

**a)**

With  $N = 2$  and  $q = 3$  we get these possible microstates

N1	N2
3	0
0	3
2	1
1	2

**b)**

With  $N = 3$  and  $q = 3$  we get these possible microstates

N1	N2	N3
3	0	0
0	3	0
0	0	3
2	1	0
2	0	1
1	2	0
0	2	1
1	0	2
0	1	2
1	1	1

c)

With  $N = 4$  and  $q = 3$  we get these possible microstates

N1	N2	N3	N4
3	0	0	0
0	3	0	0
0	0	3	0
0	0	0	3
2	1	0	0
2	0	1	0
2	0	0	1
1	2	0	0
0	2	1	0
0	2	0	1
1	0	2	0
0	1	2	0
0	0	2	1
1	0	0	2
0	1	0	2
0	0	1	2
1	1	1	0
1	1	0	1
1	0	1	1
0	1	1	1

d)

$$\Omega(N, q) = \frac{(q+N-1)!}{3!(N-1)!}$$