Your grades in this course will be determined on the basis of the following scale:\(^1\):

- **Exemplary Response ...Grade: A**
  Complete response; correct, clear, coherent and unambiguous explanation; shows understanding of the mathematical ideas; identifies all the important elements of the problem; presents strong supporting arguments.

- **Competent Response...Grade: B**
  Fairly complete response; reasonably clear explanation; shows an understanding of the mathematical ideas; identifies the most important elements of the problem; presents solid supporting arguments.

- **Minor Flaws but Satisfactory...Grade: C**
  Satisfactory but explanation may be muddled; argumentation may be incomplete; shows understanding of underlying mathematical ideas; uses mathematical ideas effectively.

- **Serious Flaws but Nearly Satisfactory...Grade: D**
  Began solution appropriately but may fail to complete or may omit significant parts; may fail to show understanding of mathematical ideas; may make major computation errors; may misuse or fail to use mathematical terms; may reflect inappropriate strategy for solving the problem.

- **Begins but Fails to Complete the Problem...Grade: F**
  Explanation is not understandable; shows no understanding of the problem situation; may make major computational errors.

- **Unable to Begin Effectively...Grade: F**
  Words do not reflect the problem; copies part of the problem but without attempting a solution; fails to indicate which information is appropriate to the problem.

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