Find the function that is finally graphed after the following transformations are applied to the graph of  $y = \sqrt{x}$  in the order listed.

- (1) Shift down 9 units
- (2) Reflect about the x-axis
- (3) Reflect about the y-axis

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x} \, .$$

Move down 9:  $f(x) - 9 = \sqrt{x} - 9$ 

Reflect about *x*-axis:  $-(f(x)-9) = -f(x)+9 = -\sqrt{x}+9$  Replace previous by – (previous)

Reflect about y-axis:  $-f(-x)+9 = -\sqrt{-x}+9$  Replace x by -x.