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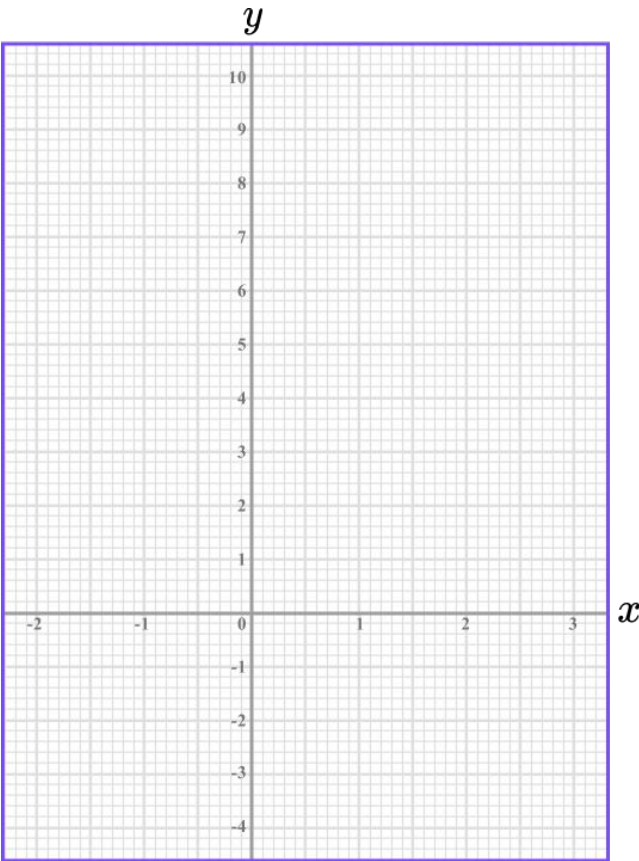
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1) (a) Complete the table of values for $y = x^2 - 3$.

x	-2	-1	0	1	2	3
y	1			-2		

(2)

(b) On the grid, draw the graph of $y = x^2 - 3$ for the values of x from -2 to 3.



(2)

(c) Use your graph to find the minimum value of y .

(1)
(5 marks)

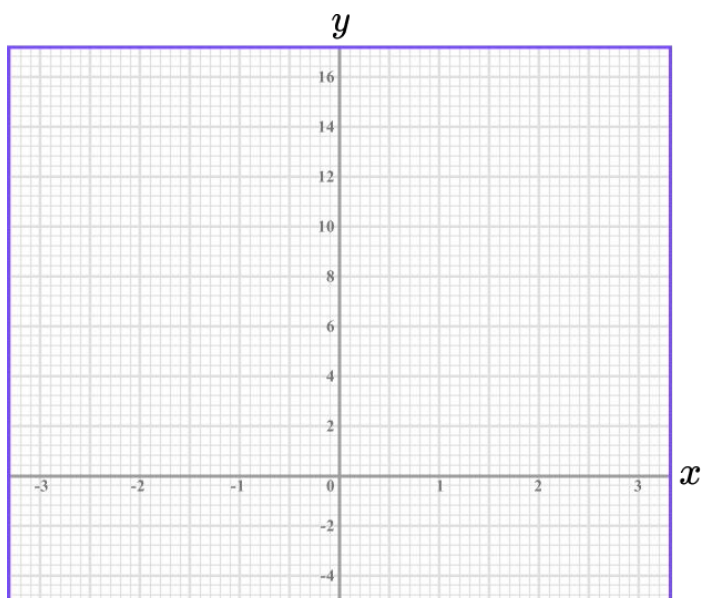
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- 2) (a) Complete the table of values for $y = x^2 + 2x - 1$.

x	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3
y	2			-1			14

(2)

- (b) On the grid, draw the graph of $y = x^2 + 2x - 1$ for the values of x from -2 to 3.



(2)

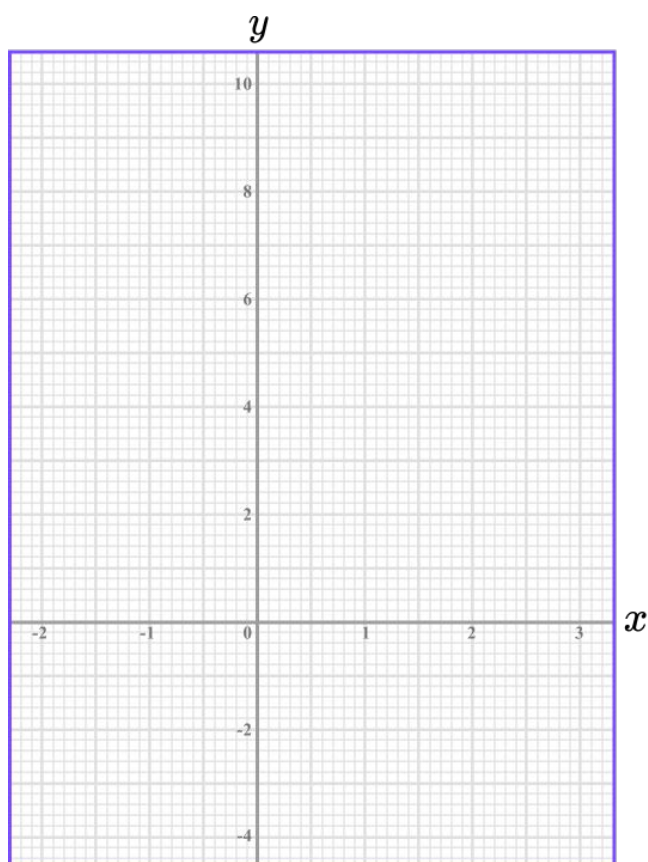
- (c) Use your graph to identify the roots of the equation $x^2 + 2x - 1 = 0$

(2)

(6 marks)

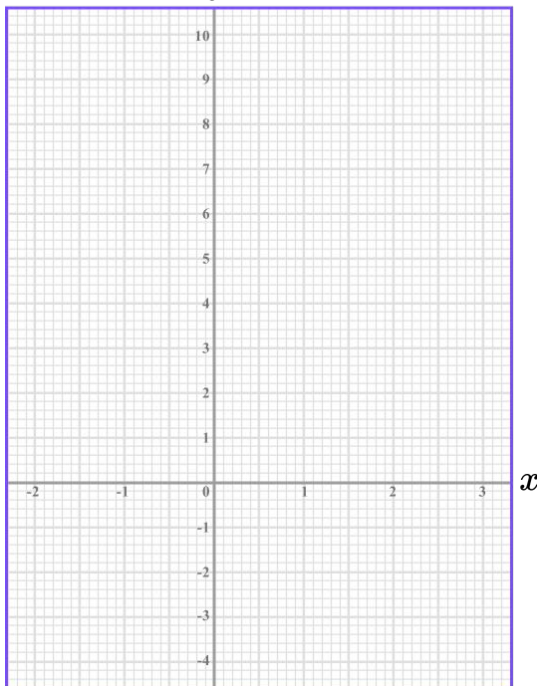
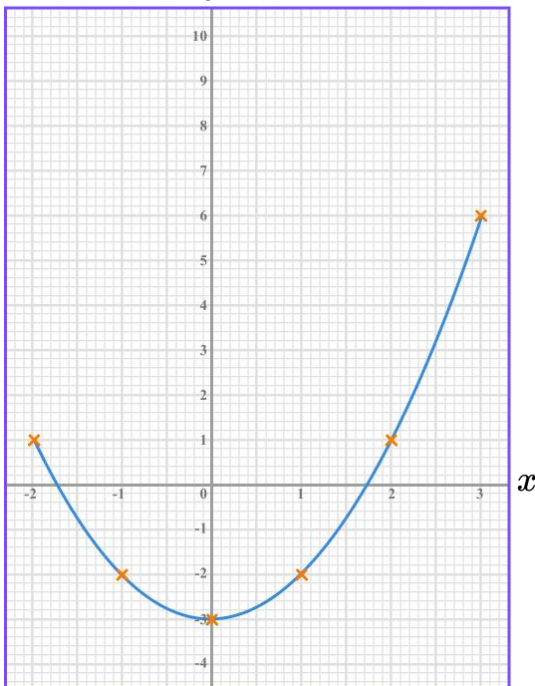
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- 3) (a) On the grid, draw the graph of $y = x^2 - 3x - 1$.

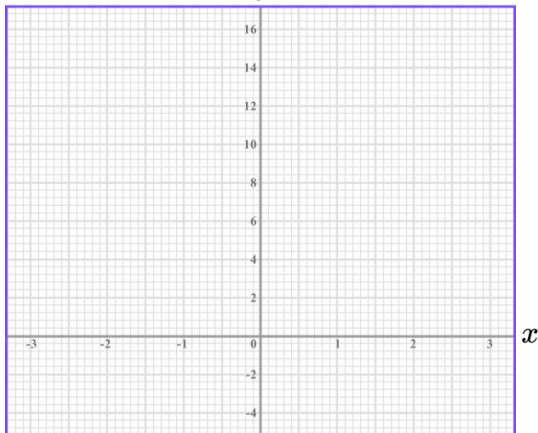
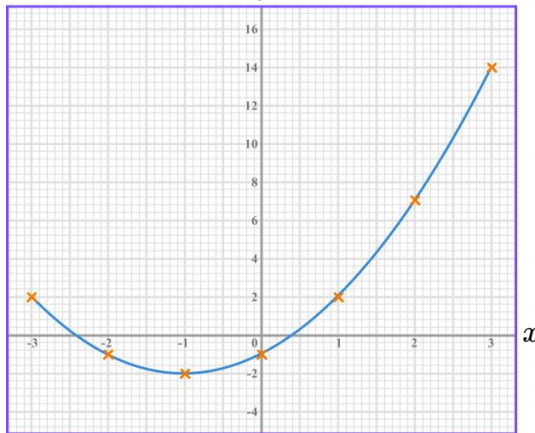
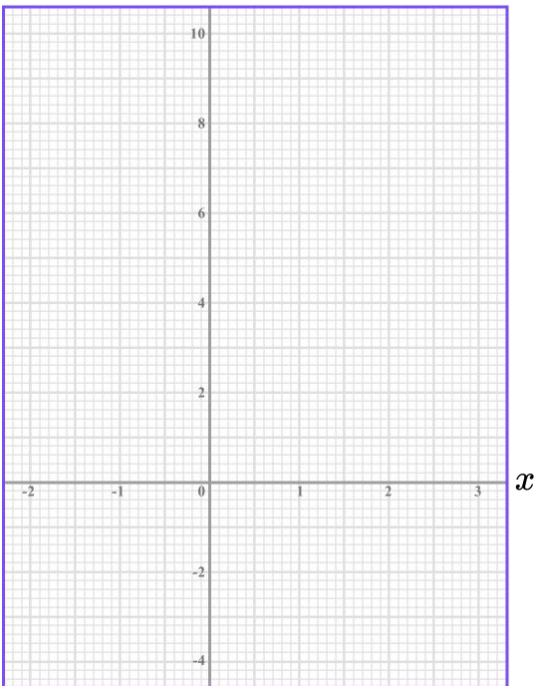
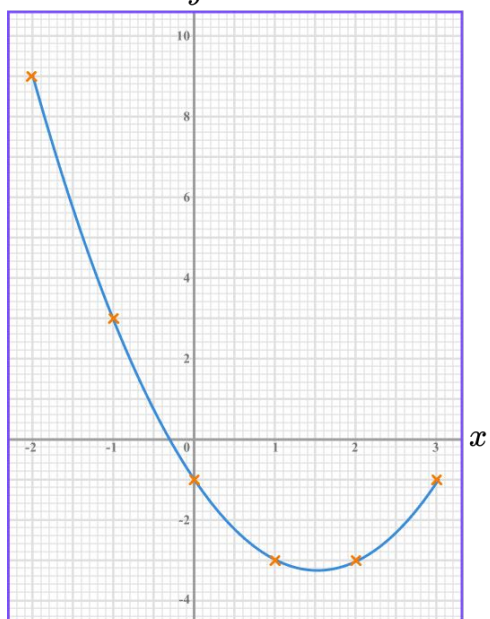


(3 marks)

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