

14. If the letters of the word ASSASSINATION are arranged at random. Find the Probability that

- (a) Four S's come consecutively in the word
- (b) Two I's and two N's come together
- (c) All A's are not coming together
- (d) No two A's are coming together.

Sol. We have word 'ASSASSINATION'.

Number of letters = 13

Letters are 3A's, 4S's, 2I's, 2N's, 1 T's and 1 O's

Total number of ways these letters can be arranged = $n(S) = \frac{13!}{3!4!2!2!}$

- (a) If for S's come consecutively in the word, then we considers these 4 S's as 1 group.

So, now number of letters is 10 i.e., (SSSS), A, A, A, I, I, N, N, T, O

$$\therefore n(E) = \frac{10!}{3!2!2!}$$

$$\therefore \text{Required probability} = \frac{\frac{10!}{3!2!2!}}{\frac{13!}{3!4!2!2!}} = \frac{4!}{13 \times 12 \times 11} = \frac{2}{143}$$

- (b) If 2 I's and 2N's come together, then there as 10 alphabets.

i.e., (IINN), A, A, A, S, S, S, S, T, O

Number of words when 2 I's and 2 N's are come together

$$= \frac{10!}{3!4!} \times \frac{4!}{2!2!}$$

$$\therefore \text{Required probability} = \frac{\frac{10!4!}{3!4!2!2!}}{\frac{13!}{3!4!2!2!}} = \frac{4!}{13 \times 12 \times 11} = \frac{2}{143}$$

- (c) If all A 's are coming together, then there are 11 alphabets
i.e., $(AAA), S, S, S, S, I, I, N, N, T, O$

$$\therefore \text{Number of words when all } A\text{'s come together} = \frac{11!}{4!2!2!}$$

\therefore Probability when all A 's come together

$$= \frac{\frac{11!}{4!2!2!}}{\frac{13!}{4!3!2!2!}} = \frac{3!}{13 \times 12} = \frac{1}{26}$$

Then the probability that all A 's does not come together

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{26} = \frac{25}{26}$$

- (d) If no two A 's are together, then first we arrange the alphabets other than A 's.

i.e. $S, S, S, S, I, I, N, N, T, O$

These letters can be arranged in $\frac{10!}{4!2!2!}$ ways.

$$\times S \times S \times S \times S \times I \times I \times N \times N \times T \times O \times$$

Arrangement of these letters creates eleven gaps shown as 'x'

Three gaps for three A 's can be selected in ${}^{11}C_3$ ways.

\therefore Total number of words when no two A 's together

$$= {}^{11}C_3 \times \frac{10!}{4!2!2!} = \frac{11!}{3!8!} \times \frac{10!}{4!2!2!}$$

\therefore The probability that no two A 's come together

$$= \frac{\frac{11! \times 10!}{3!8!4!2!2!}}{\frac{13!}{4!3!2!2!}} = \frac{10!}{8! \times 13 \times 12} = \frac{10 \times 9}{13 \times 12} = \frac{15}{26}$$