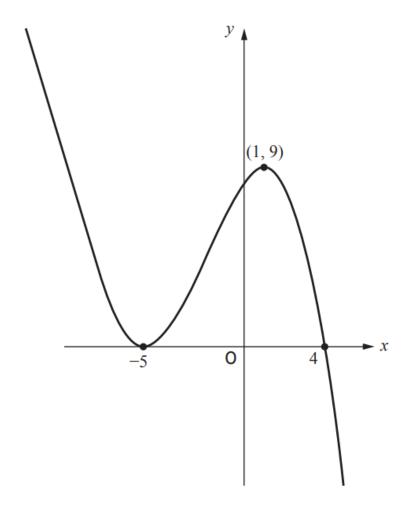
Higher Maths SQA 2016 Paper 1 Question 15



The diagram below shows the graph with equation y = f(x), where $f(x) = k(x-a)(x-b)^2$.



(a) Find the values of a, b and k.

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(b) For the function g(x) = f(x) - d, where d is positive, determine the range of values of d for which g(x) has exactly one real root.

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Answers:

(a)
$$a = 4$$
, $b = -5$, $k = -\frac{1}{12}$

(b)
$$d > 9$$