

Subject Verb Agreement

Class - 2

Most Important Concepts / Rules



Many a man ~~1/ have~~ come for ~~2/ the interview~~ ~~3/ N.E~~ ~~4.~~

~~men~~
~~x~~

~~has~~

1. Many + P.C.N + P.V

→ Many ~~boy~~ ~~x~~ ~~x~~ ~~x~~ ~~x~~ are working.

1. Many a/an + S.C.N + S.V.

→ Many a boy ~~x~~ ~~x~~ ~~x~~ ~~x~~ are working.

1. Sri lanka ~~is~~ ✓ / are ready for the next world cup.

↓ a b
Plu.



2. India ~~has~~ ~~have~~ ~~won~~ ~~the~~ ~~world~~ ~~cup~~.

↓ a b

Sub

(Pl. Sub)



3. Australia have a/ defeated Pakistan b/ in a Cricket match c/ N.E d/.



30% is / are enough.

a b

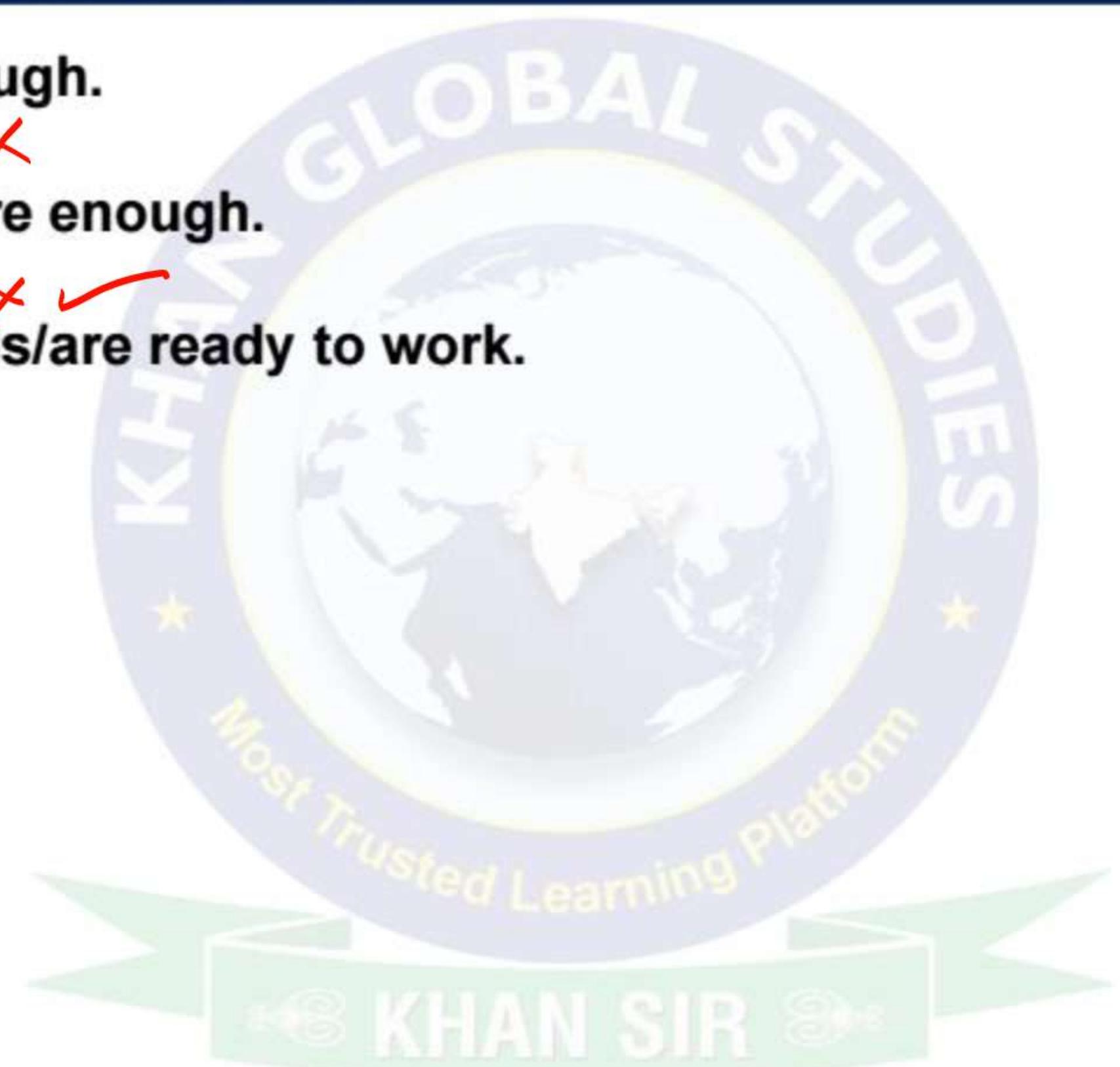


1. 30% is/are enough.

2. 30% water is/are enough.

3. 30% the boys is/are ready to work.

P.C.N



1. The % of success is/are very high.

✓ ✓ ✗

2. The % of good books is/are a few.

✓ ✗

↓ a b

Obj

⇒ The %

Sub.

of

↓

✓ ✓

R.C.N

↓ Obj

SV

Qs 1. 1000 rupees was/were spent on a movie ticket. 1

Qs 2. 1000 rupees was/were spent on a movie ticket and an ice-cream. 2

Qs 3. 10 kms was/were covered on foot. 1

Qs 4. 10 kms was/were covered on foot and bicycle. 2

S_{nb}

a b

a b

a b



Collective noun (jury, mob, council, committee, audience, crowd, family, assembly, army, team, class, government, public, crew, ... etc.)

Similar = thoughts, opinion, action, Views

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1. The jury ~~was/were~~ ^{ss} ~~✓~~ ~~x~~ unanimous in ~~its / their~~ [✓] ~~✓~~ ~~x~~ decision.

2. The jury ~~was/were~~ ^x ~~✓~~ ~~✓~~ ~~✓~~ ~~x~~ ^{a b} ~~a b~~ divided about ~~its / their~~ ^{a b} view about the culprit.

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1. The army **has /have** decided to disobey **its /their** commander.

2. The army **has /have** different views about **its /their** new policy.

1. Rohit **and** Ravi is / are friends.

S₁

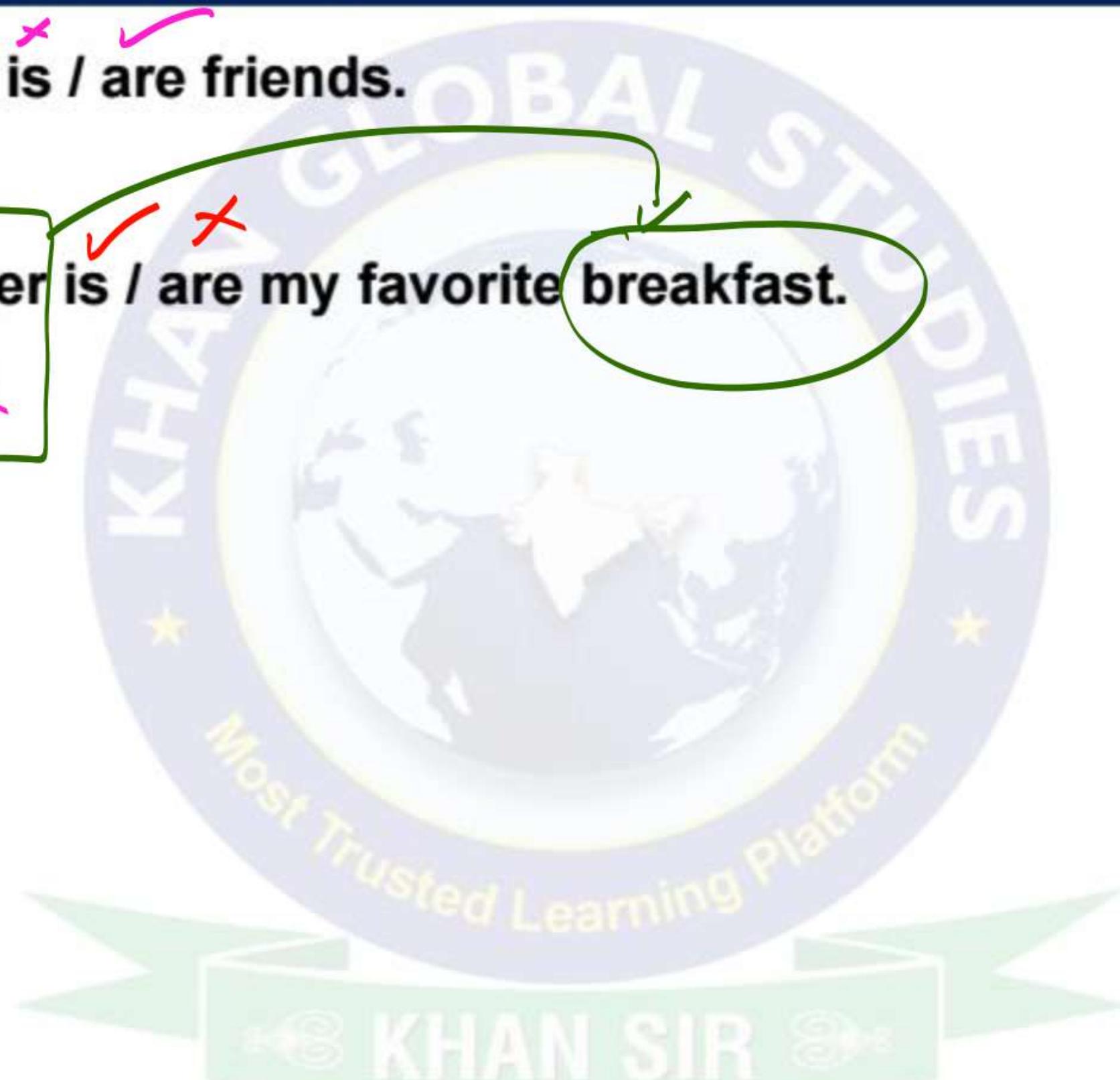
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2. Bread **and** butter is / are my favorite **breakfast**.

S₁

S₂

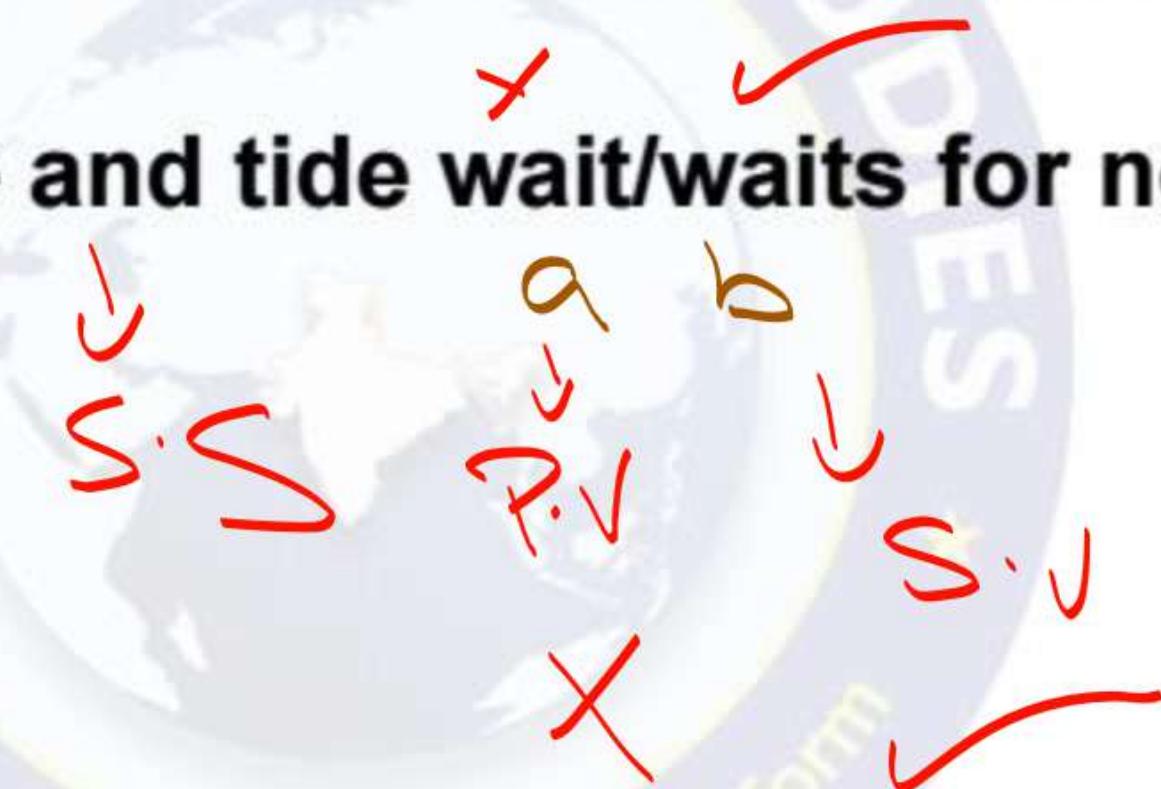
S₃



Bread and butter
Rice and curry ✓
Horse and carriage
Slow and steady
Rise and fall ✓
Age and experience
Sum and substance
Time and tide ✓
Fish and chips
Poverty and misery
Love and hatred ✓

When the following phrases represent a collective idea , it is taken as a **singular subject** and followed by **singular verb**.

1. Time and tide ~~wait~~ waits for none.



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When the following phrases represent a collective idea , it is taken as a **singular subject** and followed by **singular verb**.

2. Age and experience has/have its/their benefit.

✓ ✗ ✓ ✗
a b a b

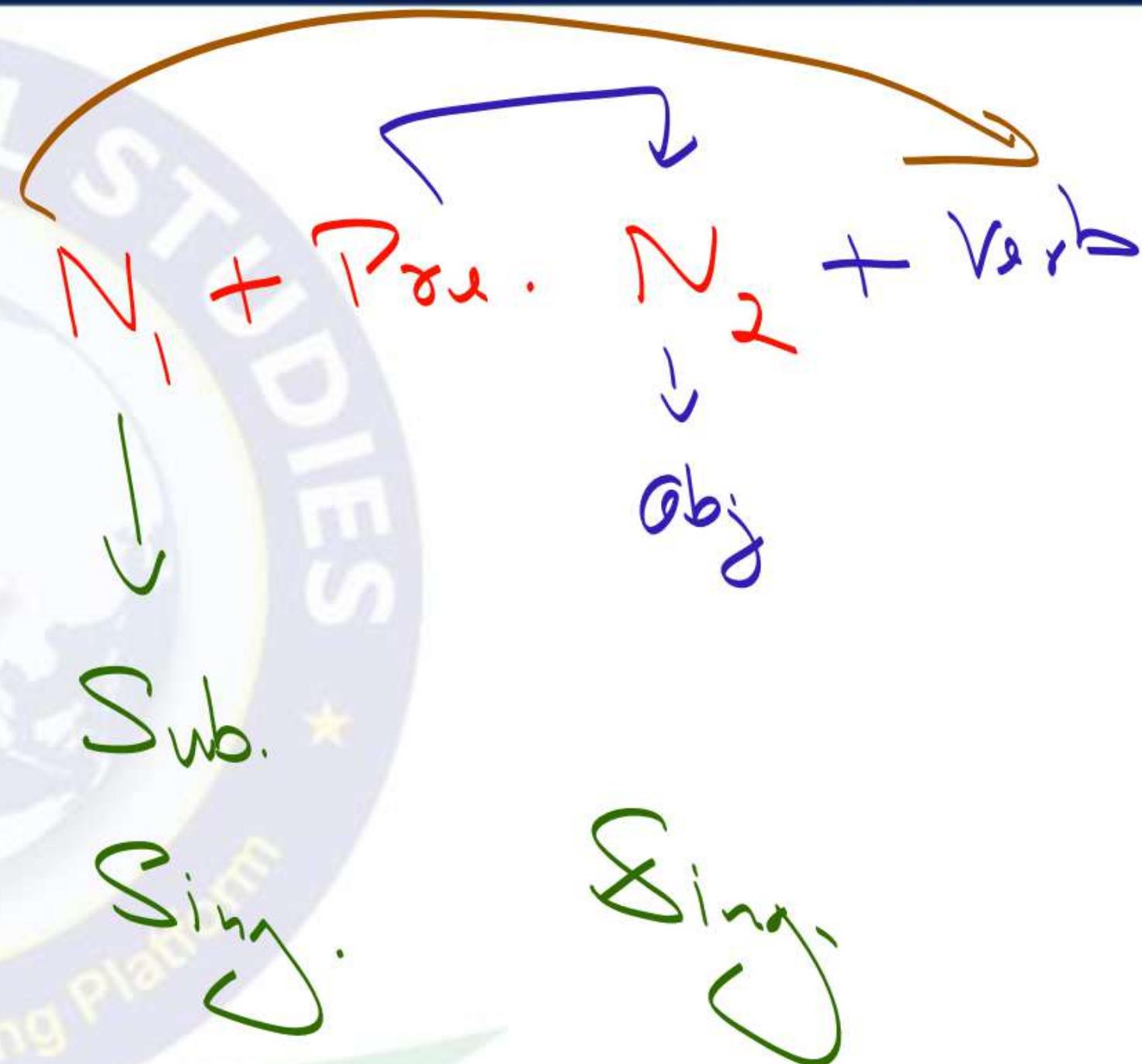
S.P

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1. Boy after ~~boys~~ is running.
2. ~~Boys~~ after ~~boys~~ is running.
3. ~~Boys~~ after boy is running.
4. Boy after boy is running.



Noun 1 (Sing. Form) + Preposition + Noun 2 (Sing. Form) + S.V.

1. Girls upon girl is standing.

2. Girls upon girls is standing.

✓ 3. Girl upon girl is standing.
S.S P. S.C ✓

4. Girl upon girls is standing.



1. Principal and Secretary was/were missing.

S₁

S₂

2. The Principal and Secretary was/were missing.

3. The Principal and the Secretary was/were missing.

S₁

S₂

1. Poet and Philosopher has/have been awarded.

s
✓
✗

s₂
✓
✗

a b
✓
✗

2. A poet and Philosopher has/have been awarded.

A poet and Philosopher has/have been awarded.

a b
✓
✗

3. A poet and a Philosopher has/have been awarded.

a b
✗
✓

B.A.R

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Practice

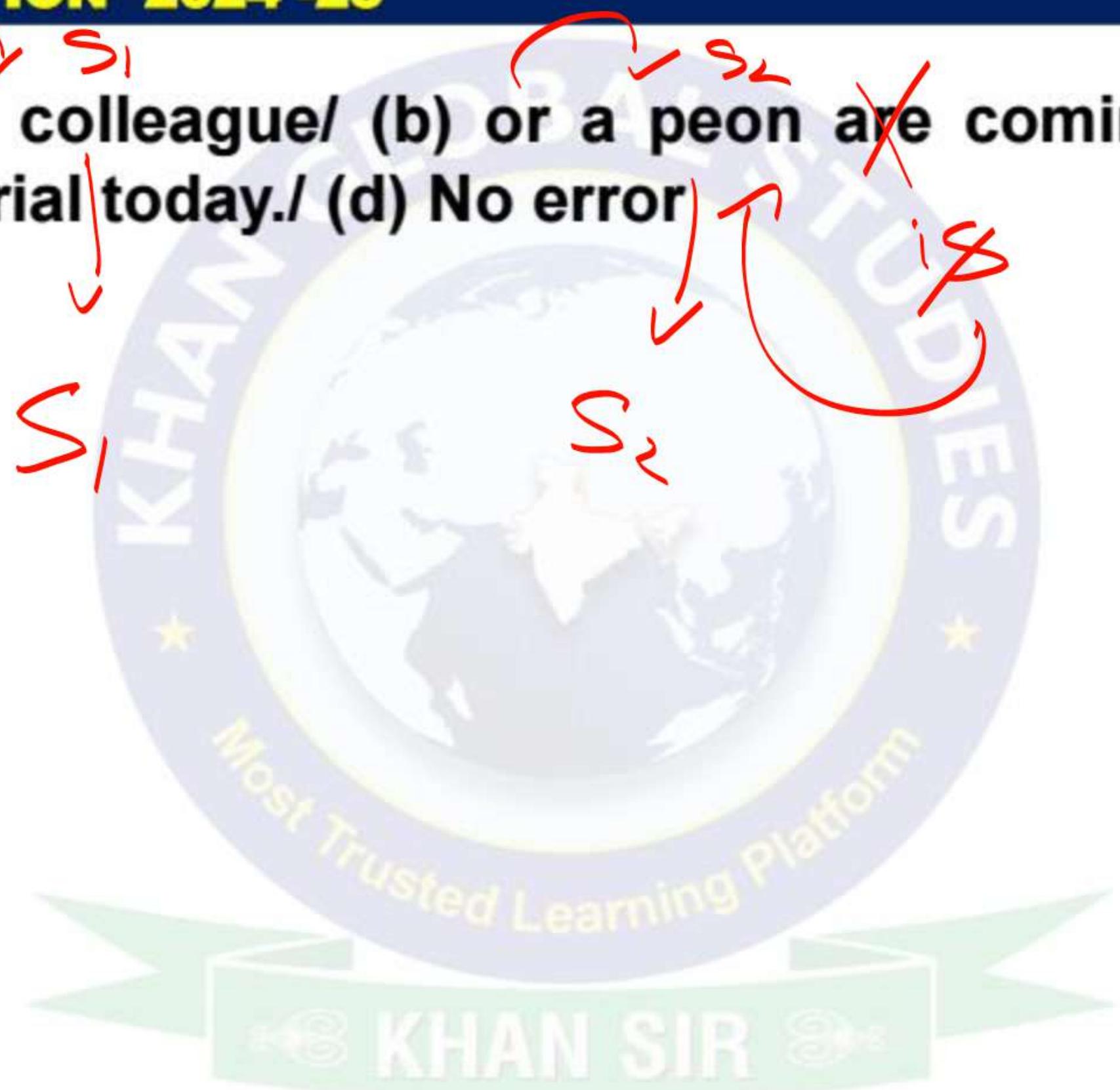


(a) Either my colleague/ (b) or a peon are coming home/ (c)
with the material today./ (d) No error

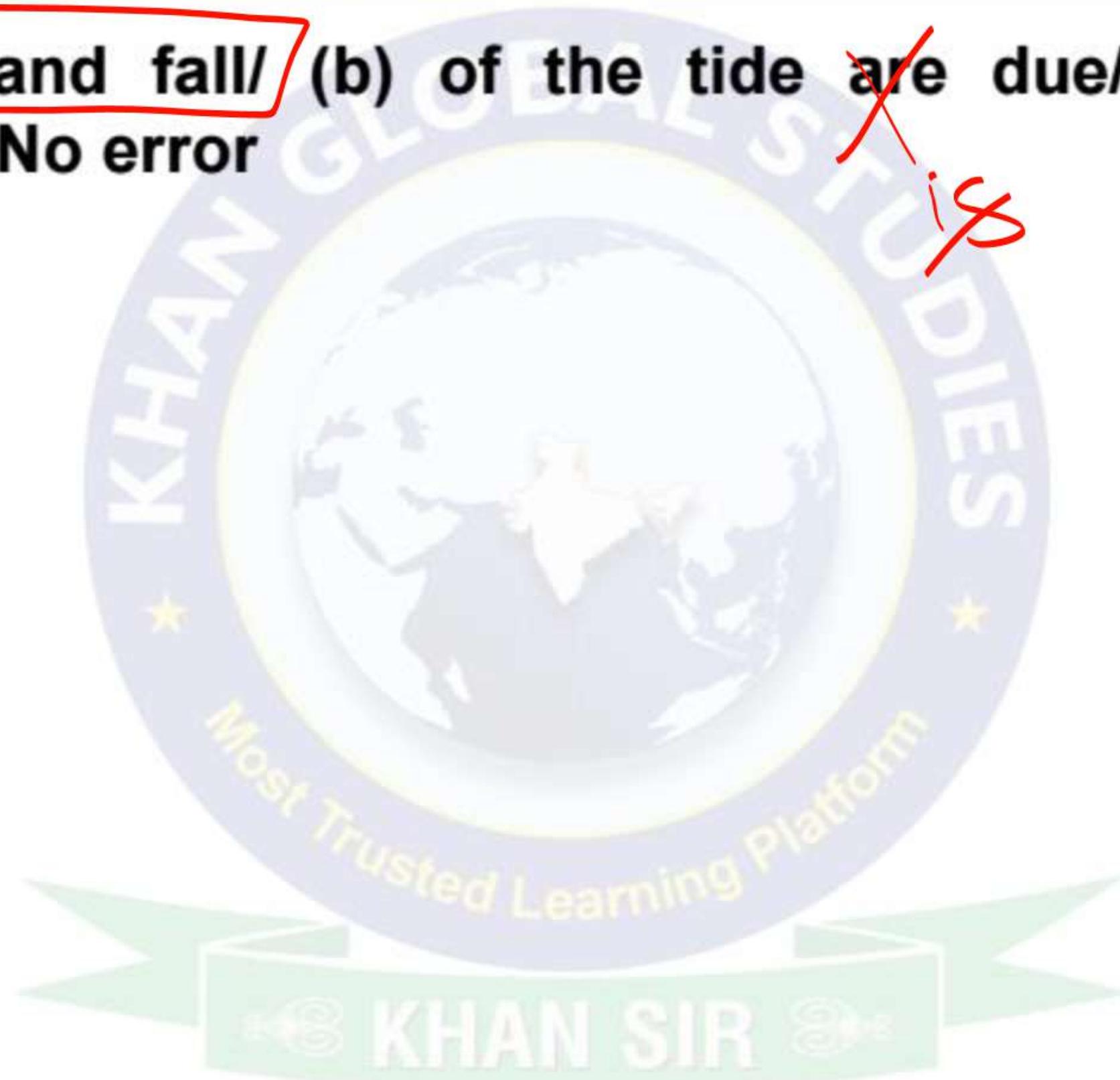
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S₂

~~is~~



(a) The rise and fall (b) of the tide ~~are due~~ (c) to lunar influence./ (d) No error



(a) Many a man/ (b) ~~have~~ succumbed/ (c) to this temptation ./
(d) No error

has

