Section 4.7 – Combinations

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- 1) Evaluate each of the following
- **a)** C(8, 3)
- **b)** ₇C₄
- c) $\binom{12}{11}$
- **d)** C(10, 3)
- **2)** In how many ways can a team of six female volleyball players be chosen to start the game from a roster of 12 players?
- **3)** In the card game Crazy Eights, how many different eight-card hands can be dealt from a standard 52-card deck?
- **4)** From a group of 40 people, a jury of 12 people is selected. In how many different ways can a jury of 12 people be selected?
- **5)** There are 15 qualified applicants for 5 trainee positions in a fast-food management program. How many different groups of trainees can be selected?
- **6)** A pizza shop offers nine toppings. No topping is used more than once. In how many different ways can a three-topping pizza be formed?
- 7) Ursula runs a small landscaping business. She has on hand 8 kinds of rose bushes, 10 kinds of small shrubs, 5 kinds of evergreen seedlings, and 7 kinds of flower lilies. In how many ways can Ursula fill an order if a customer wants 8 different varieties consisting of 3 roses, 3 shrubs, and 2 lilies?
- **8)** From a group of five men and four women, determine how many committees of five people can be formed with
- a) no restrictions
- **b)** exactly three women
- c) exactly four men
- d) no women
- e) at least two men
- f) at least three women
- **9)** One professor grades homework by randomly choosing 5 out of 12 homework problems to grade.
- a) How many different groups of 5 problems can be chosen from the 12 problems?
- **b)** Jerry did only 5 problems of one assignment. What is the probability that the problems he did comprised the group that was selected to be graded?
- **c)** Silvia did 7 problems. How many different groups of 5 did she complete? What is the probability that one of the groups of 5 she completed comprised the group selected to be graded?

- **10)** The qualified applicant pool for six management trainee positions consists of seven women and five men.
- a) How many different groups of applicants can be selected for the positions?
- **b)** How many different groups of trainees would consist entirely of women?
- **c)** If the positions are selected at random, what is the probability that the trainee class will consist entirely of women?
- **11)** Find the probability of being dealt five diamonds from a standard deck of playing cards.
- **12)** Three cards are selected at random from a standard deck of 52 playing cards. Determine the probability that all three cards are
- a) hearts
- **b)** black
- c) aces
- d) face cards
- **13)** A paper bag contains a mixture of three types of candy. There are ten gum balls, seven candy bars, and three packages of toffee. Suppose a game is played in which a candy is randomly taken from the bag and then a second candy is drawn from the bag, without replacement. You are allowed to keep both candies, if, and only if, the second is the same type as the first.
- a) Calculate the probability that you will be able to keep a gum ball on the first try.
- **b)** Calculate the probability that you will be able to keep any candy on the first try.
- **c)** Calculate the probability that you will not be able to keep any candy on the first try.
- **14)** Melik has five quarters and six dimes in his pocket. He pulls out one coin.
- a) What are the odds of the coin being a quarter?
- **b)** What are the odds of the coin being a dime?
- **15)** Suppose the probability of rain tomorrow is 80%. What are the odds of rain tomorrow?
- **16)** The coach says that the probability of winning the next game is 40%. What are the odds the team will win?