

## Section 2: The quadratic formula

### Exercise level 2

1. Solve the following quadratic equations, where possible. Give answers in exact form.

(i)  $x^2 + 2x - 2 = 0$

(ii)  $x^2 - 3x + 5 = 0$

(iii)  $2x^2 + x - 4 = 0$

(iv)  $2x^2 - 5x - 12 = 0$

(v)  $x^2 - 5x - 3 = 0$

(vi)  $3x^2 + x + 1 = 0$

(vii)  $4x^2 + 12x + 9 = 0$

(viii)  $4x^2 + 10x + 5 = 0$

2. Solve the following equations, giving your answers in exact form.

(i)  $x = \frac{3}{x} - 1$

(ii)  $6\sqrt{x} - 7 = x$



3. A cylinder has height 20 cm and surface area 300 cm<sup>2</sup>. Find the radius of the cylinder, to 3 s.f.



4. The equation  $x^2 + (3k + 1)x + 4k + 13 = 0$  has a repeated root. Find the possible values of  $k$ .



5. What is the greatest possible value of  $k$  if the equation  $2x^2 - 5x + k = 0$  has at least one real root?