"The philosophy of the school room in one generation will be the philosophy of government in the next."

-Abraham Lincoln

**Problem 1.** (10pt) For each of the following quadratic functions, i.e. functions which can be written as  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ , identify a, b, c:

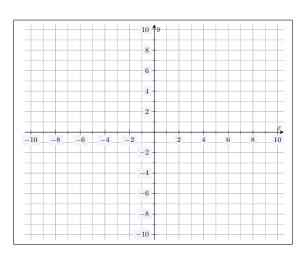
(a)  $2x^2 - 5x + 7$ 

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- (b)  $6x + 9 x^2$
- (c)  $x^2 16$
- (d)  $(x+1)^2$
- (e) (x-2)(x+3)

**Problem 2.** (10pt) Consider the quadratic function  $f(x) = 4 - (x-2)^2$ .

- (a) Determine if the given parabola opens upwards or downwards.
- (b) Is the parabola convex or concave?
- (c) Does the function f(x) have a maximum or a minimum?
- (d) Find the vertex and axis of symmetry.
- (e) Find the maximum or minimum value of f(x).
- (f) Sketch a graph of f(x) on the plot below.



**Problem 3.** (10pt) Showing all your work, put  $f(x) = 2x^2 - 12x - 13$  into vertex form. Also, find the vertex and axis of symmetry for f(x).