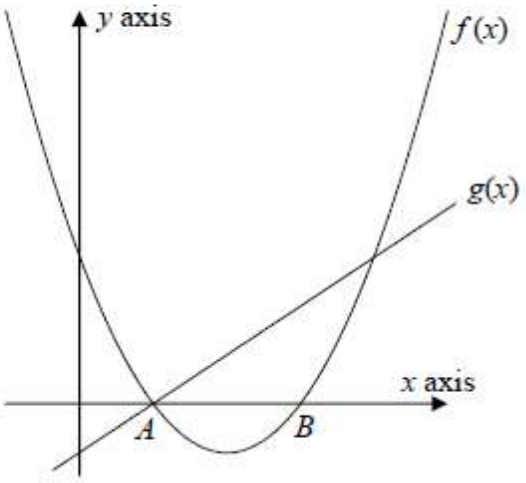
Maths
Junior Certificate
Higher Level

Past Exam Questions on
Graphing Functions

Q6 Part (c) 2011 Paper 1

(c) The diagram below shows part of the graphs of the functions

$$f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 3 \text{ and } g(x) = x + k.$$



The graph of $f(x)$ cuts the x axis at A and B.

The graphs of $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ intersect at A.

(i) ✍ Find the coordinates of A and the coordinates of B.

(ii) ✍ Find the value of k.

(iii) ✍ Verify that $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ intersect also at the point (4, 3).

Q5 Part (b) & (c) 2011 Paper 1

(b) Let f be the function $f: x \to 7x - x^2$.

✍ Draw the graph of f for $0 \le x \le 7,\ x \in \mathbb{R}$.

(c) The formula for the height, y metres, of a golf ball above ground level x seconds after it is hit, is given by $7x - x^2$.

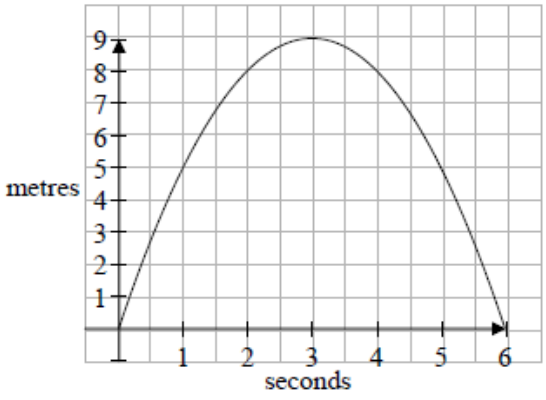
Use your graph from part **(b)**:

(i) ✍ to find the maximum height reached by the golf ball

(ii) ✍ to estimate the number of seconds the golf ball was more than 2 metres above the ground.

The graph below represents the flight of another golf ball.

The flight of the golf ball is given by the formula $ax - x^2,\ x \in \mathbb{R}$.



(iii) ✍ Find the value of a.

Q6 Part (b) & (c) 2010 Paper 1

(b) Let f be the function $f: x \to x^2 + 5x$ and let g be the function $g: x \to x + 2$.

✍ Using the same axes and scales, draw the graph of f and the graph of g, for $-5 \leq x \leq 1, \quad x \in \mathbf{R}$.

(c) Use your graphs from part **(b)** to estimate:

(i) ✍ The minimum value of $f(x)$

(ii) ✍ The values of x for which $f(x) = g(x)$

(iii) The range of values of x for which $f(x) \leq g(x)$.

Q5 Part (b) & (c) 2009 Paper 1

(b) **(i)** Let f be the function $f: x \to 5x - 4$ and g be the function $g: x \to 3x + 1$.

✍ Using the same axes and scales, draw the graph of f and the graph of g, for $0 \leq x \leq 3, \quad x \in \mathbf{R}$.

(ii) From your graphs, write down the co-ordinates of the point of intersection of the two lines.

(c) Let f be the function $f: x \to 2x^2 + x - 15$.

(i) ✍ Draw the graph of f for $-4 \leq x \leq 3, \quad x \in \mathbf{R}$.

(ii) ✍ Use your graph to find the minimum value of $f(x)$.

(iii) ✍ Use your graph to find the range of values of x for which $f(x) \geq 0$.

Q5 Part (c) 2007 Paper 1

(c) **(i)** Let f be the function $f: x \to 2x - 1$ and g be the function $g: x \to 4x - 4$.

✍ Using the same axes and scales, draw the graph of f

and the graph of g, for $0 \le x \le 2,\ x \in \mathbf{R}$.

(ii) From your graphs, write down the co-ordinates of the point of intersection of the two lines.

(iii) ✍ Check your answer to part **(ii)** by solving the simultaneous equations

$$y = 2x - 1$$
$$y = 4x - 4.$$

Q6 Part (c) 2006 Paper 1

(c) Let f be the function $f: x \to 1 - 3x$ and g be the function $g: x \to 1 - x^2$.

(i) ✍ Find $f(-2)$ and $g(5)$.

(ii) ✍ Express $f(x + 1)$ in the form $ax + b$, a and $b \in \mathbf{Z}$.

(iii) ✍ Solve for x: $f(x + 1) = f(-2) + g(5)$.

Q6 Part (b) & (c) 2005 Paper 1

(b) Let f be the function $f: x \to 5 - 3x - 2x^2$ and g be the function $g: x \to -2x - 1$.

✍ Using the same axes and scales, draw the graph of f and the graph of g, for $-3 \leq x \leq 2$, $x \in \mathbf{R}$.

(c) Use your graphs from part (b) to estimate:

(i) ✍ the maximum value of $f(x)$

(ii) ✍ the values of x for which $f(x) = g(x)$

(iii) ✍ the range of values of x for which $f(x) \geq g(x)$.