

All answers are to be in simplest form. A scientific calculator may be used. No notes, no books, no homework may be used. This is a practice test consisting of basic concepts presented. It reflects what could be on the actual test. Students are encouraged to review all of the material presented.

$x = \frac{-b}{2a}$ Find y by substituting the x value back in. Note that f(x) is replaced by y.

Find the vertex of the parabola.

1) $f(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^2 - \frac{2}{3}x - \frac{11}{3}$

Answer: (1, -4)

$$x = - \frac{\left(\frac{-2}{3}\right)}{2\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)} = + \frac{2}{3} \div \frac{2}{3} = \frac{+2}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{2} = 1$$

Vertex: (1, -4)

$$y = \frac{1}{3}(1)^2 - \frac{2}{3}(1) - \frac{11}{3} = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{2}{3} - \frac{11}{3} = \frac{-12}{3}$$

$$y = -4$$

2) $f(x) = 3x^2 - 2$

Answer: (0, -2)

$$f(x) = 3x^2 + 0x - 2$$

Vertex: (0, -2)

$$x = \frac{0}{2(3)} = \frac{0}{6} = 0$$

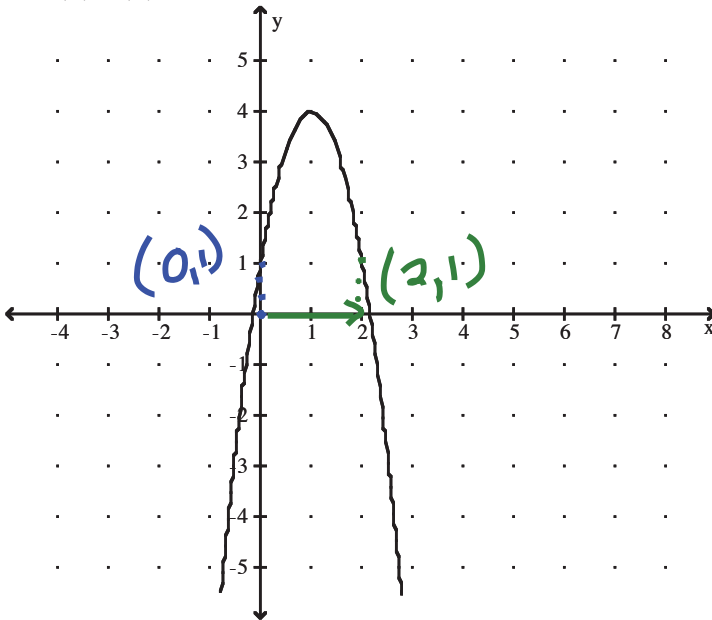
Substitute a zero term for missing b or c terms. The a term cannot be missing or it is no longer a quadratic.

$$y = 3(0)^2 + 0(0) - 2$$

$$y = -2$$

Use the graph of f to evaluate each expression.

- 3) $f(0), f(2)$ Given the x value, what is the y value?



$f(0) = \underline{1}$ $f(2) = \underline{1}$

Answer: 1, 1

For the given $f(x)$, find the following and graph the function.

4) $f(x) = 3x^2$ $f(x) = 3x^2 + 0x + 0$ $y = 3(0)^2 + 0(0) + 0$
 $x = \frac{0}{2(3)} = \frac{0}{6} = 0$ $y = 0$
 a) Identify the vertex $(0, 0)$

- b) What is the axis of symmetry? $x = 0$ Express as an equation. Use the x value from the vertex.

- c) Does the graph open up or down? U up

Vertex is the lowest point.

- d) Will the vertex result in a minimum or maximum value? minimum

- e) Identify the minimum or maximum y -value. 0 y value of the vertex

f) Evaluate $f(-2)$ 12 $f(-2) = 3(-2)^2 \Rightarrow f(-2) = 3(4)$
 $f(-2) = 12$

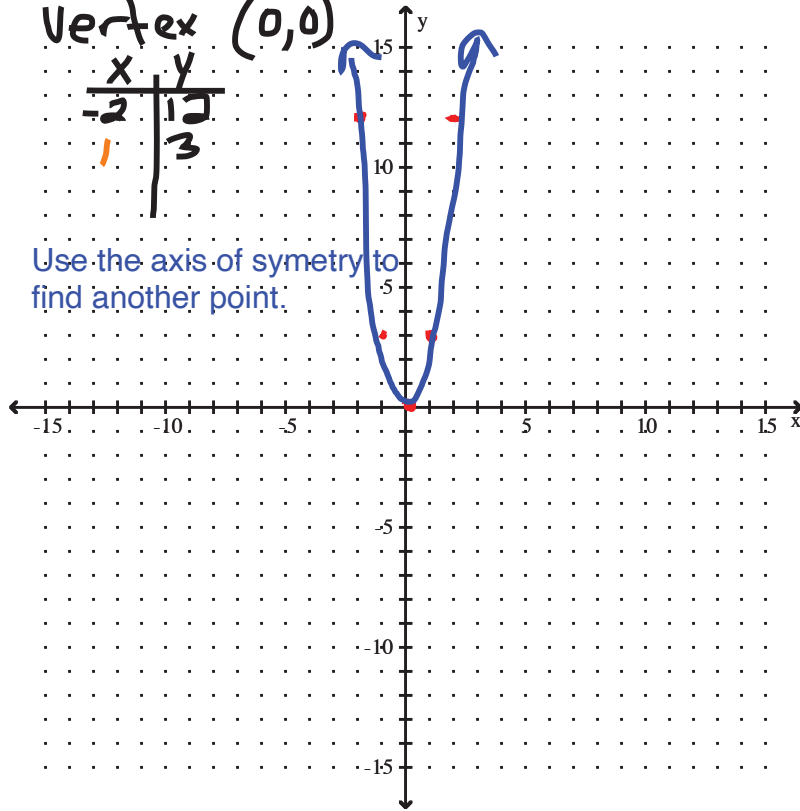
g) Evaluate $f(3)$ 27 $f(3) = 3(3)^2 \Rightarrow f(3) = 3(9) \Rightarrow f(3) = 27$

- h) Graph the function.

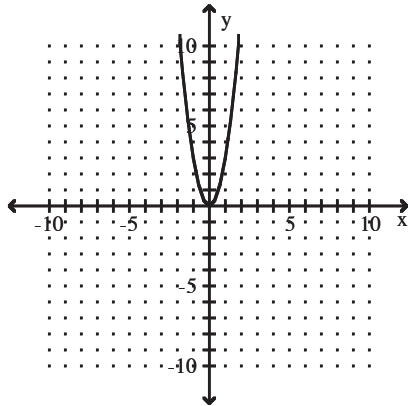
$$f(x) = 3x^2$$

Vertex (0,0)

x	y
-2	12
3	27



Answer:



For the given equation, find the following then graph and solve the equation.

5) $f(x) = 3x^2 - 2x$

$$3x^2 - 2x + 0 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{-(-2)}{2(3)} = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$3\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 - 2\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = y$$

$$3\left(\frac{1}{9}\right) - \frac{2}{3} = y$$

$$\frac{1}{3} - \frac{2}{3} = y$$

$$-\frac{1}{3} = y$$

Answer:

- a) Identify the vertex $\left(\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}\right)$
- b) What is the axis of symmetry? $x = \frac{1}{3}$
a term is positive so opens up
- c) Does the graph open up or down? U up

f) Graph the equation.

- g) What is(are) the solution(s) to the equation? $x = 0, \frac{2}{3}$
 If the solution is not real, say so.

$$3x^2 - 2x = 0$$

$$x(3x - 2) = 0$$

Factor, use the quadratic equation or complete the square to solve.

$$x = 0 \quad 3x - 2 = 0$$

$$\quad \quad +2 \quad +2$$

$$\quad \quad \underline{3x} = \underline{2}$$

$$\quad \quad \quad \quad \underline{3} \quad \quad \underline{3}$$

$$x = \frac{2}{3}$$

Set each factor the contains a variable to zero and solve.

x	y
1	1
2	8

$$y = 3x^2 - 2x$$

$$y = 3(1)^2 - 2(1)$$

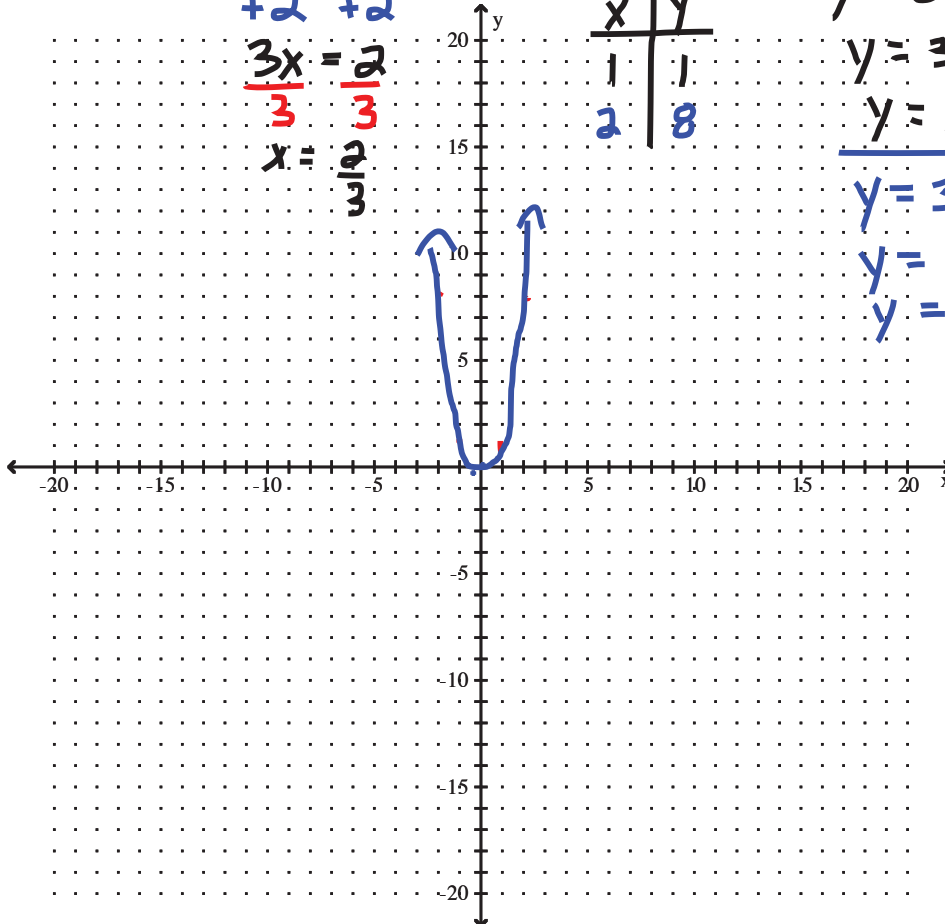
$$y = 3 - 2$$

$$y = 1$$

$$y = 3(2)^2 - 2(2)$$

$$y = 12 - 4$$

$$y = 8$$



Solve quadratic equation by factoring.

$$6) \quad x^2 + 5x - 14 = 0$$

$$(x+7)(x-2) = 0$$

$$x = -7 \quad x = 2$$

Answer: -7, 2

Use the square root property to solve the equation.

$$7) \quad \sqrt{(x+6)^2} = \pm \sqrt{13}$$

$$x+6 = \pm \sqrt{13}$$

$$-6 \quad -6$$

$$x = -6 \pm \sqrt{13}$$

Answer: $-6 \pm \sqrt{13}$

Because you are taking the square root on each side, make sure to use plus/minus.

$$8) \quad \sqrt{(7x+4)^2} = \pm \sqrt{15}$$

$$\text{Answer: } \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{15}}{7}$$

$$7x+4 = \pm \sqrt{15}$$

$$-4 \quad -4$$

$$\frac{7x}{7} = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{15}}{7}$$

$$x = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{15}}{7}$$

Find the term that should be added to the expression to form a perfect square trinomial. Write the resulting perfect square trinomial in factored form.

$(\frac{b}{2})^2$ add to both sides

9) $x^2 + 7x$

Answer: $\frac{49}{4}; (x + \frac{7}{2})^2$

$x^2 + 7x + \frac{(\frac{b}{2})^2}{(\frac{7}{2})^2}$

Term to add $(\frac{7}{2})^2 = \frac{49}{4}$

Factored Form $(x + \frac{7}{2})^2$

$x^2 + 7x + \frac{49}{4} = (x + \frac{7}{2})^2$

Solve the equation by completing the square.

10) $x^2 - 2x - 15 = 0$

Answer: 5, -3

$x^2 - 2x + (\frac{b}{2})^2 = 15 + (\frac{-2}{2})^2$

$x^2 - 2x + 1 = 15 + 1$

$\sqrt{(x-1)^2} = \sqrt{16}$

$(x-1) = \pm 4$

$x = 1 \pm 4$

$x = 1+4 \quad x = 1-4$
 $x = 5 \quad x = -3$

While this could be factored other ways, the question asks for completing the square.

11) $4x^2 + 6x = -1$
Answer: $\frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{5}}{4}$

$(\frac{\frac{3}{2}}{2})^2 = (\frac{\frac{3}{2} \div \frac{2}{1}}{2})^2$
 $(\frac{\frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}}{2})^2$
 $(\frac{3}{4})^2$
 $\frac{9}{16}$

$x^2 + \frac{3}{2}x + \frac{9}{16} = -\frac{1}{4} + \frac{9}{16}$

$\sqrt{(x + \frac{3}{4})^2} = \sqrt{\frac{5}{16}}$

$x + \frac{3}{4} = \pm \frac{\sqrt{5}}{4}$

$x = -\frac{3}{4} \pm \frac{\sqrt{5}}{4}$

$x = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{5}}{4}$

Divide by the a coefficient to create a leading coefficient of 1.

$-\frac{4}{16} + \frac{9}{16} = \frac{5}{16}$

Rationalize the denominator

$(\frac{b}{2a})^2$
Not

12) $7x^2 + 2x - 5 = 0$

While this could be factored other ways, the question asks for completing the square.

$$\left(\frac{2}{7} \cdot \frac{1}{2}\right)^2$$

$$\left(\frac{2}{14}\right)^2 = \frac{4}{196}$$

Answer: $\frac{5}{7}, -1$

$$x^2 + \frac{2}{7}x - \frac{5}{7} = 0$$

$$x^2 + \frac{2}{7}x + \frac{4}{196} = \frac{5}{7} + \frac{4}{196}$$

$$\left(x + \frac{2}{14}\right)^2 = \frac{140}{196} + \frac{4}{196}$$

$$\sqrt{\left(x + \frac{2}{14}\right)^2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{144}{196}}$$

$$x + \frac{2}{14} = \pm \frac{12}{14} - \frac{2}{14}$$

$$x = -\frac{2}{14} + \frac{12}{14}$$

$$x = \frac{10}{14} = \frac{5}{7}$$

$$x = -\frac{2}{14} - \frac{12}{14}$$

$$x = -\frac{14}{14} = -1$$

13) $x^2 + x + 8 = 0$

$$x^2 + x + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = -8 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2$$

$$x^2 + x + \frac{1}{4} = -8 + \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\sqrt{\left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{-31}{4}}$$

$$x + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{-31}}{\sqrt{4}}$$

$$x + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{i\sqrt{31}}{2}$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{i\sqrt{31}}{2}$$

$$-\frac{8}{1} + \frac{1}{4}$$

$$-\frac{32}{4} + \frac{1}{4}$$

$$-\frac{31}{4}$$

Answer: $\frac{-1 \pm i\sqrt{31}}{2} = -\frac{1}{2} \pm i\frac{\sqrt{31}}{2}$

Solve the formula for the specified variable.

14) $Ve = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$ for v (little v)

$$\frac{2Ve}{m} = \frac{mv^2}{m}$$

$$\pm \sqrt{\frac{2Ve}{m}} = \sqrt{v^2}$$

Answer: $v = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2Ve}{m}}$

$$\pm \sqrt{\frac{2Ve}{m}} = v$$

Use the discriminant to determine the number of real solutions.

15) $x^2 - 6x + 3 = 0$

Answer: Two real solutions

$a = 1$ $b = -6$ $c = 3$

LOOK @ $b^2 - 4ac$

$$(-6)^2 - 4(1)(3)$$

$$36 - 12$$

$$24$$

$b^2 - 4ac > 0$ 2 real

$b^2 - 4ac = 0$ 1 real

$b^2 - 4ac < 0$ 2 not real

2 real solutions

16) $x^2 + 4x + 6 = 0$

Answer: No real solutions

$a=1 \quad b=4 \quad c=6$

$4^2 - 4(1)(6)$

$16 - 24$

-8

No Real solutions
0 = zero

Solve the equation using the quadratic formula. Write complex solutions in standard form.

17) $x^2 + x + 9 = 0$

$a=1 \quad b=1 \quad c=9$

$$\frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1^2 - 4(1)(9)}}{2(1)}$$

$$\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$\frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 36}}{2(1)}$$

$$\frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{-35}}{2} = \frac{-1 \pm i\sqrt{35}}{2} = -\frac{1}{2} \pm i\frac{\sqrt{35}}{2}$$

Correct form for a+bi

Answer: $-\frac{1}{2} \pm i\frac{\sqrt{35}}{2}$

18) $9x^2 + 5x + 2 = 0$

$a=9 \quad b=5 \quad c=2$

$$\frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{5^2 - 4(9)(2)}}{2(9)}$$

$$\frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{25 - 72}}{18}$$

$$\frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{-47}}{18} = \frac{-5 \pm i\sqrt{47}}{18} = -\frac{5}{18} \pm i\frac{\sqrt{47}}{18}$$

Correct form for a+bi

Answer: $-\frac{5}{18} \pm i\frac{\sqrt{47}}{18}$

Use the given substitution to solve the equation.

$$19) \quad x^4 - 9x^2 + 8 = 0, \quad \underline{u = x^2}$$

$$(x^2)^2 = x^4$$

$$u^2 - 9u + 8 = 0$$

$$(u-1)(u-8) = 0$$

$$u = 1 \quad u = 8$$

$$\sqrt{x^2} = \pm 1 \quad \sqrt{x^2} = \pm 8$$

$$x = \pm 1 \quad x = \pm \sqrt{8}$$

$$x = \pm 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$\sqrt{8} \\ \sqrt{4} \sqrt{2} \\ 2\sqrt{2}$$

Answer: $\pm 1, \pm 2\sqrt{2}$

Solve the equation.

$$20) \quad x - 13\sqrt{x} + 42 = 0$$

Answer: 36, 49

$$u^2 - 13u + 42 = 0$$

$$(u-6)(u-7) = 0$$

$$u = 6 \quad u = 7$$

$$(\sqrt{x})^2 = (6)^2 \quad (\sqrt{x})^2 = (7)^2$$

$$x = 36 \quad x = 49$$

The b term provides a hint on how to set up the substitution.

$$u = \sqrt{x}$$

$$\sqrt{x^2} = x$$