

Quadratics

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2019 Paper 1

2. The equation $x^2 + (k - 5)x + 1 = 0$ has equal roots.
Determine the possible values of k . 3

2018 Paper 2

4. Express $-3x^2 - 6x + 7$ in the form $a(x + b)^2 + c$. 3

2018 Paper 2

10. The equation $x^2 + (m - 3)x + m = 0$ has two real and distinct roots.
Determine the range of values for m . 4

Specimen 5 Paper 1

6. Determine the range of values of p such that the equation $x^2 + (p + 1)x + 9 = 0$ has no real roots. 4

2017 Paper 1

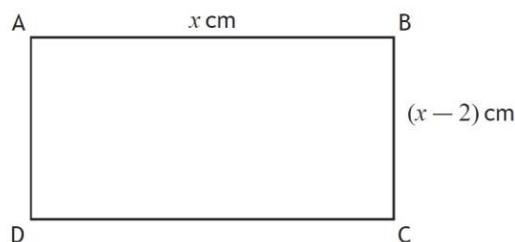
4. Find the value of k for which the equation $x^2 + 4x + (k - 5) = 0$ has equal roots. 3

2016 Paper 2

2. Find the range of values for p such that $x^2 - 2x + 3 - p = 0$ has no real roots. 3

New 2015 Paper 1

8. ABCD is a rectangle with sides of lengths x centimetres and $(x - 2)$ centimetres, as shown.



- If the area of ABCD is less than 15 cm^2 , determine the range of possible values of x . 4

Specimen 4 Paper 1

8. $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are functions, defined on the set of real numbers, such that

$$f(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{2}x \text{ and } g(x) = 8x^2 - 3.$$

(a) Given that $h(x) = g(f(x))$, show that $h(x) = 2x^2 - 8x + 5$.

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(b) Express $h(x)$ in the form $a(x + p)^2 + q$.

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(c) Hence, or otherwise, state the coordinates of the turning point on the graph of $y = h(x)$.

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(d) Sketch the graph of $y = h(x) + 3$, showing clearly the coordinates of the turning point and the y -axis intercept.

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Exemplar Paper 2

3. Find the value of p such that the equation $x^2 + (p + 1)x + 9 = 0$ has no real roots.

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2014 Paper 1

17. $3x^2 + 12x + 17$ is expressed in the form $3(x + p)^2 + q$.

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What is the value of q ?

2013 Paper 1

3. If $x^2 - 6x + 14$ is written in the form $(x - p)^2 + q$, what is the value of q ?

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2013 Paper 1

19. Solve $1 - 2x - 3x^2 > 0$, where x is a real number.

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2012 Paper 1

3. If $x^2 - 6x + 14$ is written in the form $(x - p)^2 + q$, what is the value of q ?

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2012 Paper 1

19. Solve $6 - x - x^2 < 0$.

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2011 Paper 1

5. If $x^2 - 8x + 7$ is written in the form $(x - p)^2 + q$, what is the value of q ?

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2011 Paper 1

9. The discriminant of a quadratic equation is 23.

Here are two statements about this quadratic equation:

- (1) the roots are real;
- (2) the roots are rational.

Which of the following is true?

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- A Neither statement is correct.
- B Only statement (1) is correct.
- C Only statement (2) is correct.
- D Both statements are correct.

2010 Paper 1

6. The roots of the equation $kx^2 - 3x + 2 = 0$ are equal.

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What is the value of k ?

2010 Paper 1

18. What is the solution of $x^2 + 4x > 0$, where x is a real number?

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2009 Paper 1

12. A function f is given by $f(x) = 2x^2 - x - 9$.

Which of the following describes the nature of the roots of $f(x) = 0$?

- A No real roots
- B Equal roots
- C Real distinct roots
- D Rational distinct roots

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2009 Paper 1

19. For what values of x is $6 + x - x^2 < 0$?

- A $x > 3$ only
- B $x < -2$ only
- C $x < -2, x > 3$
- D $-3 < x < 2$

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2008 Paper 1

10. Here are two statements about the roots of the equation $x^2 + x + 1 = 0$:

- (1) the roots are equal;
- (2) the roots are real.

Which of the following is true?

- A Neither statement is correct.
- B Only statement (1) is correct.
- C Only statement (2) is correct.
- D Both statements are correct.

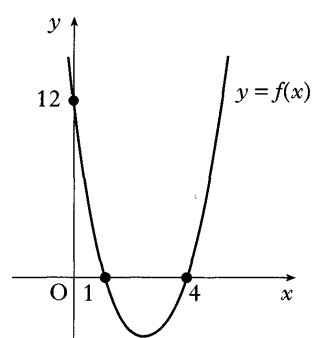
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2008 Paper 1

13. The diagram shows part of the graph of a quadratic function $y = f(x)$.

The graph has an equation of the form $y = k(x - a)(x - b)$.

What is the equation of the graph?



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2008 Paper 1

16. $2x^2 + 4x + 7$ is expressed in the form $2(x + p)^2 + q$.

What is the value of q ?

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2007 Paper 1

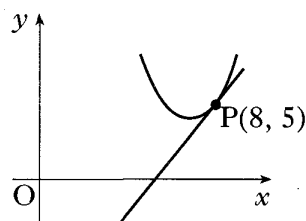
4. Find the range of values of k such that the equation $kx^2 - x - 1 = 0$ has no real roots.

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2006 Paper 2

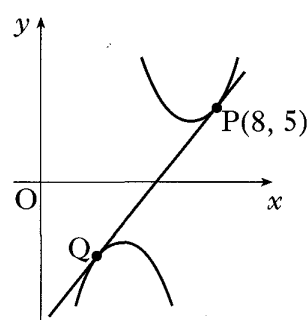
3. The parabola with equation $y = x^2 - 14x + 53$ has a tangent at the point P(8, 5).

(a) Find the equation of this tangent.



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(b) Show that the tangent found in (a) is also a tangent to the parabola with equation $y = -x^2 + 10x - 27$ and find the coordinates of the point of contact Q.



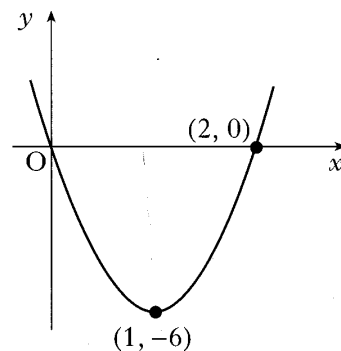
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2004 Paper 1

8. (a) Write $x^2 - 10x + 27$ in the form $(x + b)^2 + c$. 2
(b) Hence show that the function $g(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 - 5x^2 + 27x - 2$ is always increasing. 4

2004 Paper 1

11. The diagram shows a parabola passing through the points $(0, 0)$, $(1, -6)$ and $(2, 0)$.
(a) The equation of the parabola is of the form $y = ax(x - b)$.
Find the values of a and b .



2004 Paper 2

3. Prove that the roots of the equation $2x^2 + px - 3 = 0$ are real for all values of p . 4