## DISCRIMINANT

- 1. Find the values of k for which the equation  $x^2 + kx + 16 = 0$  has real roots.
- 2. Find the values of m for which the equation  $x^2 + 2mx + 9 = 0$  has no real roots.
- 3. Find the values of p for which the equation  $px^2 + 2x + p = 0$  has real and distinct roots.
- 4. Find the values of m for which the equation  $(2m-1)x^2 + (m+1)x + 1 = 0$  has real roots.
- 5. Find the values of p for which the equation  $px^2 + (p+8)x + 9 = 0$  has no real roots.
- 6. Show that for all real k, the roots of the equation  $x^2 + kx + (k-1) = 0$  are always real.
- 7. Show that for all real p, the roots of the equation  $px^2 + (p+1)x + 1 = 0$  are always real.
- 8. Show that for all real m , the roots of the equation  $x^2 + (m+5)x + (m+4) = 0$  are always real.
- 9. Show that for all real k , the roots of the equation  $kx^2 + 3x + (3-k) = 0$  are always real.
- 10. Show that for all real p, the roots of the equation  $(x-1)(x-2) = p^2$  are always real and distinct.

## DISCRIMINANT: ANSWERS

1.  $k \le -8$  or  $k \ge 8$  2. -3 < m < 3 3. -1

4.  $m \le 1$  or  $m \ge 5$  5. 4

6. show  $(k-2)^2 \ge 0$  7. show  $(p-1)^2 \ge 0$ 

8. show  $(m+3)^2 \ge 0$  9. show  $(2k-3)^2 \ge 0$ 

10. show  $4p^2 + 1 > 0$