the most.

One afternoon, the princess and her friends went to a lake for a bath. The grey cat followed her. The princess wore many golden rings on her fingers. She was always afraid that she would lose them. But she was clever.



“Come, my lovely one,” said the princess to the cat. “You shall wear my rings on your tail and I shall tie a knot on it. Then the rings will not fall off.”



The princess got into the cool water with her friends. The cat sat on the bank and waited. He did not play with the birds flying around him. He was afraid he would lose the golden rings. When the princess got out of the water, the proud cat walked towards her. The rings were still on his tail. The princess untied the knot and took back the rings. She saw that the tail was bent. And that is why a Siamese cat has a bend at the end of its tail.

1. What is the new name of Siam?
2. Find out the word from the passage that means 'drop to the ground'.
3. Where did the princess and her friends go for a bath?
4. Why didn't the cat play with the birds?
5. The princess wore many golden rings on her fingers.

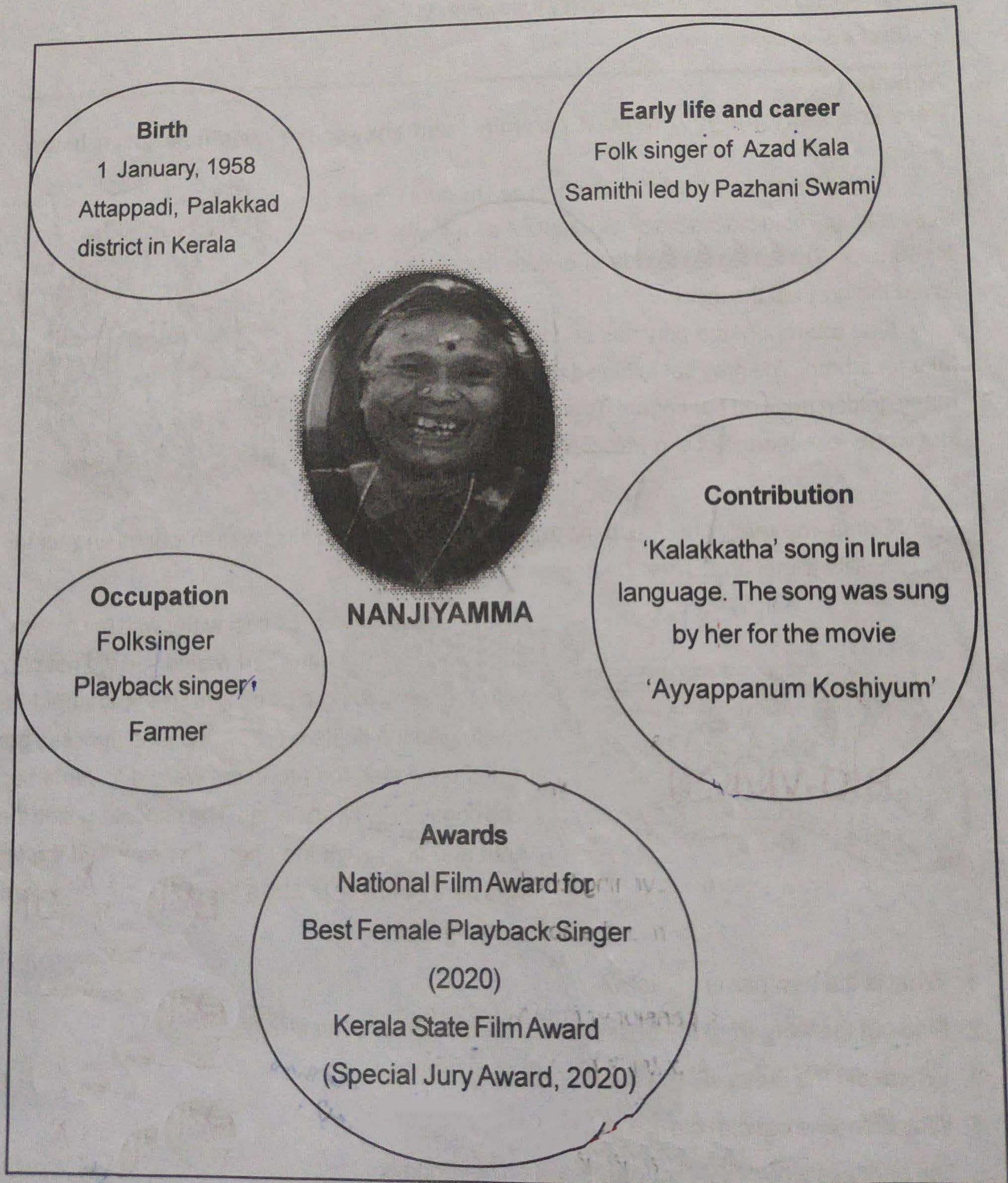
The underlined word is a **describing word**.

Find out any **two describing words** from the passage.

## Activity II

Some details about Nanjiyamma, a famous playback singer are given below. She hails from a tribal community in Kerala.

Prepare a profile of Nanjiyamma.



### Activity III

A lonely child got a puppy from the street. He liked it very much. He took the puppy home. "Throw the street dog out and come in", said the mother. The lonely child became sad again. He sat at the doorstep of the house.

**Write the thoughts of the lonely child at that time.**



### Activity IV

Some events of the story, "Master of the Game" are given in jumbled order.

**Rearrange the events and write the story.**

- ◆ He went out one evening to talk to the boys when the noise became unbearable.
- ◆ This was too much for the boys and they stormed away and never played on the street again.
- ◆ An old man, a pensioner from Mumbai had to put up with the nuisance of boys playing cricket outside his house at night.
- ◆ The fourth week, the man said that he could only give 5 rupees per week.
- ◆ He promised to pay the boys 25 rupees per week to play in the street at night.

## Activity V

Read the news reports given below carefully. Find out the suitable headlines from the box and write them in your answer paper.

1

Lionel Messi's once-in-a-generation career is complete. The Argentina superstar is finally a World Cup champion. He scored 2 goals and then another in a shootout as Argentina beat France 4-2 on penalties to claim a third WC title despite Kylian Mbappe scoring the first hat-trick in a final in 56 years.

2

**KOCHI:** The Kerala State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) is readying to roll out over 1,000 buses in 2023, a bulk of which would be electric buses. The introduction of over 1,000 buses is as part of 'Mission 8 Crore', an endeavour to increase the KSRTC's daily revenue.

3

**THRISSUR:** A worker, who was injured in a blast at a fireworks manufacturing unit at Kundannur, near Wadakkanchery, succumbed to burn injuries at Thrissur Medical College Hospital on Tuesday.

### HEADLINES

Worker injured in Kundannur fireworks unit explosion dies

Argentina first South American team to win World Cup in 20 years

KSRTC to roll out 1,000 - odd buses this year

## Activity VI

Edit the following passage.

Robertinos mother and father were too asamed to look into his eyes. They take grandfather's arm and led him back for the dining room. They stood him near and helped him as he ate.