## MATH 172 Fall, 2009 Quiz #1 Name:\_\_\_\_

- 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 =\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  - 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?