12.6, number 10: Which picture from (a)–(l) corresponds to

$$z = -4x^2 - y^2?$$

When x = 0, the equation describes a parabola in the yz-plane. This parabola has z always negative.

When y = 0, the equation describes a parabola in the xz-plane. This parabola has z always negative.

When z = 0, the equation describes one point.

The graph is a paraboloid. The answer is either e or f. Observe that the graph f has the z-coordinate always negative; just like the equation says it should.

The answer is f.

Answer: