

MCF3M Unit #4 Practice Test  
Standard and Vertex Forms

Name: Master

COMMUNICATION

The test will be marked overall for proper format and communication.

Level      1      2      3      4

KNOWLEDGE

1. Write the following in standard form.

a)  $f(x) = (x+3)^2 - 7$   
 $= x^2 + 6x + 9 - 7$   
 $= x^2 + 6x + 2$

Level      1      2      3      4

b)  $f(x) = -3(x+5)^2 + 2$   
 $= -3(x^2 + 10x + 25) + 2$   
 $= -3x^2 - 30x - 75 + 2$   
 $= -3x^2 - 30x - 73$

2. Write in vertex form by completing the square.

a)  $f(x) = x^2 - 10x + 33$   
 $= (x^2 - 10x) + 33$   
 $= x^2 - 10x + (-5)^2 - (-5)^2 + 33$   
 $= x^2 - 10x + 25 - 25 + 33$   
 $= (x-5)^2 + 8$

$h = \frac{b}{a} \div 2$   
 $= \frac{-10}{1} \div 2$   
 $= -5$

b)  $f(x) = -5x^2 + 20x - 12$   
 $= -5(x^2 + 4x) - 12$   
 $= -5(x^2 + 4x + (-2)^2 - (-2)^2) - 12$   
 $= -5(x^2 + 4x + 4 - 4) - 12$   
 $= -5(x+2)^2 + 20 - 12$   
 $= -5(x+2)^2 + 8$

$h = \frac{b}{a} \div 2$   
 $= \frac{20}{-5} \div 2$   
 $= -2$

3. Solve using the quadratic formula.

a)  $x^2 - 6x - 8 = 0$   

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

$$= \frac{-(-6) \pm \sqrt{(-6)^2 - 4(1)(-8)}}{2(1)}$$

$$= \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{36 + 32}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{68}}{2}$$

$x = \frac{6 + \sqrt{68}}{2}$  or  $x = \frac{6 - \sqrt{68}}{2}$   
 $x \approx 7.1$  or  $x \approx -1.1$

b)  $3x^2 + x = -9$   
 $3x^2 + x + 9 = 0$   

$$x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{(1)^2 - 4(3)(9)}}{2(3)}$$

$$x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 108}}{6}$$

$x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{-107}}{6}$  ∴ No Solutions

4. Without solving, determine the number of real solutions of each equation.

a)  $2x^2 - 8x + 8 = 0$

$$d = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$d = (-8)^2 - 4(2)(8)$$

$$= 64 - 64$$

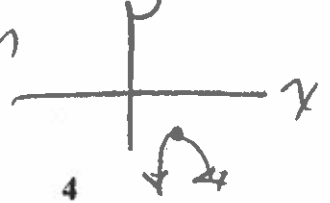
$$= 0$$

$\therefore$  1 solution

b)  $-2(x - 3)^2 - 3$

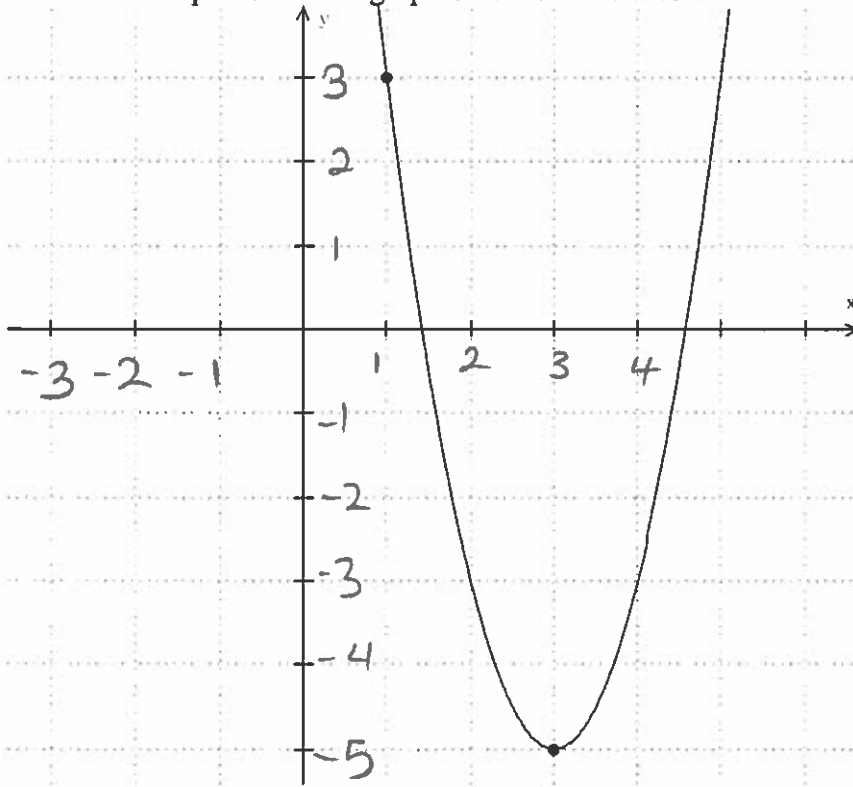
$V(3, -3)$ , direction of opening is down  $y$

$\therefore$  no solution



**APPLICATION**

1. Write the equation of the graph below in vertex form.



Level

1 2 3 4

$$y = a(x - h)^2 + k$$

sub in vertex

$$y = a(x - 3)^2 - 5$$

sub in (1, 3)

$$3 = a(1 - 3)^2 - 5$$

$$3 = 4a - 5$$

$$3 + 5 = 4a$$

$$8 = 4a$$

$$a = 2$$

$\therefore y = 2(x - 3)^2 - 5$

2. The height of a soccer ball is modelled by  $h(t) = -4.9t^2 + 19.6t + 0.5$ , where height,  $h(t)$ , is in metres and time,  $t$ , is in seconds.

a) What is the height of the ball after 1 s?

b) When does the ball hit the ground?

a)  $t = 1$   $h(1) = -4.9(1)^2 + 19.6(1) + 0.5$

$$= 15.2$$

$\therefore$  height is 15.2 m after 1 sec.

b)  $h(t) = 0$

$$0 = -4.9t^2 + 19.6t + 0.5$$

$$x = \frac{-19.6 \pm \sqrt{(19.6)^2 - 4(-4.9)(0.5)}}{2(-4.9)}$$

$$x = \frac{-19.6 \pm \sqrt{384.16 + 9.8}}{-9.8}$$

$$x = \frac{-19.6 \pm \sqrt{393.96}}{-9.8}$$

$$x = \frac{-19.6 + \sqrt{393.96}}{-9.8} \text{ or } x = \frac{-19.6 - \sqrt{393.96}}{-9.8}$$

$$x = -0.03 \quad x = 4.03$$

3. Determine the vertex, the axis of symmetry, the direction of opening, and the number of zeros for the parabola below. Use this information to sketch a graph.

$$f(x) = -3x^2 + 42x - 141$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= -3(x^2 - 14x) - 141 \\ &= -3(x^2 - 14x + (-7)^2 - (-7)^2) - 141 \\ &= -3(x-7)^2 + 147 - 141 \\ &= -3(x-7)^2 + 6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} h &= \frac{b}{a} \div 2 \\ &= \frac{42}{-3} \div 2 \\ &= -7 \end{aligned}$$

Vertex = (7, 6)

axis of sym = 7

direction of opening is down

# of zeros

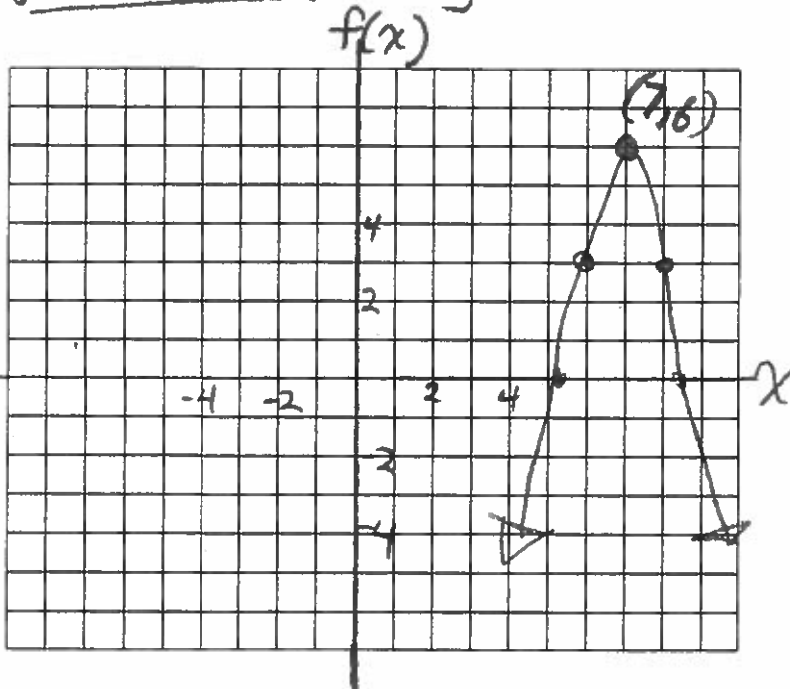
$$\begin{aligned} d &= b^2 - 4ac \\ &= 42^2 - 4(-3)(-141) \\ &= 1764 - 1692 \\ &= 72 \end{aligned}$$

∴ 2 zeros

or

Vertex (7, 6)  
↓ opens down

∴ 2 zeros



4. For the function  $f(x) = 2x^2 - 4x + k$ , what value(s) of  $k$  will have

- a) one solution?
- b) no solutions?
- c) two solutions?

a)  $d = 0$

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

$$0 = (-4)^2 - 4(2)k$$

$$0 = 16 - 8k$$

$$-16 = -8k$$

$$k = 2$$

b)  $d$  is negative

$$= (-4)^2 - 4(2)k$$

$$= 16 - 8k$$

$$k > 2$$

c)  $d$  is positive

$$16 - 8k$$

$$k < 2$$

THINKING

Level

1

2

3

4

\* more applications on test



144  
 Courthouse  
 Square beside  
 above  
 Worth Street

519 524 5532 Ex 216  
 Katrin Van Den Berg.  
~~WATER~~ Tues 3:45 - 5:00pm