

# QT Completing the Square



1. (a) Write  $x^2 - 6x + 1$  in the form  $(x + a)^2 + b$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are integers (2 marks)

$$(x-3)^2 - 9 + 1$$

$$(x-3)^2 - 8$$

$$(x-3)(x-3)$$

$$x^2 - 6x + 9$$

- (b) Hence, or otherwise, write down the coordinates of the turning point of the graph

$$y = x^2 - 6x + 1 \quad (3, -8) \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$

2. (a) Write  $x^2 + 10x + 8$  in the form  $(x + a)^2 + b$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are integers (2 marks)

$$(x+5)^2 - 25 + 8$$

$$(x+5)^2 - 17$$

$$(x+5)(x+5)$$

$$x^2 + 10x + 25$$

- (b) Hence, or otherwise, write down the coordinates of the turning point of the graph

$$y = x^2 + 10x + 8 \quad (-5, -17) \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$

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3. (a) Write  $x^2 + 3x - 7$  in the form  $(x + a)^2 + b$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are integers

(2 marks)

$$\left(x + \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{9}{4} - \frac{28}{4}$$

$$\left(x + \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{37}{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\left(x + \frac{3}{2}\right)\left(x + \frac{3}{2}\right) \\ &x^2 + \frac{6}{2}x + \frac{9}{4} \end{aligned}$$

(b) Hence, or otherwise, write down the coordinates of the turning point of the graph

$$y = x^2 + 3x - 7$$

(1 mark)

$$\left(-\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{37}{4}\right) \text{ or } (-1.5, -9.25)$$

4. (a) Write  $x^2 - 2x - 6$  in the form  $(x + a)^2 + b$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are integers

(2 marks)

$$(x - 1)^2 - 1 - 6$$

$$(x - 1)^2 - 7$$

$$\begin{aligned} &(x - 1)(x - 1) \\ &x^2 - 2x + \underline{1} \end{aligned}$$

(b) Hence, or otherwise, write down the coordinates of the turning point of the graph

$$y = x^2 - 2x - 6$$

(1 mark)

$$(1, -7)$$

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5. By completing the square, find the coordinates of the turning point of the curve with the equation  $y = x^2 + 10x - 8$ . You must show all your working.

(3 marks)

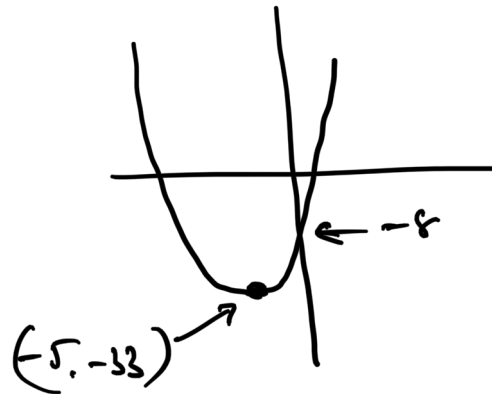
$$(x+5)^2 - 25 - 8$$

$$(x+5)^2 - 33$$

Turning Point  
 $(-5, -33)$

$$(x+5)(x+5)$$

$$x^2 + 10x + 25$$



6. By completing the square, find the coordinates of the turning point of the curve with the equation  $y = x^2 - 6x + 2$ . You must show all your working.

(3 marks)

$$(x-3)^2 - 9 + 2$$

$$(x-3)^2 - 7$$

Turning point  $(3, -7)$

$$(x-3)(x-3)$$

$$x^2 - 6x + 9$$

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7. By completing the square, find the coordinates of the turning point of the curve with the equation  $y = x^2 - 5x + 1$ . You must show all your working.

(3 marks)

$$\left(x - \frac{5}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{15}{4} + \frac{4}{4}$$

$$\left(x - \frac{5}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{11}{4}$$

Turning point

$$\left(\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{11}{4}\right) \text{ or } (2.5, -2.75)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(x - \frac{5}{2}\right)\left(x - \frac{5}{2}\right) \\ & x^2 - \frac{10}{2}x + \frac{25}{4} \\ & \quad \uparrow \\ & \quad -5x \end{aligned}$$

8. By completing the square, find the coordinates of the turning point of the curve with the equation  $y = x^2 + 0.5x + 7$ . You must show all your working.

(3 marks)

$$\left(x + \frac{1}{4}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{16} + 7$$

$$\left(x + \frac{1}{4}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{16} + \frac{112}{16}$$

$$\left(x + \frac{1}{4}\right)^2 + \frac{111}{16}$$

Turning point

$$\left(-\frac{1}{4}, \frac{111}{16}\right) \text{ or } (-0.25, 6.9375)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(x + \frac{1}{4}\right)\left(x + \frac{1}{4}\right) \\ & x^2 + \frac{2}{4}x + \frac{1}{16} \\ & \quad \uparrow \\ & \quad \frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 0.5 \end{aligned}$$

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9. A rectangle has sides of  $x$  cm and  $(2x + 4)$  cm as shown.  
The area of the rectangle is  $30$  cm<sup>2</sup>.

(a) Show that  $(x + 1)^2 - 16 = 0$  (3 marks)

$$x(2x+4) = 30$$

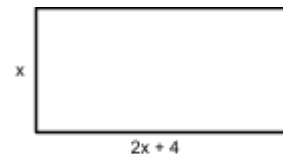
$$2x^2 + 4x = 30$$

$$2x^2 + 4x - 30 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 2x - 15 = 0$$

$$(x+1)^2 - 1 - 15 = 0$$

$$\therefore (x+1)^2 - 16 = 0$$



$$(x+1)(x+1)$$

$$x^2 + 2x + 1$$

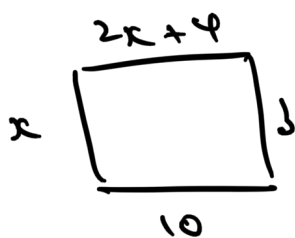
(b) Hence, or otherwise, find the perimeter of the rectangle

(2 mark)

$$\textcircled{1} \quad x^2 + 2x - 15$$

$$(x+5)(x-3)$$

$$\therefore x = -5 \text{ or } \underline{\underline{3}}$$



$$\therefore \text{Perimeter}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{26 \text{ cm}}}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad (x+1)^2 - 16 = 0$$

$$(x+1)^2 = 16$$

$$x+1 = \pm 4$$

$$x = -1 + 4 = \underline{\underline{3}}$$

$$x = -1 - 4 = -5$$

$$\therefore \text{Perimeter}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{26 \text{ cm}}}$$

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10. (a) Write  $2x^2 - 12x + 24$  in the form  $a(x+b)^2 + c$  where  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are integers (3 marks)

$$\begin{aligned} & 2[(x^2 - 6x + 12)] \\ & 2[(x-3)^2 - 9 + 12] \\ & 2[(x-3)^2 + 3] \\ & 2(x-3)^2 + 6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (x-3)(x-3) \\ & x^2 - 6x + \underline{9} \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Hence, or otherwise, write down the coordinates of the turning point of the graph

$$y = 2x^2 - 12x + 24 \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$

Turning point (3, 6)

11. (a) Write  $2x^2 + 8x + 10$  in the form  $a(x+b)^2 + c$  where  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are integers (3 marks)

$$\begin{aligned} & 2[x^2 + 4x + 5] \\ & 2[(x+2)^2 - 4 + 5] \\ & 2[(x+2)^2 + 1] \\ & 2(x+2)^2 + 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (x+2)(x+2) \\ & x^2 + 4x + \underline{4} \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Hence, or otherwise, write down the coordinates of the turning point of the graph

$$y = 2x^2 + 8x + 10 \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$

Turning point (-2, 2)

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12.(a) Write  $3x^2 + 6x - 8$  in the form  $a(x+b)^2 + c$  where  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are integers

$$3 \left[ (x^2 + 2x - \frac{8}{3}) \right]$$

$$3 \left[ (x+1)^2 - 1 - \frac{8}{3} \right]$$

$$3 \left[ (x+1)^2 - \frac{11}{3} \right]$$

$$\underline{\underline{3(x+1)^2 - 11}}$$

(3 marks)

$$\begin{array}{l} (x+1)(x+1) \\ x^2 + 2x + 1 \end{array}$$

(b) Hence, or otherwise, write down the coordinates of the turning point of the graph

$$y = 3x^2 + 6x - 8$$

(1 mark)

Turning point  $(-1, -11)$

13. (a) Write  $4x^2 - 8x - 7$  in the form  $a(x+b)^2 + c$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are integers

$$4 \left[ (x^2 - 2x - \frac{7}{4}) \right]$$

$$4 \left[ (x-1)^2 - 1 - \frac{7}{4} \right]$$

$$4 \left[ (x-1)^2 - \frac{11}{4} \right]$$

$$\underline{\underline{4(x-1)^2 - 11}}$$

(3 marks)

$$\begin{array}{l} (x-1)(x-1) \\ x^2 - 2x + 1 \end{array}$$

(b) Hence, or otherwise, write down the coordinates of the turning point of the graph

$$y = 4x^2 - 8x - 7$$

(1 mark)

Turning point  $(1, -11)$

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## NON CALCULATOR

14. By completing the square, solve  $x^2 = 22x - 5$   
Give your answers in surd form.

(5 marks)

$$x^2 - 22x + 5 = 0$$

$$(x - 11)^2 - 121 + 5 = 0$$

$$(x - 11)^2 - 116 = 0$$

$$(x - 11)^2 = 116$$

$$x - 11 = \pm \sqrt{116}$$

$$x = 11 + \sqrt{116}$$

or

$$11 + 2\sqrt{29}$$

$$= 11 - \sqrt{116}$$

$$11 - 2\sqrt{29}$$

$$(x - 11)(x - 11)$$

$$x^2 - 22x + \underline{121}$$

15. By completing the square, solve  $x^2 + 5x + \frac{17}{4} = 0$   
Give your answers in surd form.

(5 marks)

$$\left(x + \frac{5}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{25}{4} + \frac{17}{4} = 0$$

$$\left(x + \frac{5}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{8}{4} = 0$$

$$\left(x + \frac{5}{2}\right)^2 = 2$$

$$x + \frac{5}{2} = \pm \sqrt{2}$$

$$x = -\frac{5}{2} + \sqrt{2} \quad \text{or} \quad -\frac{5}{2} - \sqrt{2}$$

$$\left(x + \frac{5}{2}\right)\left(x + \frac{5}{2}\right)$$

$$x^2 + \frac{10}{2}x + \frac{25}{4}$$

↑  
 $\sqrt{x}$