

## Disapproving Family — Six-Cousin Key & Explanations

CN Censorious · CR Critical · DS Dismissive · DN Denunciatory · IN Indignant · SK Sceptical

Q	A	Q	A	Q	A	Q	A	Q	A
1	CN	11	IN	21	DS	31	DN	41	DS
2	CR	12	SK	22	DN	32	CR	42	CR
3	DS	13	CN	23	IN	33	SK	43	DN
4	DN	14	CR	24	SK	34	IN	44	IN
5	IN	15	DS	25	CN	35	DS	45	SK
6	SK	16	DN	26	CR	36	DN	46	DS
7	CN	17	IN	27	DS	37	CR	47	CN
8	CR	18	SK	28	DN	38	CN	48	CR
9	DS	19	CN	29	IN	39	SK	49	SK
10	DN	20	CR	30	SK	40	IN	50	IN

CN ·  
CENSORIOUS

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CR ·  
CRITICAL

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DS ·  
DISMISSIVE

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DN ·  
DENUNCIATORY

8

IN ·  
INDIGNANT

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SK ·  
SCEPTICAL

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Distribution roughly balanced across the six cousins. Each Q rewards a two-line evidence read — the cue word(s) that fix the cousin, not a paraphrase. Discuss disagreements in class with the question open and the cue word(s) circled.

### SECTION 1 · TWO-LINER EXPLANATIONS

Q 1-30

- Q1. **CN** — Censorious. Moral fault-finding on character. CUE: 'morally indefensible' + 'shocking insensitivity' = moral judgement → CN.
- Q2. **CR** — Critical. Praise-with-flaws structure; reasoned. CUE: 'acknowledges success but notes serious gaps' = balanced analytical → CR.
- Q3. **DS** — Dismissive. Casual brush-aside without engagement. CUE: 'brushed aside' + 'refusal to engage' = DS, not anger.
- Q4. **DN** — Denunciatory. Open public condemnation; targets the wrong itself. CUE: 'condemns', 'assault on constitutional morality' → DN.
- Q5. **IN** — Indignant. Emotional anger at injustice. CUE: 'outrage', 'deeply unjust', 'despite repeated judicial interventions' → IN.
- Q6. **SK** — Sceptical. Doubts the claim; not yet attack. CUE: 'questions', 'similar promises have failed' → SK.
- Q7. **CN** — Censorious. Hypocrisy named, character judged. CUE: 'hypocritical' is a moral verdict on character → CN, not DS.
- Q8. **CR** — Critical. Measured weighing; balanced strengths and weaknesses. CUE: 'though progressive... ambiguities unresolved' → CR.
- Q9. **DS** — Dismissive. Authority brushes off complaint without inquiry. CUE: 'dismissed without conducting any inquiry' → DS.
- Q10. **DN** — Denunciatory. Fierce public condemnation of a state practice. CUE: 'fiercely condemns', 'authoritarian, unconstitutional' → DN.
- Q11. **IN** — Indignant. Anger at unequal treatment of the vulnerable. CUE: 'visibly angered', 'systemic injustice' → IN, not DN.
- Q12. **SK** — Sceptical. Doubt of official claims rather than condemnation. CUE: 'remain unconvinced', 'repeatedly questions' → SK.
- Q13. **CN** — Censorious. Moral charge on corporate behaviour. CUE: 'ethically irresponsible' = moral verdict → CN.
- Q14. **CR** — Critical. Calm, structural critique. CUE: 'lacks funding clarity', 'evaluates in a measured manner' → CR.
- Q15. **DS** — Dismissive. Trivialising serious concerns. CUE: official tag 'unnecessary panic' + 'tendency to trivialize' → DS.
- Q16. **DN** — Denunciatory. Condemnation of a policy as unacceptable. CUE: 'condemns', 'morally unacceptable' → DN.
- Q17. **IN** — Indignant. Anger at exploitation. CUE: 'angered by the exploitation', 'accuses' → IN.
- Q18. **SK** — Sceptical. Doubt about outcome, evidence-anchored. CUE: 'doubts whether', 'past evidence suggests otherwise' → SK.
- Q19. **CN** — Censorious. Behaviour judged morally harmful. CUE: 'socially harmful and irresponsible' = moral language → CN.
- Q20. **CR** — Critical. Balanced evaluation; intent acknowledged. CUE: 'appreciates the intent but highlights serious procedural loopholes' → CR.
- Q21. **DS** — Dismissive. Authorities brush off science. CUE: 'dismissed independent research as unreliable speculation' → DS.
- Q22. **DN** — Denunciatory. Public condemnation framed in democratic terms. CUE: 'condemns', 'betrayal of democratic principles' → DN.
- Q23. **IN** — Indignant. Outrage at structural inequality. CUE: 'expresses outrage', 'cannot be justified' → IN.
- Q24. **SK** — Sceptical. Doubt about long-term claims. CUE: 'remain doubtful', 'questions optimistic projections' → SK.
- Q25. **CN** — Censorious. Conduct judged morally dangerous. CUE: 'morally dangerous' = moral verdict on politicians → CN.

- Q26. **CR** — Critical. Analytical fault-finding on evidence quality. CUE: 'inconsistencies', 'insufficient evidence', 'analytical rather than emotional' → CR.
- Q27. **DS** — Dismissive. Authority dismisses legitimate protest as attention-seeking. CUE: 'dismissed... as attention-seeking' → DS.
- Q28. **DN** — Denunciatory. Strong public condemnation; democratic-threat language. CUE: 'strongly condemns', 'threat to democratic freedoms' → DN.
- Q29. **IN** — Indignant. Anger at injustice to vulnerable communities. CUE: 'expresses anger', 'profoundly unjust' → IN.
- Q30. **SK** — Sceptical. Doubt about effectiveness. CUE: 'questions whether', 'absence of enforcement mechanisms' → SK.

**SECTION 2 · THREE-LINER EXPLANATIONS**

Q 31-50

- Q31. **DN** — Denunciatory. Three-line build: minimisation by company → accusation of deception → public attack. CUE: 'accused... of deliberately misleading' = open condemnation → DN.
- Q32. **CR** — Critical. Acknowledges progress; lists structural shortcomings. CUE: 'while ambitious, suffers from serious administrative shortcomings' → CR.
- Q33. **SK** — Sceptical. Repeated doubt across three sentences. CUE: 'considerable doubt', 'remain unconvinced' → SK.
- Q34. **IN** — Indignant. Anger across three sentences ending 'entirely unacceptable'. CUE: 'shocking disregard... entirely unacceptable' → IN.
- Q35. **DS** — Dismissive. Treats the activism as shallow performance. CUE: 'staged', 'performative gestures', 'superficial advocacy' → DS.
- Q36. **DN** — Denunciatory. Public condemnation framed as 'assault on democratic values'. CUE: 'deserve unequivocal condemnation' → DN.
- Q37. **CR** — Critical. Measured: aim acknowledged, gaps named. CUE: 'fails to address', 'overlooks several practical concerns' → CR.
- Q38. **CN** — Censorious. Moral verdict on corporate behaviour. CUE: 'morally indefensible', 'profound ethical failure' → CN.
- Q39. **SK** — Sceptical. Doubt of an explanation's credibility. CUE: 'vague and largely unconvincing', 'remains uncertain' → SK.
- Q40. **IN** — Indignant. Anger at repeated state neglect. CUE: 'nothing short of disgraceful' → IN.
- Q41. **DS** — Dismissive. Trivialises with mocking quotes. CUE: "'revolutionary cinema" seems exaggerated', 'refused to take such claims seriously' → DS.
- Q42. **CR** — Critical. Calm policy-paper critique. CUE: 'excessively broad', 'lack funding clarity', 'limited practical guidance' → CR.
- Q43. **DN** — Denunciatory. Open public condemnation of a state action. CUE: 'deeply alarming', 'condemned as discriminatory and oppressive', 'cannot be justified in any democracy' → DN.
- Q44. **IN** — Indignant. Anger at unfair treatment of students. CUE: 'remarkable insensitivity', 'unfair and irresponsible' → IN.
- Q45. **SK** — Sceptical. Doubt about company claims. CUE: 'remains doubtful', 'optimism... may be premature' → SK.
- Q46. **DS** — Dismissive. Dismissal of speech as theatrical and empty. CUE: 'empty rhetoric', 'more theatrical than substantive' → DS.
- Q47. **CN** — Censorious. Moral verdict on concealment. CUE: 'profoundly unethical and deserves severe punishment' → CN, not DN.
- Q48. **CR** — Critical. Measured weighing of reform consequences. CUE: 'underestimated', 'requires substantial reconsideration' → CR.
- Q49. **SK** — Sceptical. Doubt about official transparency. CUE: 'refused to disclose', 'questioned both the legality and transparency', 'trust... remains limited' → SK.
- Q50. **IN** — Indignant. Anger at displacement and callousness. CUE: 'callous disregard', 'appalling' → IN.

**Teacher's Notes**

Six things the paper was testing on the Disapproving family. Lead the discussion before students attempt the next set.

- Decide the family first.** Disapproving = author is against. Only then choose the cousin. Most wrong answers are one cousin off, not a wrong family.
- CN vs DN: character vs act.** Censorious targets the character of the actor ("morally indefensible", "hypocritical"). Denunciatory attacks the act itself in public terms ("assault on democracy", "betrayal", "unconstitutional"). Q4, Q7, Q22, Q47 hinge on this.
- DS vs SK: brush-aside vs doubt.** Dismissive treats the matter as not worth engaging; Sceptical engages but doubts. Q3, Q12, Q21, Q41 sit on this edge.
- IN vs DN: anger vs condemnation.** Indignant centres the writer's emotion ("outrage", "appalling", "shameful"). Denunciatory centres the verdict on the act. The IN sentence usually carries an injustice-word the writer cannot leave un-named.
- CR is the cool cousin.** Critical = analytical fault-finding. Watch for "however / although / overlooks / inadequate / gaps". CR never gets emotional. Q2, Q8, Q14, Q20, Q26, Q32, Q37, Q42, Q48 are all CR — show students how the family signature stays constant across very different topics.
- Quotation marks are a tone signal.** "Seasonal exaggeration", "unnecessary panic", "revolutionary cinema" — when the author quotes someone else's phrase in scare-quotes, the author is almost always dismissing it (DS) or doubting it (SK). Q3, Q15, Q41.