How your grade will be determined:

As announced on the syllabus, the following weighting is used to determine final grades:

- Problem Sets - 15%
- Quizzes - 20%
- Exams - 40%
- Final - 25%

Point totals are:

- Problem Sets - 100 (10 points each, lowest two dropped)
- Quizzes - 60 (20 points each)
- Exams - 200 (100 points each)
- Final - 125 points

To obtain the correct percentages, I will calculate a total as follows:

Problem Sets Total × 0.75 + Quizzes Total × 1.66 + Exams Total + Final

for a possible total of 500 points.

I will then make up a letter grade scale based on the distribution of point totals. Usually the class average will be in the low B range. For example, if the class average turns out to be 380 points, that might be a B-, then 400 points might be a B, and so on.

To get a rough idea of where you stand at this point, take your top 10 homework grades to get a Problem Sets Total, then calculate

Problem Sets Total × 0.75 + Quizzes Total × 1.66 + Exams Total

This will give you a number between 0 and 375. The class average is 296. If this is a B-, at this point roughly 30 - 40 points difference would amount to one letter grade. For example, a total of 326 - 336 would probably be in the A- range.