MATH 172 Fall, 2009 Quiz \#1 Name: $\qquad$

1. A population $F_{t}$ of fruitflies (Drosophila) depends on time $t$. The initial population is $F_{0}=1000$ flies. The population is censused once every two (2) weeks. Over this period the natural rate of increase is $0.8 \%$. At each census 40 flies are removed from the population and sacrificed for genetic analysis.
a. If $r$ is the natural or intrinsic rate of increase then numerically (decimal form, not percent), $r=$ $\qquad$ .
b. Write a difference equation that expresses this process (assume a discrete model). Your model equation should tell us how to compute the change in $F$.
c. Rewrite your equation in updating form, or do this from scratch from the information provided.
d. Compute the population after one month (4 weeks). Be careful! Should you compute $F_{4}$ or something else?
2. During the 1980 's Costa Rica had the highest deforestation rate in the world at $2.9 \%$ per year. Deforestation (meaning loss of forested land) is a continuous process.
a. If $F(t)$ is the amount of forested land, write the model equation for this process.
b. Give the explicit solution to this equation.
c. (bonus) If $F(0)$ represents the amount of forested land in 1980, what percent was forested in 1990?
