

Part 2: Quadratic Functions



AS Level

Pt. 1: Index Laws & Surds
Pt. 3: Simultaneous Equations

Pt. 2: Quadratic Functions
Pt. 4: Graph Functions & Transformations

A-Level

Pt. 5: Composite Functions
Pt. 6: Modulus Functions
Pt. 7: Partial Fractions

1. Given that, $4x^2 + 8x + 3 = a(x + b)^2 + c$, find the values of the constants a , b and c . (3)

2. Given that, $5x^2 + px - 8 = q(x - q)^2 + r$, for all values of x , find the values of the constants p , q and r . (4)

3. The curve C has the equation,

$$x^2 + ax + b = 0$$

Where a and b are constants. Given that the minimum points of C has co-ordinates (5, -2), find the values of a and b .

4. By completing the square, find in terms of the constant k , roots of the equation (4)

$$x^2 + kx - 9 = 0$$

b) Hence find the exact roots of the equation, $x^2 + 5x - 9 = 0$ (2)

5. State the co-ordinates of the minimum point of the curve, $y = x^2 + 12x + 3$ (4)

6. The equation $x^2 + kx + 5 = 0$, where k is a constant and has no real roots. Find the possible set of values for k . (3)

7. The equation $kx^2 + 6kx + 2 = 0$, where k is a constant and has two distinct roots. Find the possible set of values for k . (4)

8. The equation $x^2 + (2k - 3)x + (k + 3) = 0$, where k is a constant and has no real roots. Find the set of possible values for k . (4)

9. The curve with equation $y = px^2 - 8px - 7p$, where p is a constant does not intersect the line with equation $y = 4x - 10$.

(a) Show that $9p^2 - 8p + 1 < 0$ (4)

(b) Find the set of possible values for p . (2)

10. The line $y = mx + 2$ is a tangent to the circle $(x - 5)^2 + (y + 1)^2 = 15$. Find the two possible values of m , giving your answers in exact form. (7)

11. Find the set of values of x for which

a) $2(3x + 4) > 1 - x$ (2)

b) $3x^2 + 8x - 3 < 0$ (2)

12. a) Solve the inequality $x^2 + 8x > 20$ (3)

b) Find the set of values of x for which satisfy both of the inequalities: (2)

$$x^2 + 8x > 20$$

$$18 + 3x < 23 + x$$

13. Solve the inequality $x(x + 1) \leq 12$ (3)

14. Find the set of values for x which satisfy both of the inequalities (5)

$$x^2 + 3x - 10 < 0$$

$$9 + 3x \leq 12 + x$$



Mark Scheme

1.

$4x^2 + 8x + 3 = 4(x^2 + 2x) + 3$	M1
$= [4(x^2 + 1) - 1] + 3$ $= 4(x^2 + 1) - 4 + 3$	M1
$= 4(x^2 + 1) - 1$ $a = 4, b = 1, c = -1$	M1

2.

$5x^2 + px - 8 = q(x - 1)^2 + r$	M1
$= q(x - 1)(x - 1) + r$ $= q(x^2 - 2x + 1) + r$ $= qx^2 - 2qx + q + r$	M1 M1
Compare co-efficients: $x^2: q = 5$ $x: p = 2q, p = -10$ constants: $q + r = -8, r = -13$	M1

3.

Using co-ordinates: $(x - 5)^2 - 2$ $(x - 5)(x - 5) - 2$	M1
$x^2 - 10x + 23$ $a = -10$ $b = 23$	M1 M1

4a.

$x^2 + kx - 9 = 0$ $(x + \frac{k}{2})^2 - (\frac{k^2}{4}) - 9 = 0$	M1
$(x + \frac{k}{2})^2 = \frac{k^2}{4} + 9$	M1
$x + \frac{k}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{k^2}{4} + 9}$	M1
$x = -\frac{k}{2} \pm \sqrt{\frac{k^2}{4} + 9}$	M1

4b.

$k = 5$ $x = -\frac{5}{2} \pm \sqrt{\frac{5^2}{4} + 9}$	M1
$x = \frac{-5 + \sqrt{61}}{2}$ or $x = -\frac{5 + \sqrt{61}}{2}$	M1

5.

$y = x^2 + 12x + 3 = (x + 6)^2 - 36 + 3$ $= (x + 6)^2 - 33$	M1 M1
Minimum point = $(-6, -33)$	M1 M1



6.

No real roots, therefore, $b^2 - 4ac < 0$ $a = 1, b = k, c = 5$	M1
$k^2 - (4)(1)(5) < 0$ $k^2 - 20 < 0$ $k = \pm \sqrt{20}$	M1
$-\sqrt{20} < k < \sqrt{20}$	M1

7.

Equal roots, therefore, $b^2 - 4ac > 0$ $a = k, b = 6k, c = 2$	M1
$(6k)^2 - (4)(k)(2) > 0$ $36k^2 - 8k > 0$ $2k(16k - 4) > 0$ $2k > 0, k > 0$	M1
$16k - 4 > 0, k > \frac{1}{4}$	M1
$0 < k < \frac{1}{4}$	M1

8.

Two distinct roots, therefore, $b^2 - 4ac > 0$ $a = 1, b = 2k - 3, c = k + 3$	M1
$(2k - 3)^2 - (4)(1)(k + 3) < 0$ $4k^2 - 12k + 9 - 4k - 12 < 0$ $4k^2 - 16k - 3 < 0$	M1
Using calculator: $k = \frac{4 + \sqrt{19}}{2}$ or $k = \frac{4 - \sqrt{19}}{2}$	M1
$\frac{4 - \sqrt{19}}{2} < k < \frac{4 + \sqrt{19}}{2}$	M1

9a.

$y = px^2 - 8px - 7p = 4x - 10$ $px^2 - 8px - 7p - 4x + 10 = 0$	M1
$px^2 - (8p - 4)x + (10 - 7p) = 0$	M1
No intersection, therefore, no solutions, $b^2 - 4ac < 0$ $a = p, b = 8p - 4, c = 10 - 7p$	M1
$(8p - 4)^2 - (4)(p)(10 - 7p) < 0$ $64p^2 - 64p + 16 - 40p + 28p^2 < 0$ $92p^2 - 104p + 16 < 0$	M1

9b.

$92p^2 - 104p + 16 = 0$ $p = 11.39$ (to 2 d.p) or $p = 0.16$ (to 2 d.p)	M1
$0.16 < p < 0.16$	M1



10.

$(x-5)^2 + (mx+2+1)^2 = 15$	M1
$(x-5)^2 + (mx+3)(mx+3) = 15$ $x^2 - 5x - 5x + 25 + m^2x^2 + 3mx + 3mx + 9 = 15$	M1
$x^2 + m^2x^2 - 10x + 6mx + 19 = 0$ $(1+m^2)x^2 + (6m-10)x + 19 = 0$	M1
As the line is at a tangent, there is one solution, therefore $b^2 - 4ac = 0$ $a = 1 + m^2$ $b = 6m - 10$ $c = 19$	M1
$(6m-10)^2 - (4)(1+m^2)(19) = 0$ $(6m-10)(6m-10) - 76(1+m^2) = 0$	M1
$36m^2 - 60m - 60m + 100 - 76 - 76m^2 = 0$ $-40m^2 - 120m + 24 = 0$ $5m^2 + 15m - 3 = 0$	M1
$m = \frac{-15 + \sqrt{285}}{10}$ or, $m = \frac{-15 - \sqrt{285}}{10}$	M1

11a.

$2(3x+4) > 1-x$ $6x+8 > 1-x$	M1
$7x > -7$ $x > -1$	M1

11b.

$(3x-1)(x+3) = 0$ $x = \frac{1}{3}$ or $x = -3$	M1
$-3 < x < \frac{1}{3}$	M1

12a.

$x^2 + 8x - 20 > 0$ $x = 2$ $x = -10$	M1
$x > 2, x < -10$	M1 M1

12b.

(From part a) $x^2 + 8x - 20 > 0, x > 2, x < -10$ $18 + 3x < 23 + x$ $2x < 5$ $x < 2.5$	M1
$2 < x < 2.5$	M1

13.

$x(x+1) \leq 12$ $x^2 + x - 12 \leq 0$	M1
$(x+4)(x-3) \leq 0$ $x \leq -4, x \leq 3$	M1
$-4 \leq x \leq 3$	M1



14a.

$x^2 + 3x - 10 < 0$ $(x + 5)(x - 2) < 0$	M1
$x = -5, x = 2$	M1
$-5 < x < 2$	M1
$9 + 3x \leq 12 + x$ $2x \leq 3$ $x \leq 1.5$	M1
<i>Both satisfied by:</i> $-5 < x \leq 1.5$	M1

