

**Question 1** (a)  $\binom{51}{4}$   
 (b)  $\binom{52}{5} \binom{47}{5} \binom{42}{5} \binom{37}{5}$

**Question 2** (a)  $\binom{20}{3} \binom{15}{2}$   
 (b)  $\binom{16}{12}$   
 (c)  $\binom{8}{2}$

**Question 3** (i)  $a_n = 2^{n-2} + a_{n-1}$   
 (ii)  $a_1 = 0, a_2 = 1$   
 (iii)  $a_n = 2^n - 1$

**Question 4**  $\binom{13}{5}$

**Question 5**

1. No
2. Yes
3. True
4. False
5. False
6.  $n - k$
7.  $\binom{n}{2}$
8. A concatenation of two  $C_3$  between any two vertices from two different  $C_3$ .
9.  $K_4$
10.  $K_{n,2}$  is always planar.

**Question 6**

1. *Proof.* Suppose not,  $\sum_{i=1}^n \deg(v_i) \geq 2n - 1$ . Since the sum of degrees are twice of the size of the edge set, we have

$$|E| \geq \frac{n-1}{2}.$$

Moreover,  $|E|$  is an integer, so  $|E| \geq n$ . But a tree with  $n$  vertices can have at most  $n - 1$  edges. Thus it is impossible.  $\square$

2. *Proof.* Suppose  $e_1 = (v_0, v_1)$  and  $e_2 = (v_2, v_3)$ . Since  $G$  is connected, there is a path from  $v_0$  to  $v_2$ , denoted by  $P$ . If  $v_3$  is not in  $P$ , we add  $e_2$  to the tail of  $P$ , i.e. the path is  $(v_0, \dots, v_2, v_3)$ . Now  $e_2$  is in  $P$ . Moreover, if  $e_1$  is not in  $P$ , we add it to the head, i.e.  $P$  becomes  $(v_1, v_0, \dots, v_2, v_3)$ . In all cases a path desired is found.  $\square$