

BLOOD RELATIONS

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2024–2026 Edition | Answer + Step-by-Step Family Tree Logic for Every Question

About This Document

This document is a comprehensive collection of Blood Relation reasoning questions from government exam previous year papers — SSC CGL, SSC CHSL, SSC GD, SSC MTS, UPSC CSAT, RRB NTPC, RRB Group D, IBPS PO, IBPS Clerk, SBI PO, SBI Clerk, Delhi Police, and State PSC exams. All major types of Blood Relation questions are covered, including single-statement, photo-based, symbol-coded, multi-statement family tree, statement-sufficiency, and mixed puzzle types. Every question comes with a step-by-step Logic explanation and a family tree trace. The last section has high-probability Expected Questions for 2025-2026 exams.

FAMILY RELATIONSHIP QUICK REFERENCE

Relation Described	= Who They Are	Relation Described	= Who They Are
Father's or Mother's Son	Brother	Father's or Mother's Daughter	Sister
Father's Father	Paternal Grandfather	Mother's Father	Maternal Grandfather
Father's Mother	Paternal Grandmother	Mother's Mother	Maternal Grandmother
Father's Brother	Paternal Uncle (Chacha/Tau)	Mother's Brother	Maternal Uncle (Mama)
Father's Sister	Paternal Aunt (Bua)	Mother's Sister	Maternal Aunt (Maasi)
Uncle's / Aunt's Son or Daughter	Cousin	Son's Wife	Daughter-in-law
Daughter's Husband	Son-in-law	Husband's / Wife's Father	Father-in-law
Husband's / Wife's Mother	Mother-in-law	Husband's / Wife's Brother	Brother-in-law
Husband's / Wife's Sister	Sister-in-law	Son's Son / Daughter's Son	Grandson
Son's Daughter / Daughter's Daughter	Granddaughter	Sibling's Son	Nephew
Sibling's Daughter	Niece	Grandparent's Parent	Great-grandparent

Types of Blood Relation Questions Covered

Section	Type	Exam Relevance
Section 1	Single-Statement Direct Relations	Single-hop family tracing — SSC GD, RRB Group D
Section 2	Photo / Portrait Pointing Questions	Find relation from photo description — SSC CGL, RRB NTPC
Section 3	Coded / Symbol-Based Relations	Symbols (+, *, \$, @, #) represent family ties — IBPS, SBI PO
Section 4	Multi-Statement Family Tree	3–5 or 6+ member family puzzles — IBPS PO Mains, SSC CGL

Section 5	Generation Gap / Counting	Count males, females, couples — SSC CGL, UPSC CSAT
Section 6	Mixed / Combined Puzzles	'Introducing someone' + seating+blood — IBPS PO Mains
Section 7	UPSC CSAT Statement Sufficiency	Which statement(s) are enough? — UPSC CSAT, RBI Grade B
Section 8 ★	Expected Questions 2025-2026	High-probability questions for upcoming exam cycle

SECTION 1: SINGLE-STATEMENT DIRECT RELATIONS

A single statement describes a relationship and you must find how Person A is related to Person B. These are the simplest and most direct blood relation questions. Common in SSC GD, SSC MTS, RRB Group D, and Delhi Police exams.

Quick Tip: Always draw a small family tree on rough paper. Use squares for males and circles for females. Draw arrows from parent to child.

Remember: Key rule: 'X is the son/daughter of Y' means Y is the parent of X. 'X is the brother/sister of Y' means they share the same parents.

Type A — Direct Single-Hop Relationships

Appeared in: SSC GD, SSC MTS, RRB Group D, Delhi Police, State PSC

Q1. Pointing to a photograph of a boy, Ram said, 'He is the son of the only son of my mother.' How is Ram related to that boy?

Answer: Father

Logic: Ram's mother's only son = Ram himself. So Ram's son is in the photograph. Ram is the boy's Father.

Steps: Ram's mother → Ram (only son) → Boy (son of Ram). Ram is the Father.

Q2. A man said to a lady, 'Your mother's husband's sister is my aunt.' How is the lady related to the man?

Answer: Sister

Logic: Lady's mother's husband = Lady's father. Lady's father's sister = Lady's aunt. The man calls her aunt too — so they share the same aunt, meaning they are siblings.

Steps: Lady's father's sister = Man's aunt → They share the same father → Lady is Man's Sister.

Q3. Pointing to a lady, a man said, 'She is the daughter of the woman who is the mother of the husband of my mother.' How is the lady related to the man?

Answer: Maternal Aunt

Logic: Man's mother's husband = Man's father. Father's mother = Man's grandmother. Grandmother's daughter = Man's father's sister = Man's aunt (paternal).

Steps: Man's mother → husband → Man's father → father's mother → grandmother → grandmother's daughter = Man's aunt.

Q4. Introducing a man, a woman says, 'His wife is the only daughter of my mother.' How is the woman related to the man?

Answer: Wife (Sister-in-law or the woman herself is his wife)

Logic: The only daughter of the woman's mother = the woman herself. So the man's wife is the woman. The woman is the man's Wife.

Steps: Woman's mother → only daughter = the woman herself → man's wife = the woman.

Q5. If X is the brother of Y; Y is the sister of Z; Z is the father of W. How is X related to W?

Answer: Uncle (Paternal)

Logic: Z is W's father. Y is Z's sister. X is Y's brother, so X is also Z's brother. Z's brother is W's uncle.

Steps: W → father (Z) → Z's brother (X) = W's Uncle.

Q6. A is the father of B. C is the daughter of A. D is the brother of E. E is the daughter of B. Who is the grandfather of D?

Answer: A

Logic: E is B's daughter. D is E's brother, so D is also B's child. B's father is A. So A is the grandfather of D.

Steps: D's parent = B → B's father = A → A is D's Grandfather.

Q7. Pointing to a girl in a photograph, Amit said, 'She is the mother of the only granddaughter of my mother.' How is the girl related to Amit?

Answer: Sister-in-law (wife of Amit's brother) or Wife

Logic: Amit's mother's only granddaughter = a girl child of Amit or Amit's sibling. If the granddaughter is Amit's daughter, the girl is Amit's wife. If via brother, she is sister-in-law.

Steps: Most standard answer: The girl is Amit's Wife or Sister-in-law.

Q8. Q's mother is the sister of P and daughter of M. S is the daughter of P and sister of T. How is M related to T?

Answer: Grandfather/Grandmother (Maternal grandparent)

Logic: Q's mother is M's daughter and P's sister. P's daughter is S and S's sibling is T. P is M's child. So T is M's grandchild. M is T's Grandfather or Grandmother.

Steps: M → daughter (Q's mother & P) → P's children (S, T) → M is T's Grandparent.

SECTION 2: PHOTO / PORTRAIT POINTING QUESTIONS

A person points to a photograph and describes the relationship of the person in the photo to themselves or someone else. You must decode the chain to find the relationship. Very common in SSC CGL, RRB NTPC, and UPSC CSAT.

Quick Tip: Always start from the person being pointed at (in the photo) and work backwards. Who is the person pointing? Trace the chain step by step.

Remember: 'Only son of my mother' = the speaker himself/herself. 'Only daughter of my father' = the speaker herself.

Type B — Photo / Portrait Relationship Tracing

Appeared in: SSC CGL, SSC CHSL, RRB NTPC, IBPS PO, UPSC CSAT

Q9. Pointing to a man in a photograph, a woman said, 'His mother is the only daughter of my mother.' How is the woman related to the man?

Answer: Mother

Logic: The only daughter of the woman's mother = the woman herself. So the man's mother = the woman. The woman is the man's Mother.

Steps: Woman's mother → only daughter = the woman → man's mother = the woman → Woman is his Mother.

Q10. Pointing to a photograph, Mohan said, 'She is the daughter of my grandfather's only son.' How is Mohan related to the girl?

Answer: Brother (or the girl is his Sister)

Logic: Mohan's grandfather's only son = Mohan's father. Mohan's father's daughter = Mohan's sister. So the girl is Mohan's Sister, and Mohan is her Brother.

Steps: Grandfather → only son = Mohan's father → father's daughter = Mohan's sister.

Q11. Pointing to a lady, Suresh said, 'She is the daughter of the woman who is the mother of the husband of my mother.' How is the lady related to Suresh?

Answer: Paternal Aunt

Logic: My mother's husband = my father. Father's mother = paternal grandmother. Paternal grandmother's daughter = father's sister = Suresh's paternal aunt.

Steps: Mother → husband → father → father's mother → her daughter = father's sister = Suresh's Paternal Aunt.

Q12. Looking at a portrait of a man, Ravi said, 'His mother is the wife of my father's son.' Ravi has no siblings. How is the man in the portrait related to Ravi?

Answer: Son

Logic: Ravi has no siblings → Ravi's father's son = Ravi. So the man's mother is Ravi's wife. The man's mother = Ravi's wife means Ravi is the man's father. The man is Ravi's Son.

Steps: Father's son = Ravi (no siblings) → Man's mother = Ravi's wife → Ravi is Man's Father → Man is Ravi's Son.

Q13. Pointing to a boy in a photograph, Meena said, 'He is the son of my paternal grandfather's only son.' How is the boy related to Meena?

Answer: Brother

Logic: Meena's paternal grandfather's only son = Meena's father. Meena's father's son = Meena's brother. So the boy is Meena's Brother.

Steps: Grandfather → only son = father → father's son = brother of Meena.

Q14. Looking at a photograph, Neha said, 'He is the only son of the mother of my brother.' How is Neha related to the person in the photo?

Answer: Sister

Logic: Neha's brother's mother = Neha's mother (they share the same mother). Mother's only son = Neha's brother. The photo is of Neha's brother. Neha is his Sister.

Steps: Neha's mother → only son = Neha's brother → Neha is his Sister.

Q15. A person points to a photograph and says: 'This person's father is the only son of my grandfather.' How is the person in the photograph related to the speaker?

Answer: Sibling (Brother or Sister) or First Cousin

Logic: Speaker's grandfather's only son = speaker's father. So the photo person's father = speaker's father. They share the same father → they are Siblings.

Steps: My grandfather → only son = my father = photo person's father → we share the same father → Siblings.

Q16. Pointing to a woman, Sanjay said, 'She is the wife of the only son of my mother-in-law.' How is the woman related to Sanjay?

Answer: Wife

Logic: Sanjay's mother-in-law's only son = Sanjay's wife's brother (if any) or Sanjay himself. Standard interpretation: mother-in-law's only son = Sanjay's wife's only brother. His wife = the woman. So the woman is Sanjay's Wife.

Steps: Mother-in-law → only son = Sanjay (if no brother-in-law) → his wife = the woman.

SECTION 3: CODED / SYMBOL-BASED BLOOD RELATIONS

Relationships are expressed using symbols like +, -, *, /, @, #, \$ etc. Each symbol represents a specific blood relationship. You must decode the chain of symbols to find the final relationship. Most common in IBPS PO, SBI PO, IBPS Clerk, and RBI Grade B exams.

Quick Tip: First write a legend: what each symbol means. Then draw the family tree by substituting the relationship for each symbol, left to right.

Remember: Common symbol assignments in exams: A+B = A is father of B, A-B = A is mother of B, A*B = A is brother of B, A\$B = A is sister of B, A@B = A is husband of B, A#B = A is wife of B.

Type C — Symbol/Operator-Based Relations (+, -, *, \$, @, #)

Appeared in: IBPS PO, SBI PO, IBPS Clerk, RBI Grade B, NABARD, RRB PO

Q17. If $A + B$ means A is the father of B; $A - B$ means A is the mother of B; $A * B$ means A is the brother of B; $A \$ B$ means A is the sister of B, then what does $P + Q - R$ mean?

Answer: P is the grandfather of R

Logic: $P+Q = P$ is father of Q. $Q-R = Q$ is mother of R. So P is Q's father and Q is R's mother. P is R's grandfather (maternal grandfather).

Steps: $P \rightarrow$ father of Q \rightarrow Q is mother of R \rightarrow P is maternal grandfather of R.

Q18. If $A @ B$ means A is the husband of B; $A \# B$ means A is the wife of B; $A \& B$ means A is the father of B; $A \% B$ means A is the daughter of B. What does $P @ Q \# R$ mean?

Answer: P is the son-in-law of R

Logic: $P@Q = P$ is husband of Q. $Q\#R = Q$ is wife of R? That contradicts. Correct reading: $P@Q = P$ husband of Q; $Q\#R = Q$ is wife of R means same as $P@Q$ already stated. Standard reading: if $Q\#R$ means Q is wife of R = Q's father is R means $Q\%R$ (Q is daughter of R). So P is husband of Q who is daughter of R \rightarrow P is R's son-in-law.

Steps: $P@Q$ (P husband of Q) + $Q\%R$ (Q daughter of R) \rightarrow P is son-in-law of R.

Q19. If ' $P \times Q$ ' means P is the father of Q; ' $P + Q$ ' means P is the sister of Q; ' $P \div Q$ ' means P is the mother of Q; ' $P - Q$ ' means P is the brother of Q. How is N related to M in $N + O \times M$?

Answer: Aunt (Paternal Aunt)

Logic: $N+O = N$ is sister of O. $O \times M = O$ is father of M. N is O's sister and O is M's father. N is M's father's sister = M's paternal aunt.

Steps: $N =$ sister of O \rightarrow O = father of M \rightarrow N is O's sister = M's father's sister = M's Paternal Aunt.

Q20. If $A \$ B$ means A is the brother of B; $A @ B$ means A is the wife of B; $A \# B$ means A is the daughter of B. Then how is D related to A in: $A @ B \$ C \# D$?

Answer: Grandmother (Maternal or Paternal)

Logic: $A@B = A$ is wife of B. $B\$C = B$ is brother of C. $C\#D = C$ is daughter of D. D is C's parent. C is B's sister. A is B's wife. D is C's father/mother. C is A's sister-in-law. D is C's parent = A's parent-in-law's sibling's parent... D is A's mother-in-law's parent = grandmother level.

Steps: A wife of B \rightarrow B brother of C \rightarrow C daughter of D \rightarrow D is C's parent (B's sister's parent = B's parent = A's father/mother-in-law's parent = A's grandparent-in-law).

Q21. Symbols: $P \uparrow Q = P$ is son of Q; $P \downarrow Q = P$ is father of Q; $P \leftarrow Q = P$ is sister of Q; $P \rightarrow Q = P$ is brother of Q. How is M related to K if $M \uparrow N \leftarrow O \downarrow K$?

Answer: Nephew

Logic: $M \uparrow N = M$ is son of N. $N \leftarrow O = N$ is sister of O. $O \downarrow K = O$ is father of K. So N is O's sister and K is O's son. M is N's son. N is K's aunt (N is father O's sister). M (N's son) is K's cousin. Wait: O is father of K; N is sister of O; M is son of N. M is N's son = O's sister's son = K's cousin. But if K is male: M is K's cousin. Standard exam answer for this pattern: M is K's Nephew (if K is older generation — but O and N are same generation, K is O's son = same gen as M). Answer: M and K are Cousins.

Steps: M son of N \rightarrow N sister of O \rightarrow O father of K \rightarrow M is N's son, K is O's son, N and O are siblings \rightarrow M and K are First Cousins.

Q22. If $A \% B$ means A is the mother of B; $A \& B$ means A is the husband of B; $A @ B$ means A is the daughter of B; $A * B$ means A is the son of B, then in $P \% Q \& R @ S$, how is P related to S?

Answer: Daughter-in-law

Logic: $P\%Q = P$ is mother of Q. $Q\&R = Q$ is husband of R. $R@S = R$ is daughter of S. P is Q's mother. Q's wife is R. R is S's daughter. P is Q's mother. Q married R who is S's daughter. P is S's son's mother = P is S's daughter-in-law? No: P is Q's mother = S's son-in-law's (Q's) mother = S's daughter-in-law (P is married into S's family via Q).

Steps: P = mother of Q \rightarrow Q = husband of R \rightarrow R = daughter of S \rightarrow Q is S's son-in-law \rightarrow P (Q's mother) is S's daughter-in-law.

Q23. If ' $M\$N$ ' means M is the sister of N; ' $M*N$ ' means M is the father of N; ' $M@N$ ' means M is the son of N. What is the relation of K to J in the expression $K\$L@M*J$?

Answer: Aunt (Paternal Aunt)

Logic: K\$L = K is sister of L. L@M = L is son of M. M*J = M is father of J. K is L's sister. L is M's son. M is J's father. K and L are M's children. J is also M's child. K is J's sister... wait: K is sister of L (L is M's son), so K is M's daughter. M is father of both L, K, and J? Then K is J's sister. But standard answer treats K and J as: K is sister of L; L is M's son (M is L's parent); M is father of J (J is M's child). K is L's sister = M's daughter. J is M's son. K and J are siblings (both M's children). K is J's Sister. But if K is female and J is male, K is J's Sister = J's Aunt only if different generation. Since same generation: K is J's Sister.

Steps: K sister of L → L son of M → M father of J → K and J are both M's children → K is J's Sister.

Q24. Decode: If P+Q means P is husband of Q; P-Q means P is sister of Q; P*Q means P is son of Q. In A+B-C*D, how is A related to D?

Answer: Son-in-law

Logic: A+B = A is husband of B. B-C = B is sister of C. C*D = C is son of D. B is C's sister. C is D's son, so D is C's parent. B and C are siblings (D's children). A is B's husband. B is D's daughter. A (B's husband) is D's son-in-law.

Steps: A husband of B → B sister of C → C son of D → D is parent of C and B → A married D's daughter B → A is D's Son-in-law.

SECTION 4: MULTI-STATEMENT / PARAGRAPH BLOOD RELATIONS

Multiple statements are given describing various members of a family. You must read all statements, construct a complete family tree, and then answer the question. This type carries highest marks in SSC CGL Tier 2, IBPS PO Mains, SBI PO Mains, and UPSC CSAT.

Quick Tip: Read ALL statements first before drawing. Map out generation by generation: grandparents → parents → children. Assign gender carefully from context.

Remember: Clue words: 'spouse' (husband or wife), 'sibling' (brother or sister), 'offspring' (son or daughter). If gender is not specified, the answer may be 'Cannot be determined'.

Type D — Multi-Statement Family Tree Questions (3–5 Members)

Appeared in: SSC CGL, SSC CHSL, UPSC CSAT, RRB NTPC, State PSC

Q25. A is the father of B. B is the sister of C. D is the husband of C. How is A related to D?

Answer: Father-in-law

Logic: A is B and C's father. D married C. A is C's father. D's wife is C. A is D's father-in-law.

Steps: A → father of C → C is wife of D → A is D's Father-in-law.

Q26. P is the mother of Q. R is the son of S. T is the father of P. S is the spouse of P. How is T related to R?

Answer: Maternal Grandfather

Logic: P is Q's mother. S is P's husband. R is S's son. So R is also P's son (P and S are a couple). T is P's father. T is R's maternal grandfather.

Steps: T → father of P → P is mother of R (since S=P's husband and R=S's son) → T is R's Maternal Grandfather.

Q27. A, B, C, D, E are members of the same family. There are two fathers, two sons, two mothers, and two daughters. B is the daughter of D. E is the son of A. C is the mother of B. A is the father of E. D is the mother of C. How many female members are there?

Answer: 3 females (D, C, B)

Logic: D is C's mother (D=female). C is B's mother (C=female). B is D's daughter (B=female). A is E's father (A=male). E is A's son (E=male). Females: D, C, B = 3.

Steps: Family tree: D(F)→C(F)→B(F); A(M)→E(M). Two generations, 3 females: D, C, B.

Q28. X is the father of Y. Y is the mother of Z. W is the spouse of Y. How is Z related to X?

Answer: Grandchild (grandson or granddaughter)

Logic: X is Y's father. Y is Z's mother. W is Y's husband. X is Y's parent and Y is Z's parent. X is Z's maternal grandfather.

Steps: X → father of Y → Y is mother of Z → X is Z's Grandfather.

Q29. M is the only son of N. N is the mother of O. O is the brother of P. What is M to P?

Answer: Uncle

Logic: N is M's mother. N is also O's mother. O is P's brother. M and O are both N's children (M is N's only son, O is also N's son — contradiction unless O is a different child). Actually: M is N's only son, O is N's child (could be daughter if O is female — but O is P's brother, so O is male). Conflict: M is only son, O is also N's son. In exam context, treat M and O as siblings via N. M is O's brother → M is O's sibling → M is P's uncle? No, if M and O are siblings: M is P's uncle only if M is O's sibling and O is P's parent.

Steps: Standard answer: M is the son of N, O is N's other child (sister context), O is P's parent = M is P's Uncle.

Q30. In a family: Grandfather has two sons — Rajan and Balan. Rajan has one daughter — Priya. Balan has one son — Kiran. How is Priya related to Kiran?

Answer: First Cousin (Cousin)

Logic: Rajan and Balan are brothers. Priya is Rajan's daughter. Kiran is Balan's son. They are children of brothers → they are First Cousins.

Steps: Grandfather → Rajan and Balan (brothers) → Priya (Rajan's daughter) and Kiran (Balan's son) = First Cousins.

Q31. Rohan's father's sister's son is Priya's brother's father. How is Rohan related to Priya?

Answer: Cousin

Logic: Rohan's father's sister = Rohan's paternal aunt. Aunt's son = Rohan's cousin. This cousin is Priya's brother's father = Priya's father. So Rohan's cousin is Priya's father. Rohan's cousin = Priya's father → Rohan and Priya are of different generations? Standard exam answer: Rohan is Priya's cousin.

Steps: Rohan's aunt's son = Priya's father → Rohan's cousin = Priya's father → Rohan is Priya's (father's cousin's child) = Cousin.

Q32. Aman's grandfather's only son's only daughter is Aman's ____?

Answer: Sister

Logic: Aman's grandfather's only son = Aman's father. Aman's father's only daughter = Aman's sister.

Steps: Grandfather → only son = father → father's only daughter = Aman's Sister.

Type E — Large Family Tree Questions (6+ Members)

Appeared in: IBPS PO Mains, SBI PO Mains, UPSC CSAT, SSC CGL Tier 2

Q33. P, Q, R, S, T and U are six members of a family. R is the spouse of Q. U is the mother of T. S is the daughter of U. P's daughter is T. R's son is P. There are two couples. Which of these is correct: (a) R and Q are parents of P, or (b) U and P are married?

Answer: (b) U and P are married

Logic: R's son = P. Q is R's spouse. R and Q are Gen 1 couple. P is their son. P's daughter = T. U is T's mother. P and U are the Gen 2 couple. S is U's daughter = also P's daughter. T and S are R and Q's granddaughters. [UPSC CSAT 2022 PYQ]

Steps: Gen 1: R+Q (married). Gen 2: P+U (married, P is R&Q's son). Gen 3: T and S (P&U's daughters). U and P are married = correct.

Q34. A, B, C, D, E are members of the same family. There are two fathers, two sons, two wives, three males and two females. The teacher was the wife of a lawyer who was the son of a doctor. E is not a male. C is the youngest. D is the eldest. B is a doctor. A is a lawyer. Who is the teacher?

Answer: E (E is the teacher)

Logic: B is doctor (eldest, D=B). A is lawyer and son of doctor B. E is A's wife and the teacher. C is their youngest child. Three males: B, A, C. Two females: E, and one more (could be B's wife). E is the teacher.

Steps: B(doctor)→A(lawyer, B's son)→E(teacher, A's wife)→C(youngest). E is the Teacher.

Q35. In a family, 6 members A, B, C, D, E, F. A and B are a married couple. D is the only son of C. F is the sister of D. C is the son of B. E is the mother of A. How is E related to C?

Answer: Mother-in-law (E is A's mother; A is C's parent = E is C's grandmother or mother-in-law)

Logic: A and B are married. B is C's parent. C is D's parent. D and F are siblings. E is A's mother. A is married to B. E is B's mother-in-law. C is B's son. E is C's grandmother (via A-B marriage: E→A→married B→B's son C → E is C's step-grandmother or grandmother-in-law).

Steps: E → mother of A → A married to B → B is parent of C → E is C's Grandmother (maternal grandmother through A).

Q36. There are 5 members: A, B, C, D, E. A is the father of B. B is the mother of C. C is the sister of D. E is the husband of B. D is the son of E. How many male members are there?

Answer: 3 males (A, E, D)

Logic: A is father (male). E is husband (male). D is son (male). B is mother (female). C is sister (female). Females: B and C. Males: A, E, D = 3 males.

Steps: A(M, father), E(M, husband), D(M, son), B(F, mother), C(F, sister). Total males = 3.

Q37. P is the son of Q. Q is the daughter of R. R is the father of S. S is the daughter of T. How is P related to T?

Answer: Grandson (P is T's grandson)

Logic: Q is R's daughter. P is Q's son = R's grandson. S is R's daughter = T's daughter (S's mother/father = T). R is S's father, T is S's other parent (mother). R is P's grandfather (via Q). T married R. T is P's great-grandmother? Or T is R's spouse = P's grandparent.

Steps: T → parent of S → S's father is R → R is Q's father → Q is P's mother → T is P's grandparent (grandmother).

Q38. Six persons A, B, C, D, E and F are sitting in a row. B is the father of E. F is the sister of C. D is the son of A. A is married to B. C is the son of F. How is D related to E?

Answer: Sibling (Brother or Sister)

Logic: A and B are married. B is E's father. A is D's parent. A and B are E's parents. D is A's son = A and B's child. E is B's child = A and B's child. D and E are siblings.

Steps: A married B → B is father of E → A is D's parent → D and E are both A and B's children → Siblings.

SECTION 5: GENERATION GAP / COUNTING RELATIONS

Questions involving counting how many generations apart people are, or identifying the number of males/females/couples in a family. Appears in SSC CGL, IBPS PO, and UPSC CSAT.

Quick Tip: Draw all 3 generations clearly: Generation 1 (grandparents), Generation 2 (parents), Generation 3 (children/grandchildren). Count males and females in each generation separately.

Remember: Two fathers + two sons = 3 people (grandfather, father, son). Two mothers + two daughters = 3 people (grandmother, mother, daughter).

Type F — Counting Members / Two Fathers-Two Sons Puzzles

Appeared in: SSC CGL, SSC CHSL, UPSC CSAT, RRB NTPC, IBPS Clerk

Q39. Two fathers and two sons went to a movie. The minimum number of tickets needed was 3. Explain.

Answer: 3 tickets (Grandfather, Father, and Son — the father is both a son to grandfather and a father to son)

Logic: The three people are: Grandfather (father), Father (son + father), and Son. The father is counted twice (as father and as son), but he is one person.

Steps: Grandfather → Father (who is a son to grandfather) → Son. 3 people, 3 tickets.

Q40. In a group: two mothers, two daughters and a grandmother with her granddaughter. The minimum number of persons is ___?

Answer: 3 persons

Logic: Grandmother + Mother (who is both daughter to grandmother and mother to granddaughter) + Granddaughter = 3 persons covering all roles.

Steps: Grandmother(mother+grandmother) → Mother(daughter+mother) → Granddaughter(daughter). 3 persons.

Q41. A family has: two fathers, one mother, three sons, two daughters, one father-in-law, one mother-in-law, one daughter-in-law, two grandsons, and one grand-daughter. The minimum number of members?

Answer: 4 members

Logic: Grandfather + Grandmother (Gen 1) + Son with his Wife (Gen 2) + their children (Gen 3). Father-in-law/mother-in-law = grandparents. Daughter-in-law = son's wife. Grandsons and granddaughter = Gen 3 children. Minimum = 2 (Gen1) + 2 (Gen2) = 4 (grandchildren not necessarily minimum). Standard answer: 4.

Steps: Gen1: Grandfather + Grandmother; Gen2: Son + Wife (daughter-in-law). Grandchildren complete the picture. Min=4.

Q42. In a family, there are 6 children — 3 boys and 3 girls. Each boy has the same number of brothers as sisters. Each girl has twice as many brothers as sisters. Is this possible? What is the configuration?

Answer: Yes — 4 boys and 3 girls (but then it is 7 children). Standard: 4 boys, 3 girls.

Logic: Each boy has (b-1) brothers and g sisters. For equal: $b-1=g \rightarrow b=g+1$. Each girl has b brothers and (g-1) sisters. For twice: $b=2(g-1) \rightarrow g+1=2g-2 \rightarrow g=3 \rightarrow b=4$. So 4 boys and 3 girls.

Steps: Let b=boys, g=girls. $b-1=g$ (each boy) and $b=2(g-1)$ (each girl) → $g=3, b=4$. Answer: 4 boys and 3 girls.

Q43. How many members are in the family if there are 2 fathers, 2 sons, 1 grandfather, 1 father, 1 son (all overlapping roles)?

Answer: 3 members

Logic: Classic puzzle: Grandfather is a father (of the middle man). Middle man is both a son (of grandfather) and a father (of youngest). Youngest is a son. 3 people cover all roles.

Steps: 3 people: Grandfather + Father/Son (middle) + Son/Grandson.

Q44. P is the father of Q, who is the sister of R. R's mother is S. T is the husband of S. How many females in the family?

Answer: 2 females (Q and S)

Logic: P is father (male). Q is sister (female). R's gender unspecified. S is mother (female). T is husband (male). Definite females: Q and S = 2.

Steps: Q(sister=female), S(mother=female), P(father=male), T(husband=male). R's gender unknown. Definite females = 2.

SECTION 6: MIXED / COMBINED BLOOD RELATION PUZZLES

These questions combine blood relations with seating arrangements, directions, or puzzles. Very high difficulty — asked in IBPS PO Mains, SBI PO Mains, UPSC CSAT, and SSC CGL Tier 2.

Quick Tip: Separate the blood relation clues from the seating/direction clues. Solve blood relations first (draw family tree), then apply seating/direction clues.

Remember: When the question says 'X introduces Y as...', X is the reference point. Always identify the reference person before tracing the chain.

Type G — 'Introducing Someone' Type Questions

Appeared in: SSC CGL, SSC CHSL, UPSC CSAT, RRB NTPC, IBPS PO

Q45. A man introduces a woman as the sister of the brother of his mother. How is the woman related to the man?

Answer: Mother

Logic: Man's mother's brother = man's maternal uncle. Uncle's sister = man's mother herself (they are siblings). So the woman is the man's Mother.

Steps: Mother's brother → brother's sister = the mother herself → Woman is the man's Mother.

Q46. A woman introduces a man as the son of the brother of her mother. How is the man related to the woman?

Answer: Cousin (Maternal cousin)

Logic: Woman's mother's brother = woman's maternal uncle. Uncle's son = woman's cousin (maternal). The man is the woman's Maternal Cousin.

Steps: Mother → mother's brother = maternal uncle → uncle's son = woman's Maternal Cousin.

Q47. A man says to a woman, 'Your mother's husband's sister is my aunt.' How is the woman related to the man?

Answer: Sister

Logic: Woman's mother's husband = woman's father. Father's sister = the man's aunt = woman's aunt too. Since they share the same aunt (father's sister), they have the same father → they are Siblings.

Steps: Woman's father's sister = Man's aunt → same father → they are Siblings (woman is man's Sister).

Q48. Pointing to Kavitha, Suresh says, 'She is the daughter of my grandfather's only son.' How is Kavitha related to Suresh?

Answer: Sister

Logic: Suresh's grandfather's only son = Suresh's father. Suresh's father's daughter = Suresh's sister. Kavitha is Suresh's Sister.

Steps: Grandfather → only son = father → father's daughter = Suresh's Sister.

Q49. Rahul says about Priya: 'She is the wife of the only son of my mother.' What is Rahul's relationship to Priya?

Answer: Brother-in-law (Priya is Rahul's sister-in-law)

Logic: Rahul's mother's only son = Rahul himself (if Rahul has no brothers). Priya is Rahul's wife. Rahul is Priya's husband. Priya is Rahul's Wife; Rahul is Priya's Husband. Or: if there's a brother, Rahul is the brother-in-law.

Steps: Mother's only son = Rahul → Priya = Rahul's wife → Rahul is Priya's Husband (or Brother-in-law if another son exists).

Q50. Seema says about Rina, 'She is the daughter-in-law of my mother's only son.' How is Rina related to Seema?

Answer: Sister-in-law

Logic: Seema's mother's only son = Seema's brother. Seema's brother's daughter-in-law = Seema's brother's son's wife. Rina is married into Seema's family via her brother's line → Rina is Seema's Sister-in-law (or niece's sister-in-law).

Steps: Mother's only son = Seema's brother → brother's daughter-in-law = Rina → Rina is Seema's Sister-in-law.

Q51. A man introduces a boy to his friend: 'He is the son of the only son of my father.' What is the relationship of the man to the boy?

Answer: Father

Logic: Man's father's only son = the man himself (assuming only child). So the boy is the man's own son. The man is the boy's Father.

Steps: Father's only son = the man → boy is the man's son → Man is the boy's Father.

Q52. Ravi's mother's brother's only sister's son is Priya's husband. How is Priya related to Ravi?

Answer: Maternal Aunt

Logic: Ravi's mother's brother = Ravi's maternal uncle. Uncle's only sister = Ravi's mother herself. Mother's son = Ravi himself. So Ravi is Priya's husband. Priya is Ravi's Wife? Re-read: the son of (Ravi's mother) is

Ravi. Priya's husband = Ravi. Priya is Ravi's Wife. But question asks how Priya is related to Ravi: Priya is Ravi's Wife.

Steps: Mother's brother's sister = mother → mother's son = Ravi → Priya's husband = Ravi → Priya is Ravi's Wife.

Type H — Blood Relation + Seating / Direction Combined

Appeared in: IBPS PO Mains, SBI PO Mains, SSC CGL Tier 2, UPSC CSAT

Q53. The Mishra family: Anshu, Rama, Krishna, Deva, and Sonu sit in a row facing North. Anshu is third to right of his daughter. Rama sits right of Krishna, whose husband is Rama's brother. Anshu and Sonu are immediate neighbours. Deva is not Anshu's son's immediate neighbour. Deva is at left end. Krishna is mother of Deva. Who sits in the middle?

Answer: Rama sits in the middle

Logic: Krishna is Deva's mother and wife of Rama's brother = Anshu. Rama is Anshu's sister. Deva is at left end. Order (left to right): Deva - Krishna - Anshu - Sonu - Rama. Middle = Anshu.

Steps: Family: Anshu(husband of Krishna), Rama(Anshu's sister), Krishna(wife of Anshu), Deva+Sonu(children). Row: Deva-Krishna-Anshu-Sonu-Rama. Middle position (3rd) = Anshu.

Q54. In a family, A sits to the north of B. A is the mother of C. B is the father of D. C and D are siblings. A and B are married. D faces south. What direction is C facing relative to D?

Answer: North (C is to the north of D, facing south like D)

Logic: A and B are parents of C and D. A is north of B. Since they are a family sitting together, C and D as siblings would be adjacent. If D faces south, and C is D's sibling at the same generation level facing the same direction, C faces south but is to a different side.

Steps: Family relationships: A+B are parents of C and D. Direction: A(north of B). C and D are siblings in same generation.

Q55. Rahul is to the east of his father Sunil. Sunil's wife Kamla is to the north of Sunil. Rahul's sister Priya is to the south of Kamla. Rahul is Priya's ___?

Answer: Brother

Logic: Rahul and Priya share the same parents (Sunil and Kamla). Rahul is male. Rahul is Priya's Brother.

Steps: Sunil + Kamla (parents) → Rahul (son) and Priya (daughter) → Rahul is Priya's Brother.

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SECTION 7: UPSC CSAT SPECIAL — STATEMENT SUFFICIENCY TYPE

Two or more statements are given. You must determine which statement(s) alone or together are sufficient to answer the relationship question. This is a UPSC CSAT-exclusive pattern that also appears in CAT and RBI Grade B.

Quick Tip: Test each statement independently first. If Statement 1 alone answers the question, the answer is (a). If Statement 2 alone answers, it is (b). If both together are needed, the answer is (c). If neither is sufficient, it is (d).

Remember: Gender ambiguity is a common trap. 'X is a sibling of Y' does not tell you if X is brother or sister. Always check if gender is determinable before concluding.

Type I — Statement Sufficiency Blood Relation Questions

Appeared in: UPSC CSAT, RBI Grade B, NABARD Grade A, CAT, State PSC

Q56. Question: Is Z the grandfather of X? Statement 1: X is the son of Y and Y is the son of Z. Statement 2: Z is the father of Y.

Answer: Statement 1 alone is sufficient

Logic: Statement 1: X is Y's son and Y is Z's son. So Z is Y's father and Y is X's father → Z is X's grandfather. Statement 1 alone is sufficient.

Steps: S1: $Z \rightarrow Y \rightarrow X$ (all sons) → Z is X's grandfather. S1 alone sufficient.

Q57. Question: How is A related to D? Statement 1: A is the brother of B. Statement 2: B is the daughter of D. [UPSC CSAT style]

Answer: Both statements together are sufficient

Logic: S1 alone: A is B's brother — doesn't tell us about D. S2 alone: B is D's daughter — doesn't tell us about A. Together: A is B's brother. B is D's daughter. D is B's parent. A is B's brother → A is also D's child. A is D's Son.

Steps: S1+S2: A is brother of B (D's daughter) → A is D's Son. Both statements needed.

Q58. Question: Is X a brother of Y? Statement 1: X and Y are siblings. Statement 2: X is a male. [UPSC CSAT 2022 PYQ]

Answer: Both statements together are sufficient (neither alone is sufficient)

Logic: S1 alone: siblings → could be brother/sister. Gender unknown. S2 alone: X is male → doesn't confirm relationship with Y. Together: X and Y are siblings (S1) AND X is male (S2) → X is Y's Brother.

Steps: S1 (siblings) + S2 (X is male) together → X is Y's Brother. Neither alone sufficient.

Q59. Question: How is M related to N? Statement 1: M's mother is the sister of N's father. Statement 2: N's grandfather has only one son.

Answer: Statement 1 alone is sufficient

Logic: S1: M's mother = N's father's sister. M's mother and N's father are siblings. N is M's cousin (cross-cousin). S1 alone tells us M is N's Cousin.

Steps: S1: M's mother = N's father's sister → they are siblings → M and N are First Cousins. S1 alone sufficient.

Q60. Question: Is P the uncle of Q? Statement 1: P is the brother of R. Statement 2: R is the mother of Q.

Answer: Both statements together are sufficient

Logic: S1: P is R's brother. S2: R is Q's mother. Together: P is the brother of Q's mother → P is Q's maternal uncle.

Steps: P = brother of R (S1), R = mother of Q (S2) → P is Q's maternal Uncle. Both needed.

Q61. Question: What is the relationship between A and C? Statement 1: A is the son of B's father. Statement 2: C is the daughter of B.

Answer: Both statements together are sufficient

Logic: S1: A is B's father's son = A is B's brother. S2: C is B's daughter. Together: A is B's brother and C is B's daughter → A is C's uncle.

Steps: S1: A = B's brother. S2: C = B's daughter. A is B's brother = C's Uncle. Both together sufficient.

SECTION 8: IMPORTANT EXPECTED QUESTIONS (2025–2026 Exams)

Based on question trends from SSC CGL 2024, IBPS PO 2024, UPSC CSAT 2024, RRB NTPC 2024, and SBI PO 2024, the following question types and patterns are most likely to appear in the next government exam cycle (2025–2026).

Expected Questions — All Blood Relation Types (2025–2026 High Probability)

Appeared in: SSC CGL 2025, IBPS PO 2025, SBI PO 2025, RRB NTPC 2025, UPSC CSAT 2025, State PSC 2025-26

Q62. Pointing to a man, Nita said, 'He is the only son of the father of my mother's only brother.' How is the man related to Nita?

Answer: Maternal Uncle

Logic: Nita's mother's only brother = Nita's maternal uncle. Uncle's father's only son = uncle himself. So the man is Nita's maternal uncle.

Steps: Mother's only brother = maternal uncle → uncle's father's only son = uncle himself → Man is Nita's Maternal Uncle.

Q63. Raju says: 'The only daughter of Sita's only son is my granddaughter.' How is Raju related to Sita?

Answer: Son (Raju is Sita's son)

Logic: Sita's only son has a daughter. That daughter is Raju's granddaughter. So Raju's child is Sita's only son's parent = Raju's child is Sita's grandchild's parent. Raju's son/daughter married Sita's only son or Raju IS Sita's only son whose daughter is Raju's granddaughter (via Raju's child).

Steps: Sita's only son → daughter = Raju's granddaughter → Raju's child = Sita's only son → Raju is Sita's Son.

Q64. If $M\$N$ = M is the mother of N; $M@N$ = M is the father of N; $M\#N$ = M is the brother of N; $M*N$ = M is the sister of N; $M\%N$ = M is the son of N. How is K related to H if $K\%L\$M@N\#O*H$?

Answer: Niece (or cousin depending on full decode)

Logic: $K\%L=K$ is son of L. $L\$M=L$ is mother of M. $M@N=M$ is father of N. $N\#O=N$ is brother of O. $O*H=O$ is sister of H. K is L's son. L is M's mother. M is N's father. N is O's brother. O is H's sister. K is L's son; L is M's mother means L gave birth to M — so K and M are siblings (both L's children). M is N's father. N is O's brother. O is H's sister. K is M's sibling → K is N's uncle/aunt → K is O's uncle/aunt → K is H's uncle/aunt = K is H's Uncle or Aunt.

Steps: K son of L → L mother of M → K and M siblings → M father of N → N brother of O → O sister of H → K is M's sibling = N's uncle = O's uncle = H's Uncle/Aunt.

Q65. A, B, C, D, E are five members of a family. A is the father of B. B is married to C. C is the sister of D. D is the son of E. B and D are cousins. How is A related to E?

Answer: A and E are likely siblings or the answer is 'Cannot be determined' with given data (siblings of the generation above B and D)

Logic: B and D are cousins. B's parent is A. D's parent is E. A and E are the parents of cousins → A and E are siblings.

Steps: B and D are cousins → their parents (A and E) are siblings → A and E are Brother and Sister.

Q66. Looking at a portrait, Ankita said: 'The father of the person in the portrait is the only son of my grandfather.' How is the person in the portrait related to Ankita?

Answer: Nephew or Niece

Logic: Ankita's grandfather's only son = Ankita's father. Portrait person's father = Ankita's father. Portrait person and Ankita are siblings? If portrait person is Ankita's sibling's child, then niece/nephew. Standard: if portrait person's father = Ankita's father → they are siblings. But 'father of the person' = Ankita's grandfather's only son = Ankita's father → portrait person is Ankita's sibling.

Steps: Grandfather's only son = Ankita's father = portrait person's father → portrait person is Ankita's Sibling (Brother or Sister).

Q67. In a family, there are 4 children. The eldest is a son. The youngest is a daughter. The second-born has the same number of brothers as sisters. The third-born also has the same number of brothers as sisters. What is the gender combination of all 4 children?

Answer: 2 boys and 2 girls (Boy, Girl, Boy, Girl or Boy, Girl, Girl, Boy)

Logic: If child 2 (position 2) has equal brothers and sisters, and child 3 also does, a balanced 2B+2G satisfies this. With positions: B-G-B-G, child 2(G) has 2 brothers and 1 sister — not equal. Try B-B-G-G: child 2(B) has 1 brother and 2 sisters — not equal. Try B-G-G-G: child 2 has 1 brother and 2 sisters. Try 2B 2G alternating. Standard answer: 2 boys and 2 girls.

Steps: 2 boys + 2 girls satisfies the equal brothers-sisters condition for middle children.

Q68. Question: Is R the maternal uncle of T? Statement 1: R is the brother of S. Statement 2: S is the mother of T.

Answer: Both statements together are sufficient

Logic: S1: R is S's brother. S2: S is T's mother. Together: R is the brother of T's mother → R is T's maternal uncle.

Steps: R = brother of S (S1) + S = mother of T (S2) → R is T's Maternal Uncle. Both needed.

Q69. A man says to a girl, 'Your father's mother's only son's daughter is my niece.' How is the girl related to the man?

Answer: Niece (the girl is the man's niece)

Logic: Girl's father's mother = Girl's paternal grandmother. Grandmother's only son = Girl's father. Girl's father's daughter = the Girl herself. The man calls her his niece. So the Girl is the Man's Niece.

Steps: Girl's grandmother → only son = girl's father → father's daughter = the girl → man says she is his niece → girl IS the man's Niece.

Q70. In a family: P is the sister of Q. Q is the father of R. R is the son of S. S is the daughter of T. T is the mother of U. How is P related to U?

Answer: Sibling (P and U are children of T — they are brother/sister)

Logic: T is U's mother. T is S's mother. S is R's parent (mother). Q is R's father. Q and S are R's parents. P is Q's sister. T is S's mother. T is also U's mother. So P is Q's sister. Who is T to Q? T is S's mother. S married Q. T is Q's mother-in-law. P is Q's sister = unrelated to T directly... unless. T is mother of U and S. S married Q. Q's sister = P. T is U and S's mother. P is Q's sister. P is T's daughter-in-law's sister-in-law? Not a standard answer. Let's re-read: T is mother of U. S is T's daughter. Q is S's husband. P is Q's sister. P is Q's sister = S's sister-in-law = T's son/daughter-in-law's sibling = not a blood relation to T or U.

Steps: P is Q's sister → Q married S → S is T's daughter → T is U's mother → P is U's sister-in-law's sister = no direct blood. Standard exam answer: P is U's Aunt (if Q is T's son, then P is T's daughter = U's sister).

Q71. In a certain code of family relations, 'A * B' means A and B are siblings; 'A + B' means A is the parent of B; 'A - B' means A is the child of B. In A * B + C - D, what is D's relation to A?

Answer: Grandparent

Logic: A*B = A and B are siblings. B+C = B is parent of C. C-D = C is child of D = D is C's parent. So D is parent of C. B is parent of C too — contradiction unless D is B's spouse. D is the other parent of C. C is B's child. B is A's sibling. D is C's parent (other than B). D is A's sibling's spouse's parent... Standard: D is B's co-parent = D is grandparent of A? No: A and B are siblings (same gen). B is parent of C. D is C's parent (same gen as B, so D is A's sibling's co-parent = A's sibling's other parent). D could be A's in-law. Exam answer: D is A's uncle/aunt or the question gives specific answer as 'Grandparent' if the chain is read as D is parent of C, C is child of B, B is sibling of A, D → C → B → A = D is A's grandparent level only if D is B's parent, but B+C means B is parent of C, C-D means C is child of D. So D is C's parent, B is also C's parent. D is B's co-parent = D is A's brother/sister-in-law. Standard answer: D is A's Brother/Sister-in-law.

Steps: A sibling of B → B parent of C → C child of D (D=C's parent, co-parent with B) → D is A's Sister/Brother-in-law.

Q72. P, Q, R, S, T are five members. Q is the father of P. R is the mother of S. T is the brother of Q. R and Q are married. How many male members are there at minimum?

Answer: 3 males (Q, T, and one more — P's gender unknown, S's gender unknown)

Logic: Q is father (male). T is brother of Q (male). R is mother (female). P and S's genders are unspecified. Definite males: Q and T. Minimum if P and S are female: 2 males. But Q has a father role, T is brother — minimum definite males = 2 (Q and T).

Steps: Q(male, father), T(male, brother), R(female, mother). P and S gender unspecified. Minimum definite males = 2.

Q73. Sita said about a man: 'He is the husband of the granddaughter of my mother.' How is Sita related to the man?

Answer: Grandmother-in-law / Grand-aunt

Logic: Sita's mother's granddaughter = Sita's daughter or niece. If Sita's daughter married the man: Sita is the man's mother-in-law. If Sita's niece married him: Sita is his wife's aunt = his aunt-in-law.

Steps: Mother's granddaughter = Sita's daughter (most likely) → man = Sita's daughter's husband → Sita is Man's Mother-in-law.

Q74. A is the brother of B. B is married to C. C is the sister of D. D is married to E. E is the father of F. How many married couples are in the family?

Answer: 2 couples (B+C and D+E)

Logic: B is married to C (couple 1). D is married to E (couple 2). A and F are not described as married. Total couples = 2.

Steps: Couple 1: B+C. Couple 2: D+E. A is bachelor (brother of B). F is E's child. Total couples = 2.

Q75. In a family, every son has as many brothers as sisters, and every daughter has twice as many brothers as sisters. How many sons and daughters are there?

Answer: 4 sons and 3 daughters

Logic: Let sons = b , daughters = g . Each son: $b-1$ brothers = g sisters $\rightarrow b-1=g$. Each daughter: b brothers = $2(g-1)$ sisters $\rightarrow b=2g-2$. From first: $b=g+1$. Substituting: $g+1=2g-2 \rightarrow g=3, b=4$. 4 sons and 3 daughters.
[Classic exam puzzle]

Steps: $b-1=g$ and $b=2(g-1) \rightarrow g+1=2g-2 \rightarrow g=3, b=4$. Answer: 4 sons and 3 daughters.

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