(a)

$$\frac{d^2f}{dt^2} + 5\frac{df}{dt} + 6f = 0; f(0) = 1, f'(0) = -4$$

Take Laplace transform

$$L\left\{\frac{d^{2}f}{dt^{2}} + 5\frac{df}{dt} + 6f = 0\right\} \rightarrow [s^{2}\tilde{f}(s) - sf(0) - f'(0)] + 5[s\tilde{f}(s) - f(0)] + 6\tilde{f}(s) = 0$$

Subst. for f(0) and f'(0) and solve for
$$\tilde{f}(s) = \frac{s+1}{s^2 + 5s + 6} = \frac{s+1}{(s+3)(s+2)}$$

Using partial fractions $\tilde{f}(s) = \frac{A}{s+3} + \frac{B}{s+2}$ gives A = 2, B = -1

$$\tilde{f}(s) = \frac{2}{s+3} + \frac{-1}{s+2}$$

Take inverse Laplace $L^{-1}\{\tilde{f}(s)\} = 2L^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s+3}\right\} - L^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s+2}\right\} \rightarrow Table \rightarrow$

$$f(t) = 2e^{-3t} - e^{-2t}$$

(b)

$$\frac{d^2f}{dt^2} + 2\frac{df}{dt} + 5f = 0 \ f(0) = 1, \ f'(0) = 0$$

Take Laplace transform

Solve for
$$\tilde{f}(s) = \frac{s+2}{s^2+2s+5}$$

We will do this one a little different - complete the square!! and put into form for Table lookup!!!

$$\tilde{f}(s) = \frac{s+2}{s^2+2s+5} = \frac{s+2}{(s^2+2s+1)+(5-1)} = \frac{s+2}{(s+1)^2+2^2} = \frac{s+1}{(s+1)^2+2^2} + \frac{1}{(s+1)^2+2^2} = \frac{s+1}{(s+1)^2+2^2} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{2}{(s+1)^2+2^2} = \frac{s+1}{(s+1)^2+2^2} = \frac{s+1}{(s+1)^2+2^2} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{2}{(s+1)^2+2^2} = \frac{s+1}{(s+1)^2+2^2} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{2}{(s+1)^2+2^2} = \frac{s+1}{(s+1)^2+2^2} = \frac{s+1}{(s+1)^2+2^2} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{2}{(s+1)^2+2^2} = \frac{s+1}{(s+1)^2+2^2} = \frac{s+1}{(s+1)^2+2^2$$

Take inverse Laplace $L^{-1}\{\tilde{f}(s)\} = L^{-1}\left\{\frac{s+1}{(s+1)^2 + 2^2}\right\} + \frac{1}{2}L^{-1}\left\{\frac{2}{(s+1)^2 + 2^2}\right\} \rightarrow Table \rightarrow$

$$f(t) = e^{-t} \cos 2t + \frac{1}{2} e^{-t} \sin 2t$$