Answer to Question #83990 - Math - Combinatorics | Number Theory

Given word assassination

a is 3 times, s is 3 times, i is 2 times, n is 2 times, t once and o once

CASE 1 : $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, \theta)$ all the letters are different

There are 6 different letters so number of 5 letter words = ${}^{6}p_{5} = \frac{6!}{(6-5)!} = \frac{6!}{1!} = 720$

CASE II : $(\alpha, \alpha, \gamma, \delta, \theta)$ one letter repeated and other 3 are different

Repeated letters α can be selected out of a , s , i or n in 4 ways and 3 different letters can be selected in ${}^{5}C_{3}$ ways

Hence in this case number of 5 letter words = $4 \times {}^{5}C_{3} \times \frac{5!}{2!} = 4 \times 10 \times 60 = 2400$

CASE III : $(lpha, lpha, eta, eta, \gamma)$ two letters repeated and other 1 different

In this case number of 5 letter words = ${}^{4}C_{2} \times {}^{4}C_{1} \times \frac{5!}{2!2!} = 6 \times 4 \times \frac{5!}{4} = 720$

CASE IV : $(\alpha, \alpha, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ one letter repeated 3 times and other 2 different

In this case number of 5 letter words = ${}^{2}C_{1} \times {}^{5}C_{2} \times \frac{5!}{3!} = 2 \times 10 \times \frac{5!}{3!} = 400$

CASE V : $(\alpha, \alpha, \alpha, \beta, \beta)$ one letter repeated 3 times and one letter repeated 2 times

In this case number of 5 letter words = ${}^{2}C_{1} \times {}^{3}C_{1} \times \frac{5!}{3!2!} = 2 \times 3 \times \frac{5!}{3!2!} = 60$

Total number of different five letter words = CASE I + CASE II + CASE III + CASE IV + CASE V

Answer: 4300.

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