PERMUTATIONS & COMBINATIONS

Determine whether each situation involves a permutation or a combination. Then find the number of possibilities.

- 1. From a standard deck of 52 cards, how many ways can 7 cards be drawn?
- 2. Seating 8 studnets in 8 seats in the front row of the school auditorium
- 3. From a group of 10 men and 12 women, how many committees of 5 men and 6 women can be formed?
- 4. How many hockey teams of 6 players can be formed from 14 players without regard to position played?
- 5. Introducing the 5 starting players on the Blue Devil's basketball team at the beginning of the next basketball game
- 6. Checking out 4 library books from a list of 8 books for a research paper.
- 7. Choosing 5 movies to rent if you want at least 2 Westerns. The store has 8 Westerns and 12 Science Fiction films.
- 8. Choosing the first, second, and third-place finishers in a race with 10 competitors
- 9. Electing 4 candidates to a municipal planning board from a field of 7 candidates
- 10. Choosing 3 side-dishes from a menu that offers 6 vegetable side-dishes and 4 starches if you want at least one of each.
- 11. An arrangement of the letters in the word RHOMBUS
- 12. Selecting 2 of 8 possible different brands of orange juice at the store.
- 13. Placing a red rose bush, a yellow rose bush, a white rose bush, and a pink rose busy in a row in a planter.
- 14. Selecting 2 orange tabbies from of 9 kittens at an animal rescue shelter
- 15. An arrangement of the letters in the word ISOSCELES
- 16. Selecting a 4-person bobsled team, if one of the team members must be from a group of 9 football players and the other 3 may be from a group of 8 other athletes.

- 17. Arranging 4 charms from 6 possible, on a bracelet that has a clasp, a front, and a back
- 18. Selecting 3 desserts from 10 possible choices displayed on the dessert cart at a restaurant.
- 19. Forming a 4-person sales team from a group of 12 salesmen and 8 saleswomen, if you want at most 2 women on the team.
- 20. Making a 5-sided polygon by choosing any of 5 of 11 points located on a circle to be the vertices.
- 21. Seating 5 men and 5 women alternately in a row, beginning with a woman.
- 22. Farmington HIgh is planning its academic festival. All math classes will send 2 representatives to compete in the math bowl. How many different groups of students can be chosen from a class of 16 students.
- 23. A photographer is taking pictures of a bride and groom and their 6 attendants. If she takes photographs of 3 people in a group, how many different groups can she photograph?
- 24. An airline is hiring 5 flight attendants. If 8 people apply for the job, how many different groups of 5 attendants can the airline hire?
- 25. A school librarian would like to buy subscriptions to 7 new magazines. Her budget however, will allow her to buy only 4 new subscriptions. How many different groups of 4 magazines can she choose from the 7 magazines?
- 26. Your school newspaper ha an editor-in-chief and an assistant editor-in-chief. The staff of the newspaper has 12 students. In how many was can students be chosen for these two positions?
- 27. Five representatives from a senior class of 280 students are to be chosen for the student council. In how many ways can students be chosen to represent the senior class on the student council?
- 28. In how many ways can you pick 5 cards if you must choose a WQueen, then a King and, then 3 other cards if every card is drawn one at a time.