

## 2. [14 points]

- a. [3 points] The population of aliens on planet Maize increases at a constant rate of 10 aliens every two years. We know that in 2005 there were 120 aliens on planet Maize. Find a formula for  $M(t)$ , the function which gives the number of aliens on planet Maize  $t$  years after 2000.

$$M(t) = \underline{\hspace{10em}}.$$

- b. [3 points] Suppose that the population of aliens on planet Yellow in any given year is a thousand more the population of aliens on planet Maize ten years earlier. Find a formula for  $Y(t)$ , the population of planet Yellow  $t$  years after 2000, in terms of the function  $M$ .

$$Y(t) = \underline{\hspace{10em}}.$$

- c. [3 points] The population of aliens on the planet Blue decreases at a continuous percent rate of 10 % per year. We know that in 2002 there were 100 aliens on planet Blue. Find a formula for  $B(t)$ , the function which gives the number of aliens on planet Blue  $t$  years after 2000.

$$B(t) = \underline{\hspace{10em}}.$$

- d. [5 points] The alien population on planet Navy  $t$  years after 2000 is given by the function  $N(t)$ , where

$$N(t) = \frac{100}{1 + t^2}.$$

Find the average rate of change of  $N(t)$  over the interval  $[1, 3]$  and give a practical interpretation of your result.

Average rate of change:  $\underline{\hspace{10em}}$

Interpretation: