

Permutations and Combinations Review by I Can Statement

Emerging Level Content:

I can determine if a situation calls for permutations or combinations:

1. Fill in the blanks with either “does” or “doesn’t”
 - a. In a permutation, order _____ matter
 - b. In a combination, order _____ matter
2. For the following situations, decide whether it calls for a permutation or a combination. You do not need to solve the problem.
 - a. I’m forming a committee for prom and need 5 people. There are 81 students in the class that could be on the committee. How many possible ways could I create a committee of 5?
 - b. I’m heading to the races and betting on the order. There are 10 people competing, and I’m betting on who will be the top 3. How many possible ways could I bet on the top 3?

I can find the number of permutations or combinations of a set:

3. Calculate the following and show your work:
 - a. ${}_8C_3$
 - b. ${}_{12}P_4$
4. My dad bought me 3 concert tickets for my birthday, so I can go and invite 2 of my friends. I have 10 friends that want to go. How many possible combinations of friends could I invite?
5. In how many ways can the letters of the word HOLIDAY be rearranged?
6. A license plate begins with three letters. How many different permutations of these letters can be made if no letter is used more than once?

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Proficient Level Content:

I can expand a binomial using the binomial theorem:

7. Expand $(2x - 3y)^5$ using the binomial theorem. Feel free to draw out Pascal's Triangle as well if you find it helpful.

I can find the probability of an event using permutations or combinations:

8. For each question, find the probability of winning a lottery using the given rules. Assume that lottery numbers are selected at random.
 - a. You must correctly select 6 numbers, each an integer from 0 to 49. The order is not important.
 - b. You must correctly select 4 numbers, each an integer from 0 to 9. The order is important
9. You work 5 evenings each week at a bookstore. Your supervisor assigns you 5 evenings at random from the 7 possibilities. What is the probability that your schedule does not include working on the weekend?