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### Answer 1

BASIS: n = 1.  $6^2 - 1 = 35$  is divisible by both 5 and 7.

IND. STEP: Assume that  $6^{2k}-1$  is divisible by both 5 and 7. Then  $6^{2k}-1=35m$ , where  $m\in$  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Hence,  $6^{2k} = 35m + 1$ .

Put k+1 in place of n. Then,  $6^{2k+2}-1=6^{2k}\times 36-1=36(35m+1)-1=1260m+35=$ 35(36m+1) is divisible by 35 and hence, by both 5 and 7.

Therefore, by induction,  $6^{2n}-1$  is divisible by both 5 and 7, where  $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$ .

### Answer 2

BASIS: n = 3.  $H_3 = 8H_2 + 8H_1 + 9H_0 = 105 \le 9^3 = 729$ .

IND. STEP: Assume  $H_4 \le 9^4$ ,  $H_5 \le 9^5$ , ...,  $H_k \le 9^k$ . Then  $H_{k+1} = 8H_k + 8H_{k-1} + 9H_{k-2} \le 8 \cdot 9^k + 8 \cdot 9^{k-1} + 9 \cdot 9^{k-2} = (8/9 + 8/81 + 1/81) \cdot 9^{k+1} = 9^{k+1}$ . So  $H_{k+1} \le 9^{k+1}$ .

## Answer 3

### For 0000:

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Total: 1 + 5 + 10 + 10 + 3 = 29.

#### For 1111:

Similarly, 29 cases.

Result: 29 + 29 + 2 = 60.

# Answer 4

Pick 1 star in 10 distinct stars. Pick 2 habitable planets in 20 distinct habitable planets. Pick 8 nonhabitable planets in 80 distinct nonhabitable planets. Let H: habitable planet, N: nonhabitable planet. Then,

HNNNNNNHNN  $\rightarrow$  6! · 2! · 2! · 3 (We multiply by 3 because there are 3 cases: HNNNNNNHNN, NHNNNNNNHN, NNHNNNNNH)

HNNNNNNNN  $\rightarrow 7! \cdot 2! \cdot 1! \cdot 2$  (2 cases: HNNNNNNNNN, NHNNNNNNNN)

HNNNNNNNH  $\rightarrow 8! \cdot 2!$ .

Hence, the result is:

$$\binom{10}{1} \times \binom{20}{2} \times \binom{80}{8} \times (6! \cdot 2! \cdot 2! \cdot 3 + 7! \cdot 2! \cdot 1! \cdot 2 + 8! \cdot 2!).$$

## Answer 5

- a)  $a_1 = 1$ ,  $a_2 = 2$  (11 and 2).
- $a_3$  has 4 cases, which is  $2^2 0$ : 111, 12, 21, 3.
- $a_4$  has 7 cases, which is  $2^3-1$ : 1111, 112, 121, 211, 13, 31, 22. The robot can not jump 4 cells, so  $a_4$  does not have the 8th case.

Similarly,  $a_5$  has 14 cases, which is  $2^4 - 2$ , since the robot can not jump 4 or 5 cells.

Hence, the answer is:  $a_n = 2^{n-1} - (n-3) = 2^{n-1} - n + 3$ .

- **b**)  $a_1 = 1, a_2 = 2.$
- c)  $a_9 = 2^8 9 + 3 = 250$ .