

Formulas:  $y = a(x - x_1)(x - x_2)$     $y = ax^2 + bx + c$     $x$ -value of vertex:  $x = \frac{-b}{2a}$

- 1) a) Find an equation of the parabola with  $x$ -intercepts at  $(-3,0)$  and  $(1,0)$  that goes through the point  $(0,6)$ .  
b) Find the vertex of this parabola.
- 2) a) Find an equation of the parabola with  $x$ -intercepts at  $(-3,0)$  and  $(1,0)$  that goes through the point  $(0,-6)$ .  
b) Find the vertex of this parabola.
- 3) At a contest for jumping frogs, the flight of the frogs followed a parabolic path. One frog jumped and landed 9 feet from the starting point. When it had traveled a horizontal distance of 6 feet, it was 2 feet off the ground.
  - a) On graph paper, draw a graph that illustrates this information with the frog starting at the origin.
  - b) What was the maximum height reached by the frog?
  - c) What horizontal distance had the frog traveled when it reached its maximum height?
- 4) a) For this parabola,  $y = x^2 - 10x + 21$ , find the vertex.
  - b) Does this equation have a maximum or minimum value?
  - c) What is that value?
- 5) Laurel makes and sells hair ribbons at gymnastics tournaments. She has discovered that if she sets her price as high as \$12.50 per ribbon, she sells none at all and therefore makes no profit. If she sets her price at \$3, she normally earns a profit of \$57. However, she feels that the \$3 price is too low and wants to raise the price. Note that if she sets the price at \$0, she makes no profit at all.
  - a) On graph paper, draw a graph that shows the price of the ribbons on the  $x$ -axis and the profit on the  $y$ -axis.
  - b) Find the parabolic equation.
  - c) What price will give her the most profit if the graph of the profit equation follows a parabolic path?
  - d) What will her maximum profit be?