6 **(a)** Find the values of the constant m for which the line $y = mx$ is a tangent to the curve $y = 2x^2 - 4x + 8$. [3]

(b) The function f is defined for $x \in \mathbb{R}$ by $f(x) = x^2 + ax + b$, where a and b are constants. The solutions of the equation $f(x) = 0$ are $x = 1$ and $x = 9$. Find

(i) the values of a and b, [2]

(ii) the coordinates of the vertex of the curve $y = f(x)$. [2]