

# ***PERMUTATION AND COMBINATION***

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TIPS, SHORTCUT TRICKS, FORMULAE, QUESTIONS, VIDEO SOLUTIONS

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# Permutation

## **per·mu·ta·tion**

A way, esp. one of several possible variations, in which a set or number of things can be ordered or arranged.

### **Definition:**

A permutation is an arrangement in a definite order of a number of objects taken some or all at a time.

### **Note:**

Whenever we deal with permutations order is important.

# Combinations

## **com·bi·na·tion**

The act or an instance of combining; the process of being combined.

### **Definition:**

A Combination is a selection of some or all of a number of different objects. It is an un-ordered collection of unique sizes.

### **Note:**

Whenever we deal with combinations order is not important.

# ***FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE OF COUNTING***

**1- Additive Rule:- Only one thing at a time. (or)**

**Exp:- 10 Boys and 12 Girls in a class room. How many way to select one monitor.**

**2-Product Rule:- More than one thing at a time.(and)**

**Exp:- 10 Boys and 12 Girls in a class room. How many way to select one boys monitor and one girls monitor.**

# CONCEPT

**Number of way from 1 to 3 via 2?**

**1**

**2**

**3**

# EXPLANATION

Number of ways 1 to 3  
via 2

AP BP CP

AQ BQ CQ

AR BR CR

AS BS CS

1 to 2 and 2 to 3

$3 \times 4 = 12$  Ways.

Number of ways 1 to 2  
or 2 to 3

$3 + 4 = 7$  Ways

# ABC

**At a time pick two alphabet.**

## **SELECTION**

**$AB = BA$**

**$BC = CB$**

**$CA = AC$**

**3 WAYS**

**Order is not important**

**Combination**

## **ARRANGEMENT**

**$AB \neq BA$**

**$BC \neq CB$**

**$CA \neq AC$**

**6 WAYS**

**Order is important.**

**Permutation**

# CONCEPT

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

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

$n$  = set size:  
the total number of  
items in the sample

$r$  = subset size:  
the number of items to be  
selected from the sample

$${}^n P_r = {}^n C_r \times r!$$

$${}^n C_0 = 1 \quad {}^n P_0 = 1$$

$${}^n C_1 = n \quad {}^n P_1 = n$$

$${}^n C_n = 1 \quad {}^n P_n = n!$$

$${}^n C_{n-r} = {}^n C_r \quad {}^n P_{n-1} = n!$$



# REDUCTION RULE

$${}^7P_2 = 7!/(7-2)! = 7!/5! = 7 \times 6 = 42$$

$${}^7P_2 = 7 \times 6$$

$${}^nP_r = n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)\dots\dots\dots r \text{ terms}$$

$${}^7C_2 = {}^7P_2/2! = 7 \times 6/2 = 21$$

$${}^6C_3 = {}^6P_3/3! = (6 \times 5 \times 4)/(3 \times 2 \times 1) = 20$$

# QUESTION

How many words with or without meaning can be formed by using the letter of the word **CAT**.  
Using each letter exactly ones.( Repetition is not allowed)

# EXPLANATION

*First Method:-*

ACT

CAT

CTA

ATC

TAC

TCA (6 Ways)

*Second Method:-*

3	2	1
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$${}^3C_1 \times {}^2C_1 \times {}^1C_1 = 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 6$$

*Third Method:-*

$${}^n C_r \times r!$$

$${}^3 C_3 \times (3 \times 2 \times 1) = 1 \times 6 = 6$$

Selection

Arrangement

*Fourth Method:-*

$${}^3 P_3 = 3! = 6$$

Arrangement

# QUESTION

**1- GATE**

**2- GENCO**

# ***REPETATION ALLOWED***

**CAT**

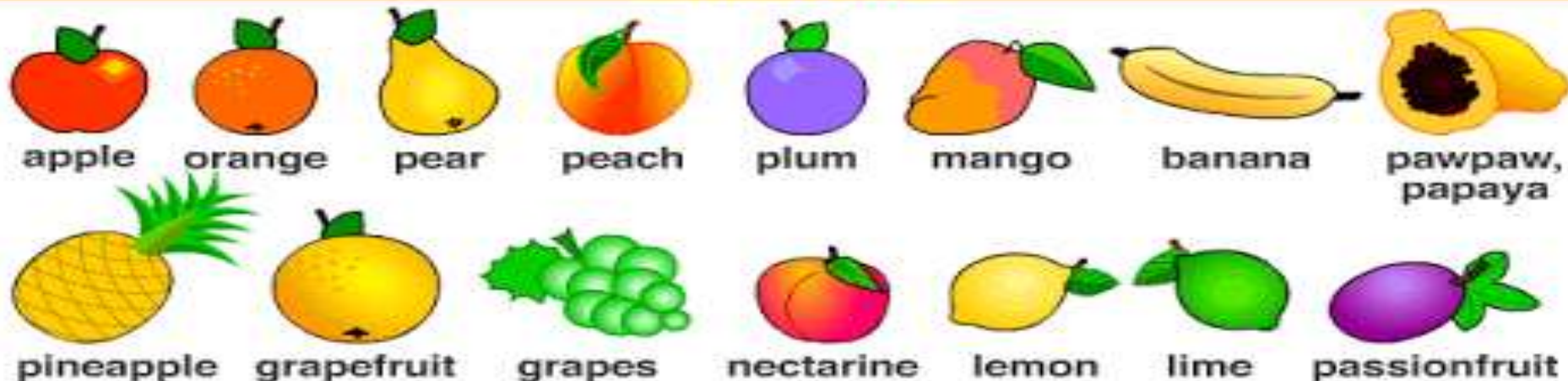
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$${}^3C_1 \times {}^3C_1 \times {}^3C_1 = 3 \times 3 \times 3 = 3^3 = 27$$

**GATE :-**

**GENCO :-**

## example



### 2. Using a selected number of the items.

How many ways can a combination of 4 different pieces of fruit can be chosen from a set of 15?

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

$$C = \frac{15!}{4!11!}$$

$$C = \frac{1307674368000}{958003200}$$

$$C = 1365$$

There are 1,365 different ways 4 fruits can be chosen.

Combinations are arrangements where order is not important.  
Permutations are about arrangements in ordered sets.

# ***QUESTION***

How many different 4 alphabet word can be form  
by using the letters of the word **LOGARITHMS** using  
each letters exactly once.

# EXPLANATION

10	9	8	7
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$${}^{10}C_1 \times {}^9C_1 \times {}^8C_1 \times {}^7C_1 = 5040$$

$${}^{10}C_4 \times 4! = 5040$$

*Selection Arrangement*

$${}^{10}P_4 = 10 \times 9 \times 8 \times 7 = 5040$$

If repetition are allowed :-

10	10	10	10
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$${}^{10}C_1 \times {}^{10}C_1 \times {}^{10}C_1 \times {}^{10}C_1 = 10^4$$



# ***UPSC***

**A painter has to paint a 4 digit number by using the digit 1,2,3,4.....up to 9. how many such number can form if the repetition of digit is**

**(i) Not allowed**

**(ii) Allowed**

# EXPLANATION

$$S = \{1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9\}$$

9	8	7	6
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$$(i) {}^9C_1 \times {}^8C_1 \times {}^7C_1 \times {}^6C_1 = 3024$$

9	9	9	9
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$$(ii) {}^9C_1 \times {}^9C_1 \times {}^9C_1 \times {}^9C_1 = 94 = 6561$$

# QUESTION

In how many different ways the world **APPLE** can be arranged?

# EXPLANATION

$AP_1P_2LE$

$AP_2P_1LE$  (Duplicate value)

$${}^5P_5 / {}^2P_2 = 5! / 2! \text{ ( To filter the duplicate value)}$$
$$= 60$$

# QUESTION

**(i) TATA**

**(ii) GOOGLE**

**(iii) ENGINEERING**

# EXPLANATION

**(i) TATA**

$$4!/(2! \times 2!) = 6$$

**(i) GOOGLE**

$$6!/(2! \times 2!) = 180$$

**(i) ENGINEERING**

$$11!/(3! \times 3! \times 2! \times 2!) = 277200$$

# QUESTION

In how many different ways the word **SIGNATURE** arrange so that

- (i) All the vowels should come together
- (ii) All the vowels should not come together

# EXPLANATION

(i) All the vowels should come together

**SIGNATURE**

SGNTR    IAUE

12345      6

6! X **4!** (Internal arrangement with in the vowels)  
= 17280

(ii) All the vowels should not come together  
= All – All the vowels should come together  
= 9! – 17280 = 345600



# ***UPSC***

**Q:- In how many ways 4 boys and 4 girls can be seated in a row so that all the girls should not sit together?**

# EXPLANATION

**4B & 4G**

**All girls seated together =  $5! \times 4! = 2880$**

**All girls not seated together = All – All girls  
seated together**

$$= 8! - (5! \times 4!) = 37440$$

# ***UPSC***

**Q:- In how many ways the word **CORPORATION** be arranged so that all the vowels**

**(i) Should come together?**

**(ii) Should not come together?**

# EXPLANATION

**CORPORATION**

**3O,2R,CPATIN**

**3O,A,I    2R,C,P,T,N**

**(i)  $(7! \times 5!)/(2! \times 3!) = 50400$**

**(ii) All – Unwanted**

$$= 11!/(2! \times 3!) - (7! \times 5!)/(2! \times 3!)$$

$$= 3326400 - 50400 = 3276000$$

# ***ONGC***

**Q:- In how many ways the word **DELHI** can be arranged by taking three alphabet at a time so that two alphabet D and E always exist. when the repetition of alphabet is not allowed?**

# EXPLANATION

DE LHI

$$1 \times {}^3C_1 \times 3! = 18$$

# TCS

**Q:- In how many ways the word **SIGNATURE** by taking 4 alphabet at a time so that 2 alphabet S and G always exist. when the repetition of alphabet is not allowed?**

# EXPLANATION

SIGNATURE

SG INATURE

$$1 \times {}^7C_2 \times 4! = 504$$



# WIPRO

**Q:- In how many different ways **BUFFER** can be arranged by taking 4 alphabet at a time so that 2 F always exist and any of the remaining alphabet should not be repeated in the remaining place.**

# EXPLANATION

**BUFFER**

**1 method to select 2F.**

$$1 \times {}^4C_2 \times 4!/2! = 72$$

# ***CHALLENGING***

**Q:- In how many ways the word **MADAM** can be arranged taking 3 alphabet at a time?**

# EXPLANATION

**MADAM                  2M,2A,D**

**Case1:- Three different alphabet (MAD)**

$${}^3P_3 = 3! = 6$$

**Case2:- 2 same and 1 other**

**(i) 2M and 1 (A/D)**

$$({}^2C_1 \times 3!/2!) = 6$$

**(ii) 2A and 1 (M/D)**

$$({}^2C_1 \times 3!/2!) = 6$$

$$\text{Total} = 6 + 6 + 6 = 18$$

# CAT

**Q:- In how many ways the word OFFICIAL can be arranged taking 4 alphabet at a time?**

# EXPLANATION

OFFICIAL      2F,2I,OCAL

Case1:- All different alphabet

$$6P4 = 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 = 360$$

Case2:- 2 same and 2 other

(i) 2F and 2 different

$$({}^5C_2 \times 4!/2!) = 120$$

(ii) 2I and 2 different

$$({}^5C_2 \times 4!/2!) = 120$$

Case 3:- 2I and 2F

$$4!/(2! \times 2!) = 6$$

$$\text{Total} = 360 + 240 + 6 = 606$$

*Thank  
you*

