Read each problem very carefully before starting to solve it. Each problem is worth around 5 points. It is necessary to show all your work. Correct answers without explanations are worth 0 points. GOOD LUCK!!

1. [ 4 points] A population of a certain town was 52,000 in the year 2000 and is increasing at the rate of $0.2 \%$ per year.
(a) Find a formula $P(t)$ for the population as a function of time $t$ (please, explain clearly the meaning of your variables).
(b) What is the population predicted to be in 2025 according to the model of Part (a)?
2. [4 points] An exponential function $y=f(x)$ passes through the points $(-3,54)$ and $(2,18)$. Find a formula for $f$ (please, show all your work).
3. [4 points] How much should be deposited now in an account yielding $2 \%$ compounded quarterly so as to have $\$ 50,000$ available in the account in 20 years' time?
