7. Code Words How many five-character code words are there if the first character is always a letter and the other characters are letters and/or digits?

**10. Forming Committees** A club has 45 members, and its membership committee has three members. How many different membership committees are possible?

**35. Coin Toss** A fair coin is tossed six times. Find the probability of the event "HHTHTT."

In Exercises 47 and 48, find the first 6 terms and the 40th term of the sequence.

**47.** 
$$a_n = \frac{n^2 - 1}{n + 1}$$

**48.** 
$$b_k = \frac{(-2)^k}{k+1}$$

In Exercises 55–62, the sequences are arithmetic or geometric. Find an explicit formula for the *n*th term. State the common difference or ratio.

**57.** 10, 12, 14.4, 17.28, . . . **58.** 
$$\frac{1}{8}$$
,  $-\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $-1$ , . . .

- **61.** The fourth and ninth terms of a geometric sequence are -192 and 196,608, respectively.
- **62.** The third and eighth terms of an arithmetic sequence are 14 and -3.5, respectively.

In Exercises 63–66, find the sum of the terms of the arithmetic sequence.

**65.** 2.5, 
$$-0.5$$
,  $-3.5$ , ...,  $-75.5$ 

In Exercises 67–70, find the sum of the terms of the geometric sequence.

In Exercises 83–86, write the sum in sigma notation.

**83.** 
$$-8 - 3 + 2 + \cdots + 92$$

**84.** 
$$4 - 8 + 16 - 32 + \cdots - 2048$$

**85.** 
$$1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \cdots$$

**86.** 
$$1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{2^3} + \cdots$$

In Exercises 77–82, determine whether the geometric series converges. If it does, find its sum.

77. 
$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 2\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{j}$$

**79.** 
$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} 4\left(-\frac{4}{3}\right)^{j}$$

**81.** 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{7} 3(0.5)^k$$

**78.** 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^k$$

**80.** 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 5\left(\frac{6}{5}\right)^k$$

**82.** 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (1.2)^k$$