

Permutations and combinations

1 Without using a calculator, evaluate the following.

a) $6!$

b) $\frac{8!}{6!}$

c) $\frac{5! \times 8!}{6! \times 3!}$

2 Simplify the following.

a) $\frac{(n+2)!}{n!}$

b) $\frac{(n-2)!}{n!}$

c) $\frac{(2n+1)!}{(2n-1)!}$

3 Factorise:

a) $7! - 5!$

b) $(n+1)! - (n-1)!$

4 How many different five letter arrangements can be formed from the letters A, B, C, D and E if letters cannot be repeated?

5 Eight friends are going to the theatre together and they all have tickets for adjacent seats in the same row. In how many ways can they be seated?

6 How many different arrangements are there of the letters in each word?

a) CHINA

b) ISLAND

c) DAUGHTER

d) UNIVERSAL

