



## Introduction:

### Questions: (\* questions can be used for evaluation)

1. There are 3 typists. Rita types 15 words a minute, Anita types 16 words a minute and Meena types 20 words a minute. Rita charges Rs 300 per hour, Anita charges Rs 360 and Meena charges Rs 400. Mr X has to get a 12,000 word manuscript typed. Even if part of an hour is used, Mr X has to pay for the hour. Which typist should he use to:

- Minimize time taken
- Minimize cost incurred

Hint: use a table as shown below. One row has been worked out for you!

Typist	Words per hour	Hours to complete 12000 words	Cost for total hours
Rita	$15 \times 60 = 900$	$12000/900 = 14$	$14 \times 300 = \text{Rs } 4200$
Anita			
Meena			

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2. If Mr X can use any 2 typists working together, which 2 should he use to minimize cost? Hint: use a table like below. One pair has been worked out for you!
- Rita & Anita – lets start with 5 hours

Hour	Words by Rita	Words by Anita	Total Words	Total Cost
5	4500	4800	9300	$660 \times 5 = 3300$
6	5400	5760	11160	$660 \times 6 = 3960$
7	6300	6720	13020	$660 \times 7 = 4620$

13020 words is more than 12000 so we can stop there.

Note that  $13020 - 12000 = 1020$  so we cannot reduce the number of hours put in by either Rita or Anita.

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3. Suppose you have 5 different things A, B, C, D, E and want to select any 3. How many possible combinations can you have? (Note: 'order' of selection does not matter. i.e., ABC is the same as CAB or ACB)

The 10 options are: ABC, ABD, ABE, ACD, ACE, ADE, BCD, BCE, BDE, CDE.

In general, to select r items from n different items the formula is  ${}^nC_r = \frac{n!}{r! \times (n-r)!}$

In our example above,  ${}^5C_3 = \frac{5!}{3! \times 2!} = \frac{(5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1)}{(3 \times 2 \times 1) \times (2 \times 1)} = 10$

Now the problem: Artist Husain has 6 colours in his palette. He wants to make a painting using any 3 colours. How many possible combinations are there? (Do not list them.)

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4. Now Husain wants to make another painting – this time he wants to use only 2 colours from his palette. How many combinations are there? What did you notice about  ${}_{35}C$  and  ${}_{25}C$ ? Can you generalise it in terms of  $n$  &  $r$ ?

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