

Notes - 1**Rules*****-us – changes to***

1. Radius Radii - Radii of a circle are same
2. Genius genii - Indians are genii
3. Alumnus Alumni - We are the alumni of Anna University
4. Syllabus Syllabi - These syllabi must be modified

-um-changes to

1. Datum Data We store more data in computer
2. Bacterium Bacteria Bacteria have wide range of shapes
3. Criterion Criteria These criteria are the reasons for the development

-‘a’- changes to (‘ae’)

1. Formula Formulae I learnt all the formulae

-ex – add - (es)

1. Index Indexes Faces are the indexes of mind.
2. Matrix Matrices These matrices will work well

-es – Changes to (is)

1. Analysis Analyses These analysis are the base.

Vowel changes

1. tooth teeth We have 32 teeth in our mouth.
2. Knife knives There are three knives on the plate.
3. Mouse mice Grains are eaten by the mice.

No changes

1. Furniture furniture These furniture are costly.
2. Scenery scenery She painted all these scenery.
3. Baggage, Information, Deer, Sheep, Innings, Scenery.

Additions

1. Child children Children like sweets.
2. Ox oxen Oxen are used for ploughing.

Notes - 2

A singular can be converted into plural by,

1. Adding “s”, “es”
2. Consonants before “y”
Remove “y” and add “ies”. Ex: baby - babies
3. Vowels before “y”
Add “s” Ex: key - keys
4. If the word ends with “f” or “fe”
Add “ves”. Ex: thief - thieves
Exception:
 1. chief - chiefs
 2. Roof - roofs
 3. Cliff - cliffs
5. Changing the vowels reside in any part of the word

Ex:

1. man - men
2. Foot - feet
3. Louse - lice
4. Mouse - mice

6. Adding “en”

Ex:

- i. Ox - oxen
- ii. Child - children

7. Singular and plural alike

Ex:

Sheep, deer, staff, score, dozen, foot, meter, thousand, pair

8. Singular in form but used as plural

Ex:

Cattle, artillery, police, clergy, people, peasantry

9. Plural alone

Ex:

Trousers, spectacles, scissors, stockings, premises, thanks, goods, measles.

Note

If the noun ends in S, Z, CH, SH, O, SS, or X – add “ES”

Exercise

1. Flower

- a) flowers b) floweries c) floweris d) flowes

2. Luggage

- a) luggages b) luggage c) luggageses d) lugagis

3. Child

- a) childs b) childrens c) children d) child's

4. Index

- a) Indeces b) indices c) indexis d) indis

5. Woman

- a) Womans b) womanses c) women d) womens

6. Box

- a) Boxes b) boxis c) boxer d) boxer

7. Furniture

- a) Furnituernes b) furnitures c) furniture d) furnishings

8. Thief

- a) Thieves b) thieve c) thieves d) thivee

9. Belief

- a) Beliefings b) beliefs c) believes d) belives

10. Ox

- a) Oxen b) oxis c) oxeis d) oxeses

11. Monkey

- a) monkies b) monkeys c) monkieses d) none of these

12. Folly

- a) Follys b) folies c) follies d) follyies

13. Bacillus

- a) bacilli b) bacils c) bacilluses d) none of these

14. Larva

- a) Larvis b) larvas c) larves d) larvae

15. Joy

- a) joys b) joies c) joyons d) none of these

16. Criterion

- a) criterions b) criteria c) crites d) criterias

17. Circus

- a) circusion b) circuse c) circuses d) cricis

18. Day

- a) days b) dais c) daies d) daysis

19. Cattle

- a) cattles b) cattle c) cattlen d) none of these

20. Berry

- a) berries b) berrys c) berria d) berrians

21.Scissors

- a)scissorses b)scissors c)scisen d)none of these

22.Quarter

- a)quarters b)quarterres c)quarteres d)none of these

23.Ovum

- a)ovums b)ovumia c)ovumni d)ova

24.Sister-in-law

- a)sisters-in-law b)sisters-in-laws c)sistrs-ins-law d)none of these

25.Glasses

- a)glass b)glassesses c)glasses d)glassings

26.Ability

- a)Abilities b)abillities c)abilitties d)abilitys

27.Bacteria

- a)Bacterias b)Bacteerias c)bacteria d)bacterium

28.Accessary

- a)Accessarys b)acesaria c)accessaries d)acesarium

29.Advice

- a)Advices b)advice c)advise d)advises

30.Basis

- a)Basises b)bases c)bassis d)basium

31.Codex

- a)codexes b)codices c)codium d)codex

32.Fiction

- a)Fiction b)fictions c)fictionia d)fictionese

34.Invertebrate

- a)Invertebrata b)invertebratum c)inverterbrates d)invertebratex

35.Bibliography

- a)bibliographia b)bibliographies c)bibliographium d)bibliography

36.Diary

- a)diarys b)diaries c)diares d)none of these

37.loss

- a)loses b)lossis c)losses d)looses

38.Army

- a)armies b)armis c)armys d)none of these

39.Elf

- a)elfs b)elves c)else d)none of these

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