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### Part 1: Building a Foundation

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#### What is the general form of a quadratic equation?

Hint: Recall the standard form of a quadratic equation.

- A)  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$
- B)  $ax + b = 0$
- C)  $ax^3 + bx^2 + c = 0$
- D)  $ax^2 + bx = 0$

#### Which of the following are components of the quadratic formula?

Hint: Think about the formula used to find the roots of a quadratic equation.

- A)  $b^2 - 4ac$
- B)  $\pm \sqrt{\quad}$
- C)  $2a$
- D)  $ax^2$

#### Explain the role of the discriminant in determining the nature of the roots of a quadratic equation.

Hint: Consider how the value of the discriminant affects the roots.

**List the steps for solving a quadratic equation using the quadratic formula.**

*Hint: Think about the process from start to finish.*

1. What is the first step?

2. What is the second step?

3. What is the third step?

## Part 2: Comprehension and Application

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**If the discriminant of a quadratic equation is zero, what can be said about its roots?**

*Hint: Consider the implications of a zero discriminant.*

- A) Two distinct real roots
- B) One real root (repeated)
- C) Two complex conjugate roots
- D) No roots

**Which of the following statements are true about the quadratic formula?**

*Hint: Think about the capabilities and limitations of the quadratic formula.*

- A) It can solve any quadratic equation.
- B) It only works for equations with real coefficients.
- C) It provides solutions in terms of radicals.
- D) It is derived from completing the square.

**Describe how you would verify the solutions obtained from the quadratic formula.**

*Hint: Consider methods of checking the accuracy of your solutions.*

**Solve the quadratic equation  $2x^2 - 4x - 6 = 0$  using the quadratic formula. What is one of the roots?**

*Hint: Use the quadratic formula to find the roots.*

- A)  $x = 3$
- B)  $x = -1$
- C)  $x = 2$
- D)  $x = -3$

**A ball is thrown upwards with an initial velocity, and its height  $h$  at time  $t$  is given by  $h = -16t^2 + 32t + 48$ . At what times does the ball reach the ground?**

*Hint: Set the height equation to zero and solve for  $t$ .*

- A)  $t = 0$
- B)  $t = 3$
- C)  $t = 2$
- D)  $t = 4$

### Part 3: Analysis, Evaluation, and Creation

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**Analyze the equation  $x^2 - 4x + 4 = 0$ . What is the nature of its roots based on the discriminant?**

*Hint: Calculate the discriminant to determine the nature of the roots.*

- A) Two distinct real roots
- B) One real root (repeated)
- C) Two complex conjugate roots
- D) No roots

**Which of the following quadratic equations have complex roots?**

*Hint: Consider the discriminant of each equation.*

- A)  $x^2 + 4x + 5 = 0$

- B)  $x^2 - 2x + 1 = 0$
- C)  $x^2 + 2x + 2 = 0$
- D)  $x^2 - 6x + 9 = 0$

**Analyze the relationship between the coefficients of a quadratic equation and the solutions obtained from the quadratic formula.**

*Hint: Consider how changes in coefficients affect the roots.*

**Evaluate the following statement: "The quadratic formula can be used to solve any polynomial equation." Is this statement true or false?**

*Hint: Consider the limitations of the quadratic formula.*

- A) True
- B) False
- C) It depends on the equation.
- D) Only for specific cases.

**Create a quadratic equation with roots  $x = 1$  and  $x = -3$ . Which of the following could be the equation?**

*Hint: Use the factored form of a quadratic equation.*

- A)  $x^2 + 2x - 3 = 0$
- B)  $x^2 - 2x - 3 = 0$
- C)  $x^2 + 2x + 3 = 0$
- D)  $x^2 - 2x + 3 = 0$

**Propose a real-world scenario where solving a quadratic equation using the quadratic formula would be necessary. Describe the scenario and the role of the quadratic equation in solving it.**

*Hint: Think about situations involving projectile motion or area problems.*

