

1. Problem

A lottery machine will select a set of 4 different numbered marbles. The selection process begins with 10 different numbered marbles to choose from. How many different sets are possible?

2. Problem

A company needs to select a president, a manager, a CFO, a vice president, and a secretary. Each position will be held by a different person. The company is considering the same pool of 19 applicants for each position. How many configurations are possible?

3. Problem

A bike designer is choosing different colors for the rims, fork, and frame. There are 17 colors available. How many color configurations are possible?

4. Problem

A team has 12 players. The coach needs to pick 2 starters. How many ways could the coach do this?

5. Problem

A team has 13 players. The coach will give out 3 different prizes. How many ways could the coach do this?

6. Problem

A designer is choosing a color palette. There are 8 colors available, but the designer will only choose 2 colors for her palette. How many palettes are possible?

7. Problem

A pizza place has 17 toppings available. Brenda will order a pizza with 5 toppings. How many different pizzas is Brenda choosing between?

8. Problem

A team has 8 players. The coach needs to pick 3 starters. How many ways could the coach do this?

9. Problem

A team has 13 players. The coach will give out 4 different prizes. How many ways could the coach do this?

10. Problem

A team has 21 players. The coach needs to pick 2 starters. How many ways could the coach do this?

11. Problem

A landscape architect has 5 spots to plant 5 different trees. The landscape architect has 25 different trees available. How many configurations are possible?

12. Problem

A company needs to select a CFO, a vice president, and a secretary. Each position will be held by a different person. The company is considering the same pool of 19 applicants for each position. How many configurations are possible?

1. This scenario describes a combinations problem (order does not matter). We are considering the subsets of size 4 from a set of size 10.

$${}_nC_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)! \cdot r!}$$

$$n = 10$$

$$r = 4$$

$${}_{10}C_4 = \frac{10!}{(10-4)! \cdot 4!}$$

$$= \frac{10!}{6! \cdot 4!}$$

$$= \frac{10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7}{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}$$

$$= \boxed{210}$$

2. This scenario describes a permutations problem (order matters). We are considering the nonrepeating sequences of size 5 from a set of size 19.

$${}_nP_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$$

$$n = 19$$

$$r = 5$$

$${}_{19}P_5 = \frac{19!}{(19-5)!}$$

$$= \frac{19!}{14!}$$

$$= 19 \cdot 18 \cdot 17 \cdot 16 \cdot 15$$

$$= \boxed{1395360}$$

3. This scenario describes a permutations problem (order matters). We are considering the nonrepeating sequences of size 3 from a set of size 17.

$${}_nP_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$$

$$n = 17$$

$$r = 3$$

$${}_{17}P_3 = \frac{17!}{(17-3)!}$$

$$= \frac{17!}{14!}$$

$$= 17 \cdot 16 \cdot 15$$

$$= \boxed{4080}$$

4. This scenario describes a combinations problem (order does not matter). We are considering the subsets of size 2 from a set of size 12.

$${}_nC_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)! \cdot r!}$$

$$n = 12$$

$$r = 2$$

$${}_{12}C_2 = \frac{12!}{(12-2)! \cdot 2!}$$

$$= \frac{12!}{10! \cdot 2!}$$

$$= \frac{12 \cdot 11}{2 \cdot 1}$$

$$= \boxed{66}$$

5. This scenario describes a permutations problem (order matters). We are considering the nonrepeating sequences of size 3 from a set of size 13.

$${}_nP_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$$

$$n = 13$$

$$r = 3$$

$${}_{13}P_3 = \frac{13!}{(13-3)!}$$

$$= \frac{13!}{10!}$$

$$= 13 \cdot 12 \cdot 11$$

$$= \boxed{1716}$$

6. This scenario describes a combinations problem (order does not matter). We are considering the subsets of size 2 from a set of size 8.

$${}_nC_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)! \cdot r!}$$

$$n = 8$$

$$r = 2$$

$${}_8C_2 = \frac{8!}{(8-2)! \cdot 2!}$$

$$= \frac{8!}{6! \cdot 2!}$$

$$= \frac{8 \cdot 7}{2 \cdot 1}$$

$$= \boxed{28}$$

7. This scenario describes a combinations problem (order does not matter). We are considering the subsets of size 5 from a set of size 17.

$${}_nC_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)! \cdot r!}$$

$$n = 17$$

$$r = 5$$

$${}_{17}C_5 = \frac{17!}{(17-5)! \cdot 5!}$$

$$= \frac{17!}{12! \cdot 5!}$$

$$= \frac{17 \cdot 16 \cdot 15 \cdot 14 \cdot 13}{5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}$$

$$= \boxed{6188}$$

8. This scenario describes a combinations problem (order does not matter). We are considering the subsets of size 3 from a set of size 8.

$${}_nC_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)! \cdot r!}$$

$$n = 8$$

$$r = 3$$

$${}_8C_3 = \frac{8!}{(8-3)! \cdot 3!}$$

$$= \frac{8!}{5! \cdot 3!}$$

$$= \frac{8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}$$

$$= \boxed{56}$$

9. This scenario describes a permutations problem (order matters). We are considering the nonrepeating sequences of size 4 from a set of size 13.

$${}_nP_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$$

$$n = 13$$

$$r = 4$$

$${}_{13}P_4 = \frac{13!}{(13-4)!}$$

$$= \frac{13!}{9!}$$

$$= 13 \cdot 12 \cdot 11 \cdot 10$$

$$= \boxed{17160}$$

10. This scenario describes a combinations problem (order does not matter). We are considering the subsets of size 2 from a set of size 21.

$${}_nC_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)! \cdot r!}$$

$$n = 21$$

$$r = 2$$

$${}_{21}C_2 = \frac{21!}{(21-2)! \cdot 2!}$$

$$= \frac{21!}{19! \cdot 2!}$$

$$= \frac{21 \cdot 20}{2 \cdot 1}$$

$$= \boxed{210}$$

11. This scenario describes a permutations problem (order matters). We are considering the nonrepeating sequences of size 5 from a set of size 25.

$${}_nP_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$$

$$n = 25$$

$$r = 5$$

$${}_{25}P_5 = \frac{25!}{(25-5)!}$$

$$= \frac{25!}{20!}$$

$$= 25 \cdot 24 \cdot 23 \cdot 22 \cdot 21$$

$$= \boxed{6375600}$$

12. This scenario describes a permutations problem (order matters). We are considering the nonrepeating sequences of size 3 from a set of size 19.

$${}_nP_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$$

$$n = 19$$

$$r = 3$$

$${}_{19}P_3 = \frac{19!}{(19-3)!}$$

$$= \frac{19!}{16!}$$

$$= 19 \cdot 18 \cdot 17$$

$$= \boxed{5814}$$