

# Quadratic Theory

1. Solve the following quadratic inequalities:

(a)  $25 - x^2 \leq 0$

(b)  $4 + 5x + x^2 > 0$

(c)  $4x^2 - 24x + 35 < 0$

2. Solve the following quadratic equations, by first writing in the form  $a(x+b)^2 + c$ :

(a)  $x^2 + 4x + 3 = 0$

(b)  $x^2 + 6x + 1 = 0$

(c)  $2x^2 - 5x - 33 = 0$

3. An equation is given as  $tx + 3t + \frac{t+5}{x} = 0$  where  $x \neq 0$  and  $t \neq 0$ .

(a) Show clearly that this equation can be written in the form

$$tx^2 + 3tx + t + 5 = 0.$$

(b) Hence find the values of  $t$  which would result in the above equation having **real roots**.

4. Find the values of  $p$  for which the quadratics equation in  $x$ ,  $x^2 - 2x + 21 = 2p(3x - 7)$  have equal roots

5. For what values of  $t$  does the equation  $x^2 + (t-1)x = 2t+1$  have no real roots?

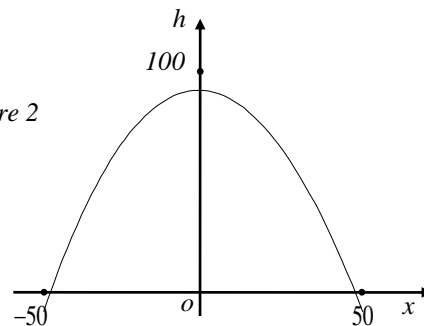
6. The famous Gateway Arch in the United States is parabolic in shape.

*Figure 2* shows a rough sketch of the arch relative to a set of rectangular axes.

*Figure 1*



*Figure 2*



From *figure 2* establish the equation connecting  $h$  and  $x$ .

7. Show that the line with equation  $4x - y - 1 = 0$  is a tangent to the parabola with equation

$$y = x^2 + 6x$$

8. Find the equations of the tangents to the parabola  $y = x^2 + 9$  at the point  $(0, 8)$