The equation of a curve is $y = 4x^2 - kx + \frac{1}{2}k^2$ and the equation of a line is $y = x - a$, where k and a are constants.

(a) Given that the curve and the line intersect at the points with x-coordinates 0 and $\frac{3}{4}$, find the values of k and a. [4]

(b) Given instead that $a = -\frac{7}{2}$, find the values of k for which the line is a tangent to the curve. [5]