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## Solution

Quadratic function: is a function that can be written in the form:

$k(d) = ad^2 + bd + c$  where  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  are real numbers and  $a \neq 0$

we have  $k(d) = -2d^2 + 2d - 15$ , note:  $-2d^2 + 2d - 15$  is in  $dk$ -plane

Here, we know that  $a = -2$ ,  $b = 2$ ,  $c = -15$

Since  $a < 0$ , we know that the  $k$ -coordinate of the vertex is a maximum. However, to find the  $k$ -coordinate of our vertex we first need to find the  $d$ -coordinate of the vertex by using  $d = -\frac{b}{2a} = -\frac{2}{-4} = \frac{1}{2}$ . Now that we have the  $d$ -coordinate, we can find the  $k$ -coordinate

of the vertex by finding  $k\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = -2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - 15 = -\frac{1}{2} + 1 - 15 = -\frac{29}{2}$ . Maximum =  $-\frac{29}{2}$