

**Sydney Girls High School  
Mathematics Department**

**Year 10**

**Class Test 4 – The Parabola and other graphs.**

Time Allowed: 60 minutes

Instructions: • All necessary working must be shown for questions 4 and 5.

• Draw all graphs on the graph paper provided

**Question 1: (8 marks)**

On separate sets of axes sketch the following parabolas:

(a)  $y = 2x^2$

(b)  $y = 2x^2 + 3$

(c)  $y = (x + 3)^2$

(d)  $y = -x^2 + 6x - 5$

**Question 2: (7 marks)**

(a) On the same set of axes sketch and label the graphs of the following parabolas:

(i)  $y = x^2$

(ii)  $y = 3x^2$

(iii)  $y = \frac{1}{3}x^2$

(b) Comment (1 sentence only) on the effect of the co-efficient of  $x^2$  on the graph  $y = x^2$

**Question 3: (8 marks)**

On separate sets of axes sketch the graphs of the following:

(a)  $x^2 + y^2 = 25$

(b)  $4x + 2y = 12$

(c)  $y = 3^{-x}$

(d)  $y = -\frac{3}{x}$

**Question 4: (11 marks)**

Given the parabola  $y = x^2 - 6x + 8$ :

(a) find the x-intercepts

(b) find the y-intercept

(c) find the equation of the axis of symmetry

(d) find the co-ordinates of the vertex

(e) determine its concavity

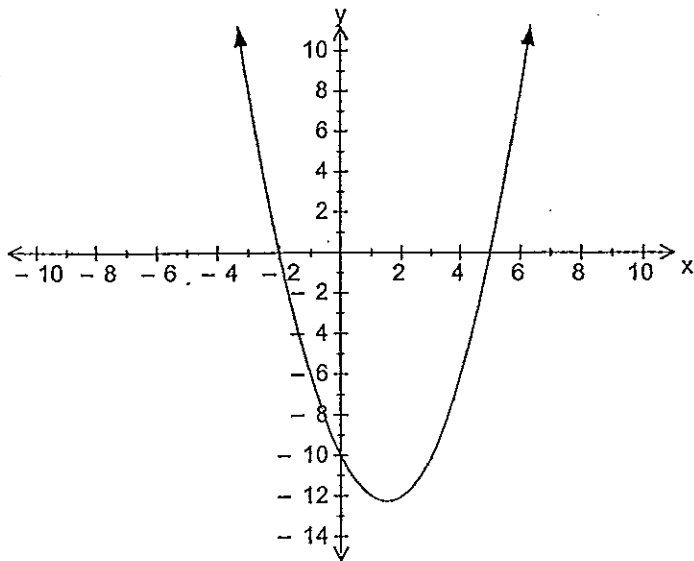
(f) Find the min/max value of the parabola

(g) Sketch the parabola (show all relevant features)

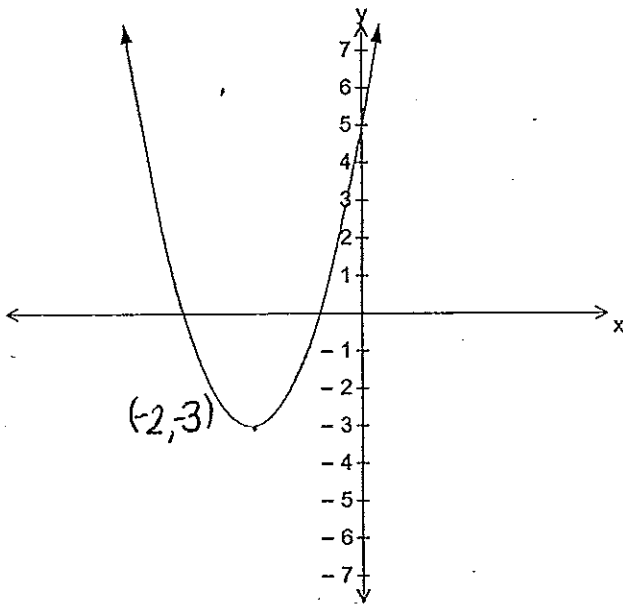
**Question 5:** (6 marks)

Determine the equation of the following graphs

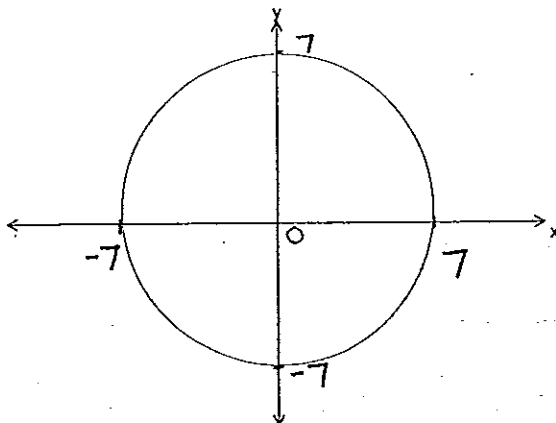
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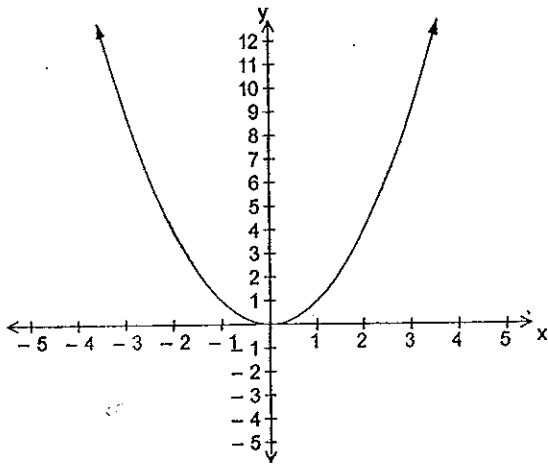
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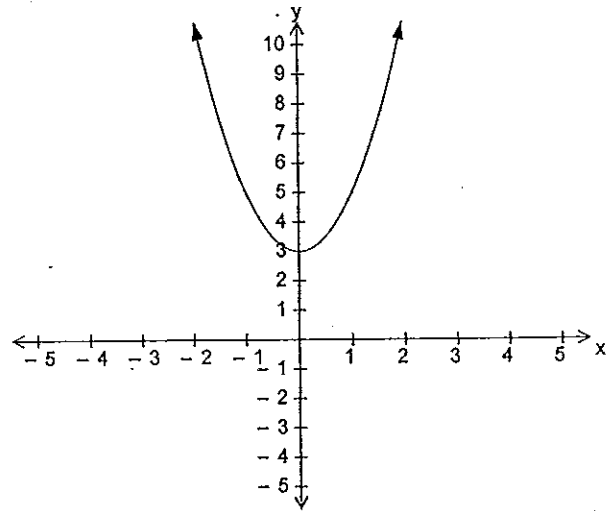
Solutions to Class test 4: The Parabola and other graphs

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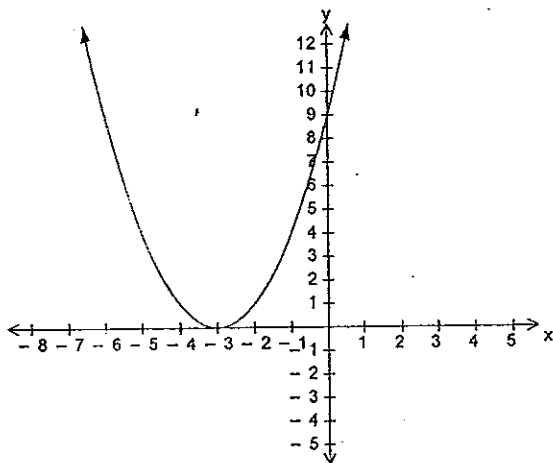
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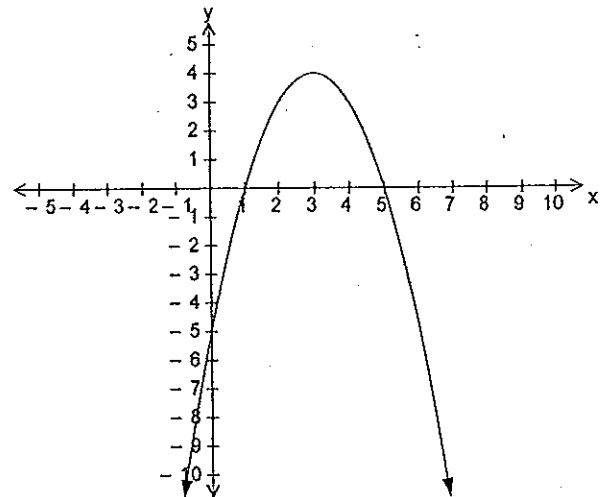
(b)  $y = 2x^2 + 3$



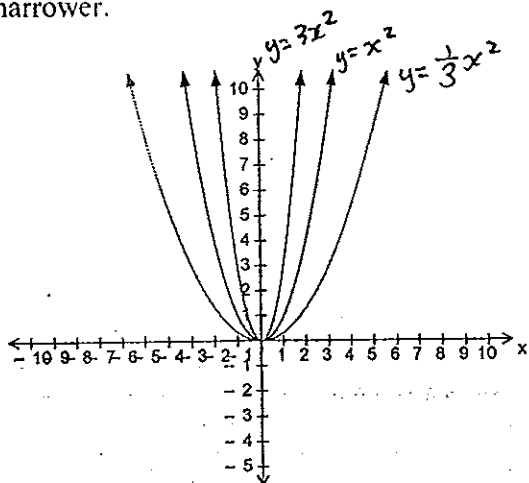
(c)  $y = (x+3)^2$



(d)  $y = -x^2 + 6x - 5$

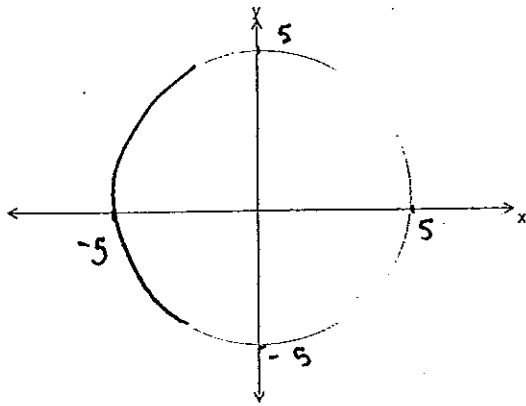


(2) (b) The effect of the co-efficient is that as 'a' increases the graph of the parabola becomes narrower.

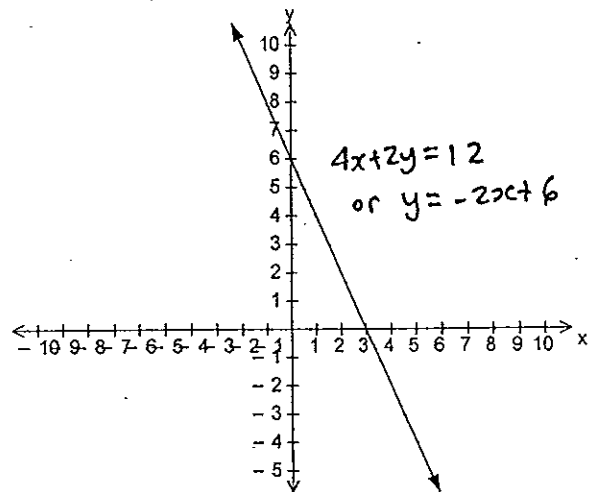


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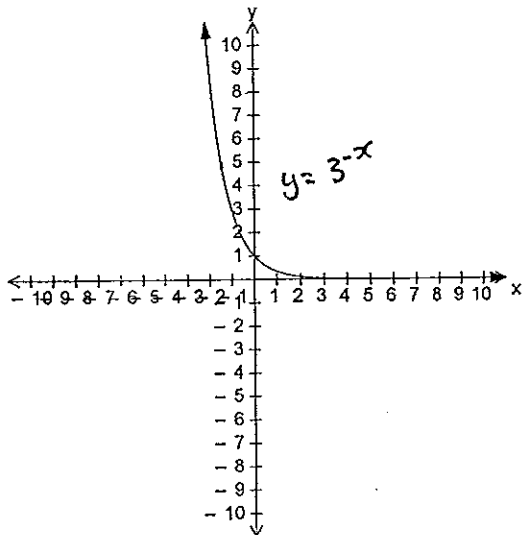
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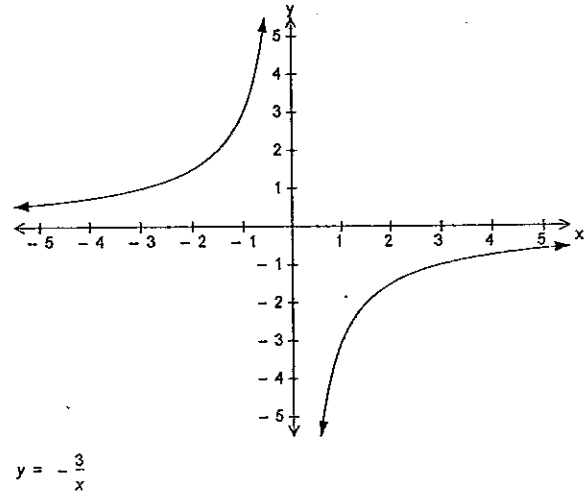
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(c)



(d)



**Question 4:** (11 marks)

Given the parabola  $y = x^2 - 6x + 8$ :

(a) x-intercepts  $\Rightarrow$  let  $y = 0$

$$0 = x^2 - 6x + 8$$

$$0 = (x - 4)(x - 2)$$

$$2, 4 = x$$

x-intercepts are 2 and 4 (2 marks)

(b) y-intercept is 8 (1 mark)

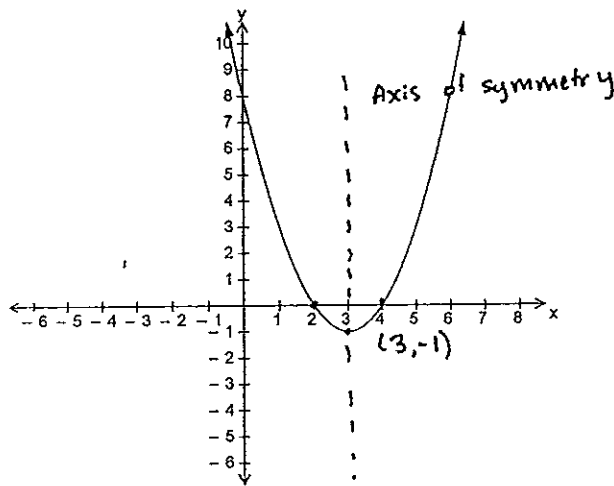
Q4(c) Axis of symmetry  $x = \frac{-b}{2a}$   
 $= \frac{6}{2}$  (2 marks)  
 $= 3$

(d) if  $x = 3$ ,  $y = (3)^2 - 6(3) + 8$   
 $= 9 - 18 + 8$   
 $= -1$   
 vertex is  $(3, -1)$  (2 marks)

(e) since  $a > 0$ , the parabola is concave up (1 mark)

(f) minimum value occurs at  $y = -1$  (1 mark)

(g)



**Question 5** (6 marks)

(a) Case 1:  $y = a(x - p)(x - q)$  where  $p$  and  $q$  are the  $x$ -intercepts,  $p = -2$ ,  $q = 5$ , &  $x = 0$ ,  $y = -10$

Firstly, find  $a$

$$-10 = a(0 + 2)(0 - 5)$$

$$-10 = -10a$$

$$1 = a$$

$$y = (x + 2)(x - 5)$$

(c) equation of a circle

$$x^2 + y^2 = r^2$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 7^2$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 49$$

(b) Case 2:  $y = a(x - k)^2 + h$  where  $(k, h)$  is the vertex

$k = -2$ ,  $h = -3$ , and  $x = 0$ ,  $y = 5$

Firstly, find  $a$

$$5 = a(0 + 2)^2 - 3 \quad \therefore y = 2(x + 2)^2 - 3 \quad \text{or} \quad y = 2x^2 + 8x + 5$$

$$5 = 4a - 3$$

$$8 = 4a$$

$$2 = a$$