## OCR Maths GCSE - Solving Quadratics

1 One solution of the equation  $x^3 - 4x = 25$  lies between 3 and 4.

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Use trial and improvement to find this solution correct to 1 decimal place. Show all your trials and their outcomes.

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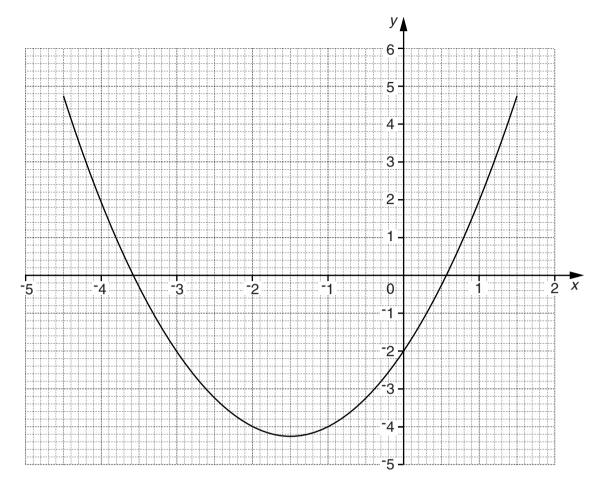
2 Use the quadratic formula to solve this equation.

$$x^2 + 5x + 1 = 0$$

Give your answers correct to 2 significant figures.

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**3** Here is the graph of  $y = x^2 + 3x - 2$ .



(a) Use the graph to solve this equation.

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

(a)\_\_\_\_\_[2]

(b) By drawing a suitable straight line on the grid, solve this equation.

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

4 Solve.

$$x^2 + 4x + 1 = 0$$

Give your answers correct to 2 decimal places.

6 (a) Factorise.

$$x^2 + 2x - 15$$

(a) ......[2]

(b) Hence solve this equation.

$$x^2 + 2x - 15 = 0$$
 (b) ......[1]

(c) Simplify fully.

$$\frac{x^2 + 2x - 15}{x^2 - 9}$$

(c) .....[2]

7 (a) Solve.

 $6x^2 = 150$ 

(a) ......[3]

(b) Rearrange this formula to make *a* the subject.

 $S = 4bc + 2a^2$ 

(b) .....[3]

8 (a) Solve.

5(2x - 3) = 1

(b) Factorise completely.
6a<sup>2</sup> - 10a
(b) \_\_\_\_\_ [2]
(c) One solution of the equation 3x<sup>2</sup> = 108 is x = 6.

Write down the other solution.

(c) \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

(a) \_\_\_\_\_ [3]

9 (a Solve.

 $4x^2 = 36$ 

(a) \_\_\_\_\_ [3]

(b) Rearrange this formula to make A the subject.

$$c = \sqrt{\frac{A}{6}}$$

(b) \_\_\_\_\_ [2]

**10** (a)Vrite this expression in completed square form,  $(x + a)^2 - b$ .

 $x^2 + 6x + 1$ 

(a) \_\_\_\_\_ [2]

(b) Use your answer to part (a) to solve this equation.

$$x^2 + 6x + 1 = 0$$

Give your answers correct to 2 decimal places. Show your working clearly.

(b) \_\_\_\_\_ [4]