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VCE Specialist Mathematics ½  
Combinatorics II [5.2]  
Test

26.5 Marks. 1 Minute Reading. 27 Minutes Writing.

Results:

Test Questions	_____ / 26.5
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## Section A: Test Questions (26.5 Marks)

### Question 1 (2.5 marks)

Tick whether the following statements are **true** or **false**.

Statement	True	False
a. Combination is used when the order matters.		
b. There are $10^2$ ways to select any number of people from the pool of 10 people.		
c. The pigeonhole principle is used to show that some pairs or groups of objects have the same property.		
d. The inclusion-exclusion principle allows us to count the number of elements in a union of sets.		
e. The inclusion-exclusion principle formula for three sets is given by $ A \cup B \cup C  =  A  +  B  +  C  -  A \cap B  -  B \cap C  -  A \cap C  +  A \cap B \cap C $ .		

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**Question 2** (8 marks) **Tech-Active.**

Consider the word 'TRIANGLE'.

- a. How many ways can the letters of the word TRIANGLE be arranged? (2 marks)

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- b. How many ways can the letters of the word TRIANGLE be arranged if the first three letters must be RAN (in that exact order)? (2 marks)

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- c. How many ways can the letters of the word TRIANGLE be arranged if the first three letters must be RAN (in any order)? (2 marks)

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- d. How many ways can the letters of the word TRIANGLE be arranged if the first three letters must be RAN (in any order) and the last letter must be a vowel? (2 marks)

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**Question 3** (2 marks)

Find the minimum number of students in a class such that three of them are born in the same month.

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**Question 4** (3 marks)

Show that in a group of 20 people and friendship is mutual, show that there exist two people who have the same number of friends.

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**Question 5** (8 marks) **Tech-Active.**

How many seven-letter arrangements of the word CONTOUR,

**a.** Begin with a vowel? (2 marks)

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**b.** End with a vowel? (2 marks)

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**c.** Begin and end with a vowel? (2 marks)

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**d.** Begin or end with a vowel? (2 marks)

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**Question 6** (3 marks)

There are 350 farmers in a large region. 260 farm beetroot, 100 farm yams, 70 farm radish, 40 farm beetroot and radish, 40 farm yams and radish and 30 farm beetroot and yams.

Let  $B$ ,  $Y$ , and  $R$  denote the set of farms that farm beetroot, yams and radish respectively.

Determine the number of farmers that farm beetroot, yams, and radish.

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