

# Review of Prerequisite Skills

If you need help with any of the skills listed in purple below, refer to Appendix A.

**1. Factorials (section 4.2)** Evaluate.

- a)  $8!$                       b)  $\frac{8!}{5!}$   
c)  $\frac{24!}{22!}$                       d)  $3! \times 4!$

**2. Permutations (section 4.2)** Evaluate mentally.

- a)  ${}_5P_5$                       b)  ${}_{10}P_2$   
c)  ${}_{12}P_1$                       d)  ${}_7P_3$

**3. Permutations (section 4.2)** Evaluate manually.

- a)  ${}_{10}P_5$                       b)  $P(16, 2)$   
c)  ${}_{10}P_{10}$                       d)  $P(8, 5)$

**4. Permutations (section 4.2)** Evaluate using software or a calculator.

- a)  ${}_{50}P_{25}$                       b)  $P(37, 16)$   
c)  ${}_{29}P_{29}$                       d)  ${}_{46}P_{23}$

**5. Organized counting (section 4.1)** Every Canadian aircraft has five letters in its registration. The first letter must be C, the second letter must be F or G, and the last three letters have no restrictions. If repeated letters are allowed, how many aircraft can be registered with this system?

**6. Applying permutations (Chapter 4)**

- a) How many arrangements are there of three different letters from the word *kings*?  
b) How many arrangements are there of all the letters of the word *management*?  
c) How many ways could first, second, and third prizes be awarded to 12 entrants in a mathematics contest?

**7. Exponent laws** Use the exponent laws to simplify each of the following.

- a)  $(-3y)^0$                       b)  $(-4x)^3$   
c)  $15(7x)^4(4y)^2$                       d)  $21(x^3)^2\left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right)^5$   
e)  $(4x^0y)^2(3x^2y)^3$                       f)  $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4(3x^2)(2y)^3$   
g)  $(-3xy)(-5x^2y)^2$                       h)  $\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^0(-2xy)^3$

**8. Simplifying expressions** Expand and simplify.

- a)  $(x - 5)^2$                       b)  $(5x - y)^2$   
c)  $(x^2 + 5)^2$                       d)  $(x + 3)(x - 5)^2$   
e)  $(x^2 - y)^2$                       f)  $(2x + 3)^2$   
g)  $(x - 4)^2(x - 2)$                       h)  $(2x^2 + 3y)^2$   
i)  $(2x + 1)^2(x - 2)$                       j)  $(x + y)(x - 2y)^2$

**9. Sigma notation** Rewrite the following using sigma notation.

- a)  $1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + 16$   
b)  $x + 2x^2 + 3x^3 + 4x^4 + 5x^5$   
c)  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} + \dots$

**10. Sigma notation** Expand.

- a)  $\sum_{n=2}^5 2n$   
b)  $\sum_{n=1}^4 \frac{x^n}{n!}$   
c)  $\sum_{n=1}^5 (2^n + n^2)$