



AS Mathematics Exam Questions by Topic
Chapter 3a: Quadratic Functions

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OCR A 2018 Paper 1 Question 3:

3 In this question you must show detailed reasoning.

Find the two real roots of the equation $x^4 - 5 = 4x^2$. Give the roots in an exact form. [4]

OCR A 2018 Paper 2 Question 1:

1 (i) Express $2x^2 - 12x + 23$ in the form $a(x + b)^2 + c$. [4]

(ii) Use your result to show that the equation $2x^2 - 12x + 23 = 0$ has no real roots. [1]

(iii) Given that the equation $2x^2 - 12x + k = 0$ has repeated roots, find the value of the constant k . [2]

OCR A AS 2018 Paper 2 Question 4:

4 (i) Express $4x^2 - 12x + 11$ in the form $a(x + b)^2 + c$. [3]

(ii) State the number of real roots of the equation $4x^2 - 12x + 11 = 0$. [1]

(iii) Explain fully how the value of r is related to the number of real roots of the equation $p(x + q)^2 + r = 0$ where p, q and r are real constants and $p > 0$. [2]

OCR A AS Sample Paper 1 Question 7:

- 7 (i) Sketch the curve $y = 2x^2 - x - 3$. [3]
- (ii) Hence, or otherwise, solve $2x^2 - x - 3 < 0$. [2]
- (iii) Given that the equation $2x^2 - x - 3 = k$ has no real roots, find the set of possible values of k . [3]

OCR B MEI 2018 Paper 3 Question 7:

- 7 In this question you must show detailed reasoning.

Fig. 7 shows the curve $y = 5x - x^2$.

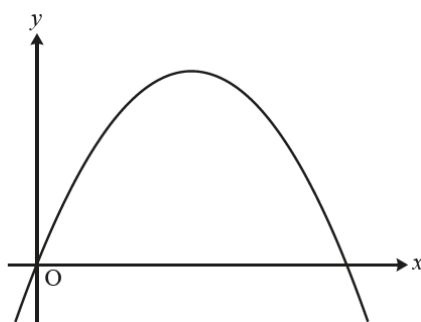


Fig. 7

The line $y = 4 - kx$ crosses the curve $y = 5x - x^2$ on the x -axis and at one other point.

Determine the coordinates of this other point. [8]

OCR B MEI AS 2018 Paper 2 Question 5:

- 5 Find the set of values of a for which the equation

$$ax^2 + 8x + 2 = 0$$

has no real roots. [3]

OCR B MEI AS Sample Paper 1 Question 4:

- 4 (i) Express $x^2 + 4x + 7$ in the form $(x + b)^2 + c$. [2]
- (ii) Explain why the minimum point on the curve $y = (x + b)^2 + c$ occurs when $x = -b$. [1]

OCR B MEI Sample Paper 1 Question 13:

13 In this question you must show detailed reasoning.

Determine the values of k for which part of the graph of $y = x^2 - kx + 2k$ appears below the x -axis. [4]
