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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](mailto:info@crestolympiads.com).

CREST Olympiads is one of the largest Olympiad Exams with students from more than 25 countries. The objective of these exams is to build 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's a previous year 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.

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# Synonyms and Antonyms

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## Synonyms

Synonyms are words that have exactly the same or almost similar meaning as the other given word or words.

For example, the word 'convince' is a synonym of the word 'persuade'. 'Coax' and 'cajole' are synonyms of the word 'persuade'.

**Some other examples of synonyms include:**

- Deplete-exhaust
- Callous-insensitive
- Cynical-sceptical
- Flimsy-fragile
- Incessant-perpetual
- Reticent-reserved
- Temporal-worldly
- Malice-hatred
- Lament-bemoan
- Liberal-lavish
- Abhor-detest
- Dexterity-proficiency
- Emulate-imitate
- Denounce-condemn
- Pensive-thoughtful
- Yearn-long
- Reiterate-mournful
- Indignant-resentful
- Meagre-paltry
- Abate-subside

**Note:** It must be remembered that synonyms cannot always be used interchangeably. In English, a word may have many synonyms but all these words may not be used interchangeably. We should also know the contextual meaning of the word and then we should use it in a sentence.

For example, although the words "liberal" and "lavish" are generally regarded as synonyms, they cannot always be used interchangeably.

Consider the following sentences:

- His films reflect the more liberal values of the 1960s.
- It was one of the most lavish weddings I have ever been to.

Hence, it is very essential to know the context and the intent before using any synonymous word.

## Antonyms

Antonyms are defined as words that have opposite meanings. Therefore, such words have contradictory connotations. Following are some examples of antonyms:

- Infringe-follow
- Paucity-opulence
- Forfeit-gain
- Lucid-obscure
- Rectify-worsen
- Lassitude-vigour
- Nadir-acme
- Frown-smile
- Perturbed-peaceful
- Confute-confirm
- Mulish-docile
- Chastise-pardon
- Naïve-shrewd
- Agile-sluggish
- Enslave-emancipate
- Righteous-wicked
- Tame-wild
- Devoted-disloyal
- Frugal-extravagant
- Boisterous-placid

## Practice Questions

1. He is a **voracious** eater.

The word voracious can be replaced by which word among the following options without changing the meaning of the above sentence?

- a. Caustic
- b. Greedy
- c. Ambitious
- d. Lethargic

**Direction (for questions 2-7): Choose the correct synonym of the word given in bold:**

2. Lifequakes are not restricted to any particular **realm** and being resilient is the key to survive lifequakes.

- a. Domain
- b. Charity
- c. Statehood
- d. Offspring

3. Logical **paradoxes** have been used for centuries to demonstrate the fallibility of human logic.

- a. Opportunity
- b. Axiom
- c. Enigma
- d. Truth

4. A **surge** in cesses means a decrease in purchasing power of masses at large.

- a. Cross
- b. Rise
- c. Recover
- d. Tally

## Synonyms and Antonyms

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5. New scientific researches in medical science have not only reduced the **fatality** rate but also has improved the life expectancy.
- a. Difficulty  
c. Survival
- b. Dearth  
d. Casualty
6. The technology which once was superhit has now become **obsolete**.
- a. Outdated  
c. Corpulence
- b. Obesity  
d. Rarity
7. Since he had a **plethora** of options to choose from, he got utterly confused about which career option to choose.
- a. Paucity  
c. Surplus
- b. Dearth  
d. Deficit

**Direction (for questions 8-10): Choose the correct synonym for the given words:**

8. Accost
- a. Exhort  
c. Convince
- b. Admittance  
d. Address
9. Forge
- a. Abolish  
c. Obliterate
- b. Falsify  
d. Entice
10. Imminent
- a. Approaching  
c. Faint
- b. Alarming  
d. Doubtful

**Direction (for questions 11 and 12): Fill in the blanks with the correct antonym of the word given in bold:**

11. Although his diet is **meagre**, his income is \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. scanty  
c. plentiful
- b. gaunt  
d. lanky
12. The ordinance to **curtail** the power of one group would automatically \_\_\_\_\_ the power of the other.
- a. abridge  
c. exemplify
- b. prolong  
d. lessen



**Direction (for questions 13-15): Out of the given options, choose the correct antonym of the given word in bold:**

13. Before his child's needs, his own needs are **relegated** to the background.

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| a. Banish | b. Consign |
| c. Deport | d. Promote |

14. One of the major causes of obesity is **sedentary** lifestyle.

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| a. Moving    | b. Sluggish |
| c. Lassitude | d. Inactive |

15. The project was a **debacle**.

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| a. Collapse | b. Triumph  |
| c. Drubbing | d. Whipping |

16. He **emulates** his father in almost every aspect.

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| a. Rival   | b. Imitate  |
| c. Neglect | d. Simulate |

17. Tired of doing **menial** jobs, he decided to do something \_\_\_\_\_ this time.

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| a. humble   | b. minion |
| c. inferior | d. noble  |

**Direction (for questions 18-20): Out of the given options, choose the correct antonym of the given word:**

18. Fervent

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|---------------|-----------|
| a. Apathetic  | b. Ardent |
| c. Passionate | d. Fervid |

19. Paltry

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|------------|-----------------|
| a. Trivial | b. Considerable |
| c. Paucity | d. Pauper       |

20. Eradicate

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|----------------|-------------|
| a. Eliminate   | b. Assist   |
| c. Exterminate | d. Preserve |