

**CBSE Class-11 Mathematics**  
**NCERT Solutions**  
**Chapter - 7 Permutations and Combinations**  
**Exercise 7.3**

**1. How many 3-digit numbers can be formed by using the digits 1 to 9 if no digits is repeated?**

**Ans.**

Given digits from 1 to 9 and repetition of digits are not allowed. We need to a three digit number.

$$\begin{aligned} 9 \text{ different digits taken 3 at a time } &= {}^9P_3 = \frac{9!}{3! \times 6!} \\ &= \frac{9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6!}{6!} = 9 \times 8 \times 7 = 504. \end{aligned}$$

**2. How many 4-digit numbers are there with no digit repeated?**

**Ans.**

|          |         |       |      |
|----------|---------|-------|------|
| Thousand | Hundred | Tenth | Unit |
|----------|---------|-------|------|

Thousandth place can be arranged any of the digits from 1 to 9 because 0 cannot be included. So the number of ways to arrange thousandth place is 9.

The hundred, Tenth and Unit places can be arranged by any of the digits from 0 to 9 but digits cannot be repeated.

Thus the hundred, tenths and unit places can be arranged in 9 ways.

$\therefore$  there will be as many such 3 digit numbers as there are permutations 9 different digits taken 3 at a time.

$$\therefore \text{ Number of such three digits } \Rightarrow {}^9P_3 = \frac{9!}{(9-3)!} = \frac{9!}{6!} = \frac{9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6!}{6!} = 9 \times 8 \times 7 = 504$$

Thus by multiplication principle,

Total number of 4 digit numbers =  $9 \times 504 = 4536$ .

**3. How many 3-digit even numbers can be made using the digits 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 if no digit is repeated?**

**Ans.** Total number of digits = 6 and unit place can be filled with any one of the digits 2, 4, 6.

$$\therefore \text{Number of ways to arrange unit place} = {}^3P_1 = \frac{3!}{2!} = \frac{3 \times 2 \times 1}{2 \times 1} = 3$$

Now, the tens and hundreds places can be filled by remaining 5 digits.

$$\therefore \text{Number of ways to arrange the hundredth and tenth places} \\ = {}^5P_2 = \frac{5!}{3!} = \frac{5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1}{3 \times 2 \times 1} = 20.$$

Therefore, total number of 3 - digit even numbers =  $3 \times 20 = 60$ .

**4. Find the number of 4-digit numbers that can be formed using the digits 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 if no digit is repeated. How many of these will be even?**

**Ans.**

| Thousand | Hundred | Tenth | Unit |
|----------|---------|-------|------|
|----------|---------|-------|------|

Even numbers always end with a digit of 0, 2, 4, 6 or 8

Given digits are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Here even numbers end with 2 and 4.

The number of ways in which unit place can be arranged is 2

Since repetition of digits are not allowed, unit place is already arranged with one of the even numbers. So remaining places can be arranged with 4 digits.

Therefore, the number of ways to arrange remainig places is

$${}^4P_3 = \frac{4!}{(4-3)!} = \frac{4!}{1!} = 4! = 24.$$

Therefore, the required number of even numbers =  $2 \times 24 = 48$ .

**5. From a committee of 8 persons, in how many ways can we choose a chairman and a vice chairman assuming one person cannot hold more than one position?**

**Ans.** We need to form a committee of 8 people with a chairman and a vice - chairman. It is evident that no committee contains two or more chairman and two or more vice - chairman.

So repetition is not allowed.

Therefore, the number of ways to choose a chairman and a vice - chairman is the permutation of 8 things taken 2 at a time.

$$\text{Required number of ways} = {}^8P_2 = \frac{8!}{(8-2)!} = \frac{8!}{6!} = \frac{8 \times 7 \times 6!}{6!} = 8 \times 7 = 56.$$

**6. Find  $n$  if  ${}^{(n-1)}P_3 : {}^nP_4 = 1 : 9$**

**Ans.** Given:  ${}^{(n-1)}P_3 : {}^nP_4 = 1 : 9$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{{}^{(n-1)}P_3}{{}^nP_4} = \frac{1}{9} \Rightarrow \frac{(n-1)!}{(n-4)!} \times \frac{(n-4)!}{n!} = \frac{1}{9}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(n-1)!}{n!} = \frac{1}{9} \Rightarrow \frac{(n-1)!}{n(n-1)!} = \frac{1}{9}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{n} = \frac{1}{9} \Rightarrow n = 9.$$

**7. Find  $r$  if:**

**(i)**  ${}^5P_r = 2 {}^6P_{r-1}$

**(ii)**  ${}^5P_r = {}^6P_{r-1}$

**Ans. (i)** Given:  ${}^5P_r = 2 {}^6P_{r-1}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5!}{(5-r)!} = 2 \times \frac{6!}{(7-r)!}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5!}{(5-r)!} = \frac{2 \times 6 \times 5!}{(7-r)(6-r)(5-r)!}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \frac{2 \times 6}{(7-r)(6-r)}$$

$$\Rightarrow (7-r)(6-r) = 12$$

$$\Rightarrow 42 - 7r - 6r + r^2 = 12$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 - 13r + 30 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 - 3r - 10r + 30 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (r - 3)(r - 10) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r = 3, 10$$

$r = 10$  is not possible because  $r > n$ , therefore,  $r = 3$

(ii) Given:  ${}^5P_r = {}^6P_{r-1}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5!}{(5-r)!} = \frac{6!}{(7-r)!}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5!}{(5-r)!} = \frac{6 \times 5!}{(7-r)(6-r)(5-r)!}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \frac{6}{(7-r)(6-r)}$$

$$\Rightarrow (7-r)(6-r) = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow 42 - 7r - 6r + r^2 = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 - 13r + 36 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 - 9r - 4r + 36 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (r - 9)(r - 4) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r = 9 \text{ or } r = 4$$

$r = 9$  is not possible because  $r > n$ , therefore,  $r = 4$ .

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**8. How many words, with or without meaning can be formed using all the letters of the word EQUATION, using each letter exactly once?**

**Ans.** Total number of letters in word " EQUATION " = 8

Number of letters to arranged = 8 (All distinct)

So it is a permutation of 8 distinct letters taken 8 at a time.

$$\therefore \text{Number of permutations} = {}^8P_8 = \frac{8!}{(8-8)!} = \frac{8!}{0!} = 8!$$

$$= 8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 40320.$$

**9. How many words, with or without meaning can be formed using all the letters of the word MONDAY, assuming that no letter is repeated if:**

**(i) 4 letters are used at a time**

**(ii) all letters are used at a time**

**(iii) all letters are used by first letter is a vowel?**

**Ans. (ii)** We can arrange 6 - letter words from the letters on " MONDAY " without repetition.

It is the permutation of 6 distinct letters taken 6 at a time.

$$\text{Therefore, required number of words} = {}^6P_6 = \frac{6!}{(6-6)!} = \frac{6!}{0!} = 6!$$

$$= 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 720.$$

**(i)** Total number of letters in word " MONDAY " = 6

Number of letters to arranged = 4 (All distinct)

So it is a permutation of 6 distinct letters taken 4 at a time.

$$\therefore \text{Number of permutations} = {}^6P_4 = \frac{6!}{(6-4)!} = \frac{6!}{2!}$$

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

**(iii)** Total number of letters in word MONDAY = 6 , four consonants M, N, D, Y and two vowels A and O.

There are two different ways to arrange the first letter. This can be done in  ${}^2P_1$  ways. Since the letters cannot be repeated and the first letter is already arranged with one of the vowels, so the remaining letters can be arranged with 5 distinct letters. This can be done in  ${}^5P_5$  ways.

$$\text{Therefore total number of words formed} = {}^5P_5 \times {}^2P_1 = 5! \times 2!$$

$$= 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 \times 2 \times 1 = 240.$$

**10. In how many of the distinct permutations of the letters in MISSISSIPPI do the four I's not come together?**

**Ans.** In the word " MISSISSIPPI " ,letter " I " appears 4 times, letter " S " appears 4 times, letter " P " appears 2 times, letter " M " appears once.

Therefore , the number of distinct permutations of the given word " MISSISSIPPI " is

$$= \frac{11!}{4! \times 4! \times 2!} = \frac{11 \times 10 \times 9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4!}{4! \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 \times 2 \times 1}$$

$$= \frac{11 \times 10 \times 9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5}{4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 \times 2 \times 1} = 34650.$$

Now, there are 4 I's in the word " MISSISSIPPI " . When they occur together , treat them as a single letter. This single letter and the remaining 7 letters together we get total 8 letters.

In this 8 letters there are 4 " S" and 2 " P " , So it can be arranged in

$$\frac{8!}{4! \times 2!} = \frac{8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4!}{4! \times 2 \times 1} = 840$$

Number of distinct permutations = 34650 - 840 = 33810

**11. In how many ways the letters of word PERMUTATIONS be arranged if the**

**(i) words start with P and end with S.**

**(ii) vowels are together.**

**(iii) there are always 4 letters between P and S**

**Ans. (i)** In PERMUTATIONS number of letters = 12 and there are 2 T's in it.

No. of ways letters of PERMUTATIONS be arranged so that words always start from P and end with S =  $\frac{10!}{2!} = 1814400$

**(ii)** There are 5 vowels in the word PERMUTATIONS and if they are together are considered them as 1, so no. of letters then is 8

$$\text{No. of ways vowels are together} = \frac{8!}{2!} \times 5! = \frac{8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2! \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1}{2!} = 2419200$$

(iii) For 4 letters between P and S, P and S can be arranged in ways as shown:

P \_ \_ \_ S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_    \_ \_ P \_ \_ \_ S \_ \_ \_ \_    \_ P \_ \_ \_ S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_    \_ \_ \_ P \_ \_ \_ S \_ \_ \_  
\_ \_ \_ \_ P \_ \_ \_ S \_ \_    \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ P \_ \_ \_ S \_    \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ P \_ \_ \_ S

As P can be filled in places 1,2,3,4,5,6 and 7, consequently S can be filled in places 6,7,8,9,10,11 and 12 leaving 4 places between them. So P and S or S and P can be filled in

$7 + 7 = 14$  ways. Now the remaining 10 places can be filled in  $\frac{10!}{2!} = 1814400$

Therefore No. of ways in which 4 letters between P and S =  $1814400 \times 14 = 25401600$