

Solution: There are 9 different letters in the word FACETIOUS of which 5 are vowels and 4 are consonants. We can select 2 vowels out of 5 in  ${}^5C_2$  ways and 3 consonants out of 4 in  ${}^4C_3$  ways. Therefore, 2 vowels and 3 consonants can be selected from 9 letters in  ${}^5C_2 \times {}^4C_3$  ways. In each of the  ${}^5C_2 \times {}^4C_3$  selections, there are 5 distinct letters (2 vowels and 3 consonants) that will form different words by arranging them in  $5!$  ways.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence the total number of words} &= {}^5C_2 \times {}^4C_3 \times 5! \\ &= 10 \times 4 \times 120 \\ &= 4800 \end{aligned}$$

Example 12 Find the number of ways in which 9 boys can be divided into 3 groups, each group containing 3 members.

Solution: The number of ways in which 9 ~~boys~~ boys can be divided into 3 groups, each group containing 3 ~~members~~ members

$$= \frac{9!}{3! \cdot (3!)^3} = \frac{9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4}{6 \times 6 \times 6} = 280$$

Example 13 There are 3 sections in a question paper, each containing 4 questions. A candidate has to answer any 8 questions choosing at least 2 questions from each section. In how many ways, the candidate <sup>can</sup> answer the questions?

Solution: Suppose 3 sections are A, B and C each containing 4 questions. ~~By~~ 8 questions with at least 2 questions from each group can be selected in the following ~~manner~~ manner:

| Case | Section A | Section B | Section C |
|------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| I    | 2         | 3         | 3         |
| II   | 2         | 2         | 4         |
| III  | 3         | 3         | 2         |
| IV   | 4         | 2         | 2         |
| V    | 3         | 2         | 3         |
| VI   | 2         | 4         | 2         |

In Case I, the number of ways =  ${}^4C_2 \times {}^4C_3 \times {}^4C_3 = 6 \times 4 \times 4 = 96$

In Case II, the number of ways =  ${}^4C_2 \times {}^4C_2 \times {}^4C_4 = 6 \times 6 \times 1 = 36$

In case III, the number of ways =  ${}^4C_3 \times {}^4C_3 \times {}^4C_2 = 4 \times 4 \times 6 = 96$

In Case IV, the number of ways =  ${}^4C_4 \times {}^4C_2 \times {}^4C_2 = 1 \times 6 \times 6 = 36$

In Case V, the number of ways =  ${}^4C_3 \times {}^4C_2 \times {}^4C_3 = 4 \times 6 \times 4 = 96$

In case VI, the number of ways =  ${}^4C_2 \times {}^4C_4 \times {}^4C_2 = 6 \times 1 \times 6 = 36$

Hence, the total number of ways the candidate can answer the question =  $96 + 36 + 96 + 36 + 96 + 36 = 396$

Example 14 From 10 books, in how many ways, can a selection of 6 books be made so that two specified books are always (a) included and (b) excluded?

Solution: (a) There are 10 books. We have to select 6 books such that 2 specified books are always included. That is, we have to select  $(6-2) = 4$  books from the remaining  $(10-2) = 8$  books. This can be done in  ${}^8C_4$  ways.

Then, the required number of selections

$$= {}^8C_4 = \frac{8!}{4!4!} = \frac{8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5}{4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1} = 70$$

(b) Here 2 specified books of 10 are always excluded.

So, we have to select 6 books from 10 books excluding these particular 2 books. Thus, 6 books are to be selected from remaining  $(10-2) = 8$  books in  ${}^8C_6$  ways.

So, the required number of selections

$$= {}^8C_6 = {}^8C_2 = \frac{8 \times 7}{2 \times 1} = 28$$

### Example 15

A ~~Committee~~ Committee of 5 persons is to be formed out of 6 gentlemen and 4 ladies.

In how many ways, the committee can be formed if

- a particular lady must be in the committee?
- two particular gentlemen refuse to work in the same committee?
- The committee include at least one lady?

Solution: (a) In this case, we have to form a committee of 5 persons from 6 gentlemen and 4 ladies where a particular lady must be in the committee.

So, we have to select the rest 4 persons for the committee from 6 gentlemen and 3 ladies, which can be selected in  ${}^9C_4$  ways. Thus the required number

$$\text{of ways} = {}^9C_4 = \frac{9!}{4!5!} = \frac{9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6}{4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1} = 126$$

(b) Here, first of all, we consider 2 particular gentlemen in a committee who refuses to work in the same committee. So, we have to select rest 3 persons for the committee from 4 gentlemen and 4 ladies, which can be done in  ${}^8C_3$  ways. Again the total number of ways a committee can be formed without any restrictions is in  ${}^{10}C_5$  ways.

Therefore the required number of ways

$$= {}^{10}C_5 - {}^8C_3 = \frac{10!}{5!5!} - \frac{8!}{3!5!} = 252 - 56 = 196$$

(c) The number of ways the committee can be selected when there is no lady is  ${}^6C_5$ . Therefore, the number of ways such that the committee will include at least one lady

$$= {}^{10}C_5 - {}^6C_5 = \frac{10!}{5!5!} - \frac{6!}{5!1!} = 252 - 6 = 246$$

Example 16 If  ${}^nC_2 = 45$ , find  $n$

Solution: It is given that  ${}^nC_2 = 45$

$$\text{or } \frac{n!}{2!(n-2)!} = 45$$