Topic 5: Functions/Graphs

1) The Basics:

a) Terminology:

- **Domain** = the values that are put **into** a function.
- Range = the values that come out of a function.
- Codomain = the values that could come out of a function.

b) Notation:

The different ways functions are written are:

- $f(x) = x^2 + 3x$
- $f:x \rightarrow x^2 + 3x$
- $y = x^2 + 3x$

c) Evaluating Functions:

Example: If $f(x) = 2x^2 + 3$, find f(3) and f(-1).

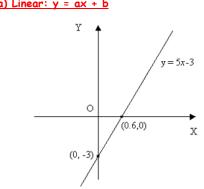
 $f(3) = 2(3)^2 + 3 = 21$

 $f(-1) = 2(-1)^2 + 3 = 5$

d) Finding Inputs of Functions: **Example:** If f(x) = 5x - 3, find the value of x for which f(x) = 12.

2) Types of Graphs:

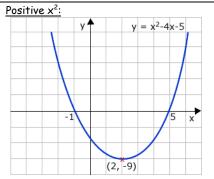
a) Linear: y = ax + b



Notes:

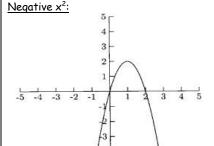
- Graph above is for function of the form y = ax + b
- If 'a' is positive, the line increases from left to right but if 'a' is negative, the line decreases from left to right
- Function of the form y = ax would be a line through the origin 'O'
- The root is where the graph crosses the xaxis....in the graph above, the root is 0.6.

b) Quadratic: $y = ax^2 + bx + c$



Notes:

- Graph above is for function of the form $y = ax^2 + bx + c$, where 'a' is a positive number
- Roots are where the graph crosses the x-axis....in the graph above, the roots are -1 and 5
- The minimum point is the lowest point on the graph....in the graph above the minimum point is (2,-9).



Notes:

- Graph above is for function of the form $y = ax^2 + bx + c$, where 'a' is a negative number
- Roots are where the graph crosses the x-axis.....in the graph above, the roots are 0 and 2
- The maximum point is the highest point on the graph....in the graph above the maximum point is (1, 2)

3) Drawing/Interpreting Graphs:

a) Drawing Graphs:

Just fill in the values from the domain and use calculator.

Example: Draw the graph of $x^2 - 3x - 4$, in the domain $-2 \le x \le 1$

$$f(x) = x^{2} - 3x - 4$$

$$f(-2) = (-2)^{2} - 3(-2) - 4 = 6 \quad (-2, 6)$$

$$f(-1) = (-1)^{2} - 3(-1) - 4 = 0 \quad (-1, 0)$$

$$f(0) = (0)^{2} - 3(0) - 4 = -4 \quad (0, -4)$$

 $f(1) = (1)^2 - 3(1) - 4 = -6$ (1, -6) $f(2) = (2)^2 - 3(2) - 4 = -6$ (2, -6)

 $f(3) = (3)^2 - 3(3) - 4 = -4$

(3, -4)

Can plot these on graph paper. Should know shape of graph from Section 2.

b) Interpreting Graphs:

Use ruler and dotted lines when working out values from a graph

- To find f(2) or f(-1) from graph, for example: come up from x = 2 or x = -1 until you hit the graph and then go across to y value
- To find f(x) = 3 or f(x) = -2 from graph: draw a line through y = 3 or y = -2, and then come up/down to x-axis from the point(s) where the line crosses the graph
- Roots are where graph crosses x-axis i.e. f(x) = 0Axis of symmetry is the line that cuts the graph into 2. Only arises in U or \cap shape.