4. Blood Relations

What is Blood Relation?

Blood relations are the relationships among members of a family. Questions on blood relations test your ability to understand and interpret these relationships.

S Common Relationships and Their Meanings:

Term	Relation
Father's son	Brother
Father's daughter	Sister
Mother's brother	Maternal uncle
Father's brother	Paternal uncle
Brother's son	Nephew
Sister's son	Nephew

Brother's daughter Niece

Daughter's husband Son-in-law

Son's wife Daughter-in-law

Husband's father Father-in-law

Wife's sister Sister-in-law

Q Types of Blood Relation Questions:

1. Direct Relationship Questions

You are directly told the relationship.

Example 1:

Q. A is the brother of B. B is the sister of C. How is C related to A?

Solution:

- A is brother of B
- B is sister of C
 - → So, A and C are siblings

Answer: Can't be determined (C can be either brother or sister)

2. Puzzle Form or Indirect Statements

Example 2:

Q. A is the son of B. B is the sister of C. C is the father of D. How is A related to D?

Solution:

- A is B's son
- B is C's sister → So C is A's maternal uncle
- C is D's father → So D is C's child
 → So, A and D are cousins

Answer: Cousin

3. Coded Relations

In this type, symbols represent relationships.

Example 3:

Q. A + B means A is the brother of B

A - B means A is the sister of B

A * B means A is the mother of B

A ÷ B means A is the father of B

Find the relation: $P * Q \div R$

Solution:

 $P * Q \rightarrow P$ is the mother of Q

 $Q \div R \rightarrow Q$ is the father of R

→ So P is R's grandmother

Answer: Grandmother

4. Mixed Gender & Generational Questions

Example 4:

Q. Pointing to a man, Seema said, "He is the only son of my mother's mother." Who is the man to Seema?

Solution:

- Mother's mother → grandmother
- Only son of grandmother \rightarrow Seema's maternal uncle

Answer: Maternal Uncle

5. Find Relation from a Family Tree

You may be given a paragraph or diagram.

Example 5:

Q. R is the son of P. Q is the sister of R. S is the mother of Q. How is S related to P?

Solution:

- R is son of P
- Q is R's sister → Q is also child of P
- S is mother of $Q \rightarrow So S$ is wife of P

Answer: Wife

Tips to Solve Blood Relation Questions:

- 1. **Draw a family tree** Use symbols:
- 2. **Start from the last sentence and move backward** in case of long statements.
- 3. Mark gender wherever clear.
- 4. **Use elimination method** if unsure.