

**1. Two or more Singular Subjects Connected by and usually take a Verb in the Plural .**

**Incorrect – Hari and Ram is here**

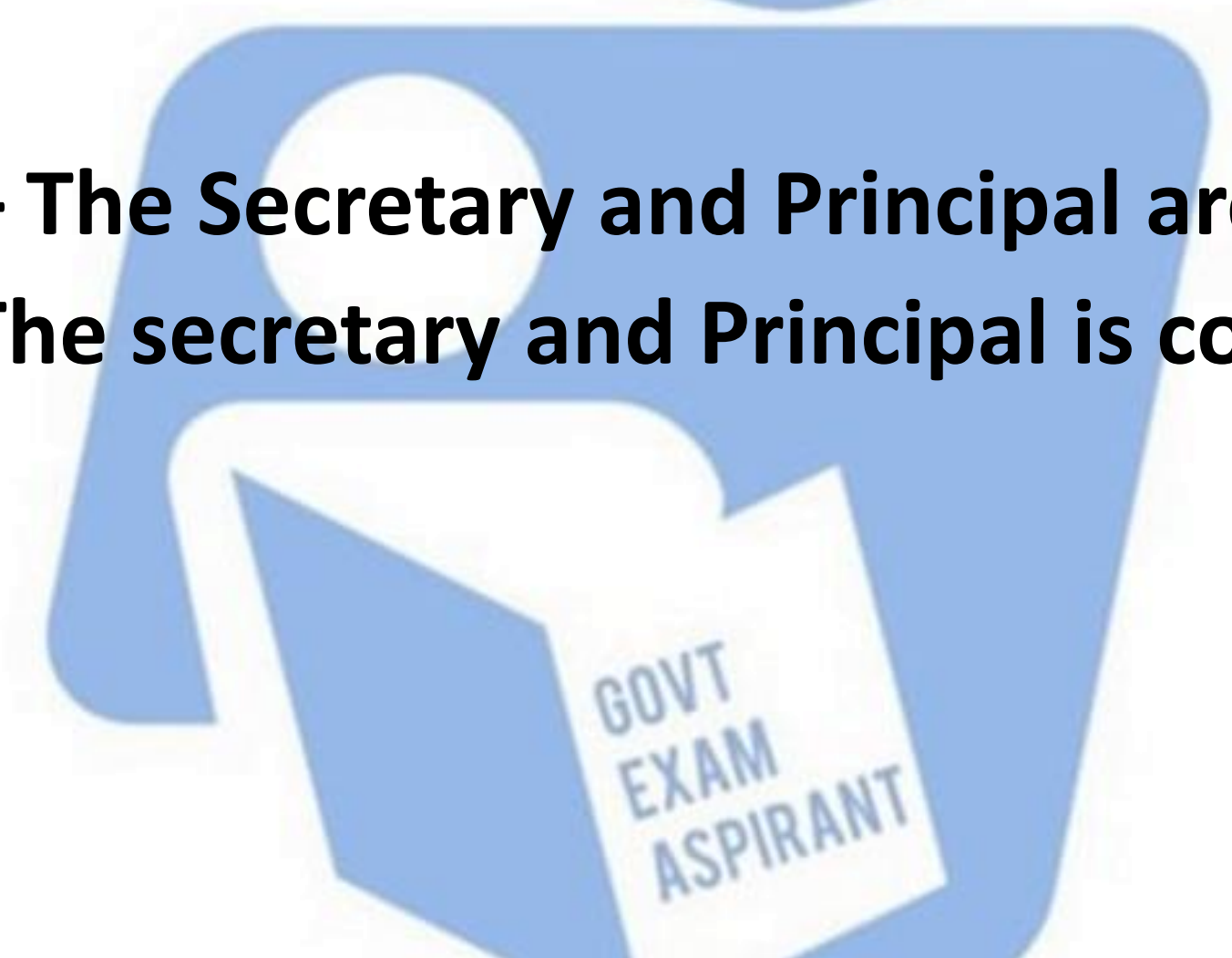
**Correct – Hari and Ram are here**



**2. If two singular nouns refer to the same person or thing, the Verb must be singular**

**Incorrect – The Secretary and Principal are coming**

**Correct – The secretary and Principal is coming**



**3. If the Singular Subjects are preceded by each or every, the verb is usually singular**

**Incorrect – Every boy and girl were ready**

**Correct – Every boy and girl was ready**



**4. Two or more singular subjects connected by or, nor, either or, neither nor take a Verb in the Singular**

**Incorrect – Neither he nor I were there**

**Correct – Neither he nor I was there**

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**5. When the subjects joined by “Or/Nor” are of different numbers, the verb must be plural, and the plural subject must be placed next to the verb.**

**Incorrect – Neither the Assistant Masters nor the Headmaster was present**

**Correct – Neither the Headmaster nor the Assistant Masters were present**

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**6. When the Subjects joined by or, nor are of different persons, the Verb agrees in person with the one nearest to it.**

**Incorrect – Either he or I is mistaken**

**Correct – Either he or I , am mistaken**

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**7. A collective Noun takes a Singular Verb when the collection is thought of as a whole, a plural verb when the individuals of which it is composed are thought of**

**Correct – The Council has chosen the President**

**Correct – The military were called out**

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**8. Some Nouns which are singular in form but plural in meaning, take a plural verb**

**Incorrect – Mathematics are a branch of study in every school**

**Correct – Mathematics is a branch of study in every school**

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**9. Words joined to a singular subject by with, together with, in addition to , or, as well as, etc are parenthetical, and therefore do not affect the number of the Verb**

**Incorrect – The Chief, with all his men , were massacred**

**Correct – The Chief, with all his men, was massacred**

**10. When the subject of the Verb is a Relative Pronoun care should be taken to see that the Verb Agrees in Number and Person with the Antecedent of the Relative .**

**Incorrect – I, Who is Your Friend, Will Guard your interests**

**Correct – I, who am your friend will guard your interests**

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