

$$2(a) \quad f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 14$$

$$\nabla f(x, y, z) = \langle 2x, 2y, 2z \rangle$$

$$\nabla f(\langle 3, 2, 1 \rangle) = \boxed{\langle 6, 4, 2 \rangle}$$

$$(b) \quad f = x^2 - y^2 - z$$

$$\nabla f = \langle 2x, -2y, -1 \rangle$$

$$\nabla f(\langle 2, 1, 3 \rangle) \cdot \langle x-2, y-1, z-3 \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle 4, -2, -1 \rangle \cdot \langle x-2, y-1, z-3 \rangle = 0$$

$$4x - 2y - z - 8 + 2 + 3 = 0$$

$$\boxed{4x - 2y - z = 3}$$