

SAMAGRA SHIKSHA KERALA
First Term Evaluation 2025-2026
English

Time: 2 Hours

Maximum Marks: 25

- Read the questions carefully before answering them.
- Activity I is compulsory.
- Attempt any four activities from Activity II to VII.

1 Activity I: Reading Comprehension (5 Marks)

Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below.

Life in a new country can be both exciting and challenging. Kunhichirutha, a girl from Kerala, learned to adapt to New Jersey's cold winters and unfamiliar customs, finding comfort in kind friends like Antoinette from France. Sharing stories about their cultures, like France's Bastille Day or India's festivals, helped them connect. The world's diversity, like the colors in a song, reminds us that every culture adds beauty to our lives, creating bonds across differences.

1. What challenges did Kunhichirutha face in New Jersey? (1 mark)
2. How did Antoinette and Kunhichirutha connect, according to the passage? (1 mark)
3. What does the passage compare the world's diversity to? (1 mark)
4. Find a word in the passage that means 'friendly' or 'supportive'. (1 mark)
5. Why does the passage say every culture adds beauty to our lives? (1 mark)

2 Activity II: Diary Entry (5 Marks)

Imagine you are Kunhichirutha, writing about your experience adjusting to the short winter days in New Jersey. Describe your feelings about the climate, your interactions with Prakash, and how they remind you of home.

3 Activity III: Conversation (5 Marks)

Antoinette is nervous about sharing her French culture in a school event. Write a conversation between Kunhichirutha and Antoinette, where Kunhichirutha encourages her to talk about France's festivals, like Bastille Day.

4 Activity IV: Invitation Card (5 Marks)

Inspired by the song "The Colours of Earth," the school is hosting a cultural fair to celebrate diversity. Prepare an invitation card inviting parents and students, highlighting activities like cultural performances and food stalls.

5 Activity V: Rearrange Events (5 Marks)

The following are events from Kunhichirutha's story. Rearrange them in the correct order.

- Kunhichirutha feels welcomed by her teacher, Ms. Hopkins.
- Kunhichirutha moves to New Jersey from Kerala.
- Prakash correctly pronounces Kunhichirutha's name at the confectionery.
- Antoinette joins Kunhichirutha's class from France.
- Kunhichirutha is startled by Kate mispronouncing her name.

6 Activity VI: Editing (5 Marks)

Read the passage and edit the underlined words.

Kunhichirutha (a) write a reply to Antoinette's email. She (b) tell about her vacation in Kerala. Antoinette (c) share photos of Marseilles. Their emails (d) is full of excitement. Kunhichirutha (e) feel happy to stay connected. They (f) plans to meet after the vacation.

7 Activity VII: Thoughts (5 Marks)

Imagine you are a student who performed a dance inspired by "The Colours of Earth" at a school event. Prepare your thoughts about the experience. Consider:

- Will you think about the song's message of diversity?
- Will you feel excited about wearing a cultural mask?
- What will you think about your classmates' performances?
- Will you feel inspired to explore other cultures?