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## Preface

We are pleased to launch a thoroughly revised edition of this workbook. We welcome feedback from students, teachers, educators and parents. For improvements in the next edition, please send your suggestions at info@crestolympiads.com. Our team will make an effort to work on those suggestions. The status of the improvements can be checked at https://www.crestolympiads.com/corrections-class6-726

CREST Olympiads is one of the largest Olympiad Exams with students from more than 60 countries. The objective of these exams is to build a competitive spirit while evaluating students on conceptual understanding of the concepts.

We strive to provide a superior learning experience, and this workbook is designed to complement the school studies and prepare the students for various competitive exams including the CREST Olympiads. This workbook provides a crisp summary of the topics followed by the practice questions. These questions encourage the students to think analytically, to be creative and to come up with solutions of their own. There is a previous year's paper given at the end of this workbook for the students to attempt after completing the syllabus. This paper should be attempted in 1 hour to get an assessment of the student's preparation for the final exam.


## Nouns

A noun is a naming word used as the name of a person, place, animal or thing.
Examples: Charles Darwin was a revolutionary naturalist who gave the theory of evolution of man. The given sentence has many nouns: Charles Darwin, naturalist, theory, evolution and man.

## Based on the usage of nouns, these are of the following types:

i. Proper noun
ii. Common noun
iii. Collective noun
iv. Abstract noun
v. Material noun
vi. Countable noun
vii. Un-countable noun

## Proper Noun

A proper noun is the name of a particular person or place.
Examples: Jasper, New York, Paris, Nicole, Mexico, etc.

## Examples:

- Charles Babbage is called the "father of computers".
- Nelson Mandela was the first black President of South Africa.


In the given sentences, Charles Babbage, Nelson Mandela and South Africa are proper nouns.

## Identification of Proper Noun

Proper nouns always begin with a capital letter.

## Common Noun

A common noun is a name given in common to every person or thing of the same class or kind. Example: dog, man, city, village, bag, pencil, etc.


Examples of common noun
Note: Sometimes proper nouns are used as common nouns. Note the use of "the" in the following sentence:
Example: He is the Einstein of the modern times.
Note: Collective nouns, abstract nouns and material nouns are also included in common nouns.

## Collective Noun

A collective noun is the name of a number (or collection) of persons or things taken together and spoken of as one whole.
Examples: team, jury, crowd, nation, family, etc.


Different names are given to different groups.

## Examples:

- An army of soldiers.
- A board of directors.
- A fleet of ships.
- A class of students.
- A flock of birds.
- A pack of wolves.
- A swarm of bees.
- A gang of thieves.
- A litter of puppies.
- A team of players.
- A pack of hounds.


## Abstract Noun

Things that cannot be touched but can be felt are abstract nouns. Abstract nouns are usually the name of a quality, action, or state.

Examples: wisdom, honesty, bravery, laughter, hatred, childhood, infancy, richness, poverty, etc.


## Formation of Abstract Nouns

Abstract nouns can be formed from adjectives, common nouns and verbs.
i. From adjectives: bravery from brave, wisdom from wise, honesty from honest, etc.
ii. From common nouns: childhood from child, poverty from poor, etc.
iii. From verbs: laughter from laugh, hatred from hate, growth from grow, etc.

## Material Noun

A material noun is the name of the matter or substance of which other things are made up of. Examples: plastic, gold, iron, wood, wrought iron, clay, silver, copper, bamboo etc.


Some nouns can be counted and some nouns cannot be counted. On this basis, nouns can be classified in two categories:
i. Countable nouns: The name of objects or things that can be counted.

Examples: boy, girl, man, bag, curtain, laptop, etc.
ii. Uncountable nouns: The name of objects or things that cannot be counted.

Examples: sugar, milk, water, air, honesty, gold, hair, scenery, advice, information, work, etc.
Note: Countable nouns have plural forms while uncountable nouns do not have plural forms.

## Changing Singular to Plural

Rule 1: Nouns ending in f/fe are made plural by changing 'f/fe' into 'ves'.
Examples:

- Wife- wives
- Leaf- leaves
- Knife- knives
- Wolf- wolves
- Calf- calves
- Thief- thieves
- Half- halves
- Life- lives

Exceptions: There are a few exceptions to the above-mentioned rule:

- Roof-roofs
- Chief-chiefs
- Belief-beliefs
- Safe-safes
- Proof-proofs
- Dwarf-dwarfs

Rule 2: Nouns ending in 'o' and having a consonant preceding them are made plural by adding 'es'. Examples:

- Buffalo-buffaloes
- Hero-heroes
- Echo-echoes
- Potato-potatoes
- Cargo-cargoes
- Mosquito-mosquitoes

Exceptions: There are a few exceptions to the above-mentioned rule:

- Solo-solos
- Photo-photos
- Piano-pianos

Rule 3: Nouns ending in ' $o$ ' and having a vowel preceding them are made plural by adding 's'. Examples:

- Zoo-zoos
- Ratio-ratios
- Studio-studios

Rule 4: Nouns ending in ' $y$ ' and having consonants before them are made plural by changing ' $y$ ' into 'ies'.
Examples:

- Family-families
- Story-stories
- Country-countries
- City-cities
- Pony-ponies

Rule 5: Nouns ending in ' $y$ ' and having a vowel before ' $y$ ' are made plural by adding ' $s$ '. Examples:

- Way-ways
- Storey-storeys
- Donkey-donkeys
- Key-keys
- Ray-rays
- Toy-toys

Possessive Nouns: The nouns that possess something are possessive nouns. Possessive nouns show ownership. Possessive nouns are of two types:

- Singular Possessive: ‘s is added to a singular noun to show possession.

Examples: boy's pencil, Raymond's wife, etc.
If a singular noun ends in ' $s$ ', it is still necessary to add ' $s$ '.
Examples: Bus's tyre, for Jesus's sake, etc.

- Plural Possessive: The possessive of a plural noun is formed by adding only an apostrophe when the noun ends in s , and by adding both an apostrophe and s when it ends in a letter other than s.
Examples: two years' experience, dogs' home, cars' engines, children's homework, etc.


## Noun Gender

Gender is divided into four categories:

- Masculine Gender: It denotes the male gender.

Examples: father, tiger, lion, grandfather, bull, etc.


Father


Bull

Examples of masculine gender

- Feminine Gender: It denotes the female gender.

Examples: mother, tigress, lioness, waitress, cow, etc.


Mother


Cow

Examples of feminine gender

- Common Gender: It denotes both the male and female gender.

Examples: teacher, baby, child, cousin, student, servant, infant, etc.


Teacher


Infant

Examples of common gender

- Neuter Gender: It denotes non-living things. It is neither male nor female. Examples: Book, laptop, table, copy, mobile, room, etc.


Laptop


Mobile

Examples of neuter gender

## Important Rules

i. Some nouns exist only in plural forms. Therefore, we cannot remove 's' from their end. Examples: goggles, pants, spectacles, trousers, etc.
ii. Uncountable nouns cannot be made plural by adding an 's' at the end.

Examples: poetry, scenery, information, work, etc.
iii. Some nouns are plural in form but singular in meaning.

Examples: mathematics, news, politics, economics, etc.
iv. Material nouns generally do not take any article before them.

Examples: my wife likes gold and not silver.

## Practice Questions

Direction (for questions 1-9): Fill in the blanks with the most suitable option:

1. He is often called $\qquad$ of Nigeria.

a. the Shakespeare
b. shakespeare
c. a Shakespeare
d. all are correct
2. These ladies went to a restaurant for a get together. A group of ladies is known as a $\qquad$ .
a. gang
b. flock
c. bevy
d. herd
3. Politics $\qquad$ my favourite subject.
a. is
b. are
c. were
d. have been
4. My uncle has two goats and three $\qquad$ .
a. buffaloes
b. sheeps
c. deers
d. all are correct
5. I have two sisters and my $\qquad$ birthdays are in January and April.
a. sisters'
b. sisters
c. sister's
d. sister's'
6. My sister has two $\qquad$ and I like neither of them.
a. scarf
b. scarves
c. scarvess
d. scarvs
7. Ken is a globetrotter. He knows there are more than 40 $\qquad$ in Asia. Ken wants to visit them all.
a. countrys
b. country's
c. countries
d. countrys'
8. A thief is hiding behind this group of bushes. John wants to report to the police. What should he say- A thief is hiding behind a $\qquad$ of bushes.

a. litter
b. clump
c. pack
d. flock
9. The only line David got in the play was: "Please forgive me, for $\qquad$ sake."
a. Gods's
b. Gods
c. God'
d. God's

Direction (for questions 10-14): Identify which part of the given sentence has an error. If there is no error, choose D as the answer:
10. I have many (A) / task to complete (B) / before tomorrow. (C) / No error (D)
a. A
b. B
c. C
d. D
11. Jack was wearing (A) / black trouser and (B) / a white shirt in the party. (C) / No error (D)
a. A
b. B
c. C
d. D
12. The honey is (A) / wholesome food and (B) / beneficial to health. (C) / No errors (D)
a. A
b. B
c. C
d. D
13. Two womens are (A) / waiting at the (B) / reception for interview. (C) / No error (D)
a. A
b. B
c. C
d. D
14. These documents (A) / contain confidential (B) / personal informations. (C) / No error (D)
a. A
b. B
c. C
d. D
15. Find out the nouns and their types in the given sentence:

The natural scenery of Kashmir has its own charm.

a. Charm- material noun, Kashmir- proper noun
b. Scenery- material noun, charm- abstract noun
c. Kashmir- proper noun, charm- abstract noun
d. Scenery- countable noun, Kashmir- proper noun
16. Choose the collective noun that can be used for describing 'a group of cannons':

a. Pack
b. Flock
c. Band
d. Battery
17. Find out the nouns and their types in the given sentence:

Wood is used for making fine furniture.
a. Wood- common noun, furniture- proper noun
b. Wood- countable noun, furniture- uncountable noun
c. Wood- material noun, furniture- uncountable noun
d. Wood- abstract noun, furniture- countable noun
18. Choose the correct sentence:
a. Unlike my father's hair, your uncles hair are white.
b. Unlike my father's hair, your uncle's hair is white.
c. Unlike my fathers hair, your uncles' hair are white.
d. Unlike my fathers hair, your uncles hair is white.
19. Choose the correct plural form of the word underlined and highlighted in bold: She hurriedly reached the studio just in the nick of time.

a. Studioess
b. Studioes
c. Studioses
d. Studios
20. Identify the type of noun for the word given in bold in the following sentence:

Brian was praised by all for the exemplary courage he showed in the difficult times.
a. Countable noun
b. Material noun
c. Abstract noun
d. Proper noun

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