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  - (b) 26<sup>4</sup>
  - (c)  $26 \cdot 25 \cdot 24 \cdot 23$
  - (d) 26 (Choose the letter)
  - (e)  ${}_{6}C_{3} = 20$
  - (f)  $_{6}C_{3} + _{6}C_{4} + _{6}C_{5} + _{6}C_{6} = 20 + 15 + 6 + 1 = 42$
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