Question 2:

(a)
$$f(x) = x_1^2 + x_1x_2 + x_2x_3 + x_3^2 + 2x_1 - x_2$$

$$f'(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 2x_1 + x_2 + 2 \\ x_1 + x_3 - 1 \\ x_2 + 2x_3 \end{pmatrix}, f''(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Stationary points satisfy f'(x) = 0, or

$$\begin{cases} 2x_1 + x_2 = -2\\ x_1 + x_3 = 1\\ x_2 + 2x_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Perform elementary row operation to augmented matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & | & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & | & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & | & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & | & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & | & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & | & 4 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & | & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Stationary point: $x_0 = (0, -2, 1)^T$

(b)
$$f(x) = e^{x_1} \left(x_1^2 + 2x_1x_2 - x_2^2 - 6 \right)$$

$$f'_{1} = e^{x_{1}} (x_{1}^{2} + 2x_{1}x_{2} - x_{2}^{2} - 6) + e^{x_{1}} (2x_{1} + 2x_{2})$$

$$= e^{x_{1}} (x_{1}^{2} + 2x_{1}x_{2} - x_{2}^{2} + 2x_{1} + 2x_{2} - 6)$$

$$f'_{2} = e^{x_{1}} (2x_{1} - 2x_{2}) = 2e^{x_{1}} (x_{1} - x_{2})$$

$$f''_{11} = e^{x_{1}} (x_{1}^{2} + 2x_{1}x_{2} - x_{2}^{2} + 2x_{1} + 2x_{2} - 6) + e^{x_{1}} (2x_{1} + 2x_{2} + 1)$$

$$= e^{x_{1}} (x_{1}^{2} + 2x_{1}x_{2} - x_{2}^{2} + 4x_{1} + 4x_{2} - 5)$$

$$f''_{12} = 2e^{x_{1}} (x_{1} - x_{2}) + 2e^{x_{1}} = 2e^{x_{1}} (x_{1} - x_{2} + 1)$$

$$f''_{22} = -2e^{x_{1}}$$

Thus

$$f'(x) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{x_1} \left(x_1^2 + 2x_1 x_2 - x_2^2 + 2x_1 + 2x_2 - 6 \right) \\ 2e^{x_1} \left(x_1 - x_2 \right) \end{pmatrix}$$
$$f''(x) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{x_1} \left(x_1^2 + 2x_1 x_2 - x_2^2 + 4x_1 + 4x_2 - 5 \right) & 2e^{x_1} \left(x_1 - x_2 + 1 \right) \\ 2e^{x_1} \left(x_1 - x_2 + 1 \right) & -2e^{x_1} \end{pmatrix}$$

Stationary points satisfy:

$$\begin{cases} x_1^2 + 2x_1x_2 - x_2^2 + 2x_1 + 2x_2 - 6 = 0 \\ x_1 - x_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

stationary points are: $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$

3.
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & -6 & 4 \\ 0 & 4 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Since $d_1 = -2 < 0, d_2 = \begin{vmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ -1 & -6 \end{vmatrix} = 11 > 0, d_3 = |A| = -1 < 0$
 $\implies A < 0$

4. Since some of the diagonal elements < 0 and some > 0,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$
 is indefinite for any $a \in R$