

## TOPIC 3: Combination Formula

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

where,  ${}_nC_r$  is the number of combination

n is total objects in the set

r number of choosing objects from the set

Example: A teacher asked her students to choose 5 designs of flower out of 8 designs presented. How many different choices that the students can give to their teacher?

Solution: n=8 r=5

$$\begin{aligned} {}_nC_r &= \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} \\ &= \frac{8!}{5!(8-5)!} \\ &= \frac{8!}{5! 3!} \\ &= \frac{(8)(7)(\cancel{6})(\cancel{5})!}{\cancel{5!} (\cancel{3})(\cancel{2})(\cancel{1})} \\ &= 56 \text{ possible ways} \end{aligned}$$