

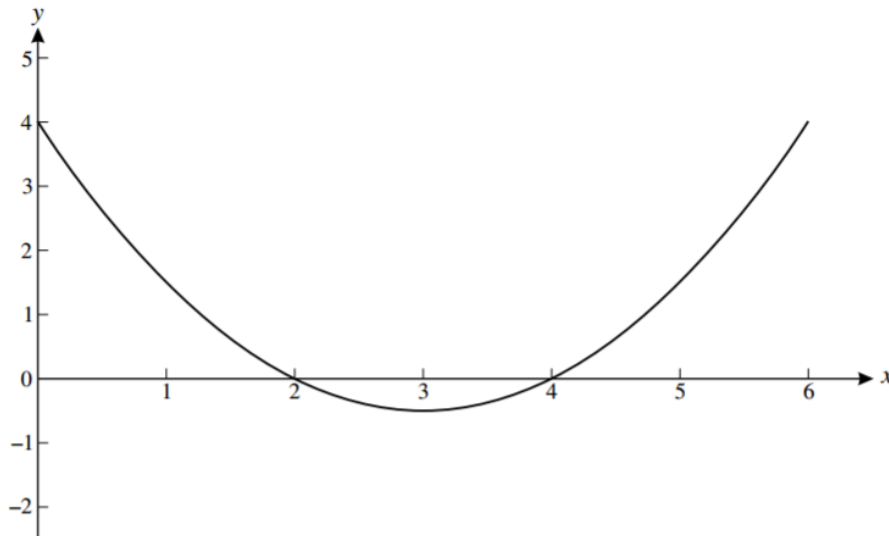
OCR Additional Maths Exam Questions - Algebra

**10** John and Paul are carrying out an experiment.

The table shows their results for  $x$  and  $y$ .

$x$	0	2	3	4
$y$	4	0	0.25	0

Paul proposes that the relationship should be modelled by  $y = k(x - 2)(x - 4)$ . This is shown in Fig. 10.



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(i) Find the value of  $k$  for which the points  $(0, 4)$ ,  $(2, 0)$  and  $(4, 0)$  satisfy this equation. [2]

John proposes a different model, using  $y = c(x - 2)^2(x - 4)$ .

(ii) Find the value of  $c$  for which the points  $(0, 4)$ ,  $(2, 0)$  and  $(4, 0)$  satisfy this equation. [2]

(iii) Which is the better model for John and Paul's results? Give a reason for your answer. [2]

**13** Ali and Beth make components in a factory. Ali works faster than Beth and makes 3 more components per hour. As a result he takes 2 hours less time than Beth to make 72 components.

Let  $t$  hours be the time that Ali takes to make 72 components.

(i) Write expressions for the numbers of components made per hour by Ali and by Beth. [3]

(ii) Hence derive the equation  $3t(t + 2) = 144$ . [5]

(iii) Solve this equation to find the times that Ali and Beth take to make 72 components. [4]

- 3 This year John is 4 times as old as his son Paul. In 5 years' time John will be only 3 times as old as Paul.

Let the age of Paul now be  $x$  years.

By forming an equation in  $x$  and solving it, find Paul's age now. [4]

- 12 Paul walked from Anytown to Nexttown, a distance of 15 km. When he got there he then walked back. His average speed on the return journey was 2 km per hour less than on the outward journey.

Let Paul's average speed on the outward journey be  $x$  km hr<sup>-1</sup>.

- (i) Write down an expression for the time, in hours, taken for the whole journey. [2]

The time taken by Paul for the whole journey was 6 hours.

- (ii) Use your expression in (i) to form an equation in  $x$  and show that it simplifies to

$$x^2 - 7x + 5 = 0. \quad [4]$$

- (iii) Solve this equation to find Paul's average speed on the outward journey. [3]

- (iv) Find the difference in time between the outward and return journeys. Give your answer to the nearest minute. [3]

- 6 You are given that  $n$  is a positive integer and  $(n - 1)$ ,  $n$ ,  $(n + 1)$  are three consecutive integers.

In each of the following cases form an equation in  $n$  and solve it.

- (i) The three integers add up to 99. [2]

- (ii) When the product of the first integer and third integer is added to 5 times the second integer the sum is 203. [4]

- 10 Simon and Gavin drive a distance of 140 km along a motorway, both at constant speed. Simon drives at 5 km per hour faster than Gavin.

Let Gavin's speed be  $v$  km per hour.

- (i) Write down expressions in terms of  $v$  for the times, in hours, taken by Gavin and Simon. [2]

Simon completes the journey in 15 minutes less than Gavin.

- (ii) Explain why  $\frac{140}{v} - \frac{140}{v+5} = \frac{1}{4}$  and show that this equation reduces to the equation

$$v^2 + 5v - 2800 = 0. \quad [5]$$

- (iii) Solve this equation to find  $v$  and hence find the times taken by Simon and Gavin. Give your answers correct to the nearest minute. [5]

- 9 (i) Find the values of the constants  $a$  and  $b$  such that, for all values of  $x$

$$x^2 + 8x + 19 = (x + a)^2 + b. \quad [3]$$

- (ii) Hence state the least value of  $x^2 + 8x + 19$  and the value of  $x$  at which this occurs. [2]

- (iii) Write down the greatest value of  $\frac{1}{x^2 + 8x + 19}$ . [1]