Life is messy.
I understand this!
50 “aggravation” points are already built into the homework system.

If you have a problem with an exam, call 422-7056 immediately and leave a message. I will get back to you and we will discuss my thoughts on Justice and Mercy.

These excuses have already been tried:

You “need” an A . . .
The TA said that you were doing it right, but the computer disagrees . . .
You did your HW early so you could get married in the middle of the semester, but then forgot to turn it in because “things got crazy”. . .
If I don’t “give you a break” on the grading, you won’t pass the test so you won’t pass the course and since you’re on academic probation you won’t be able to return to BYU so you won’t be able to get a student loan and your family will starve . . . (which will be all MY fault!)
You thought all day that it is a Tuesday when it is really a Wednesday . . .
You believe that using the right-hand rule to find the direction of a negatively charged particle has profound religious implications and is deeply, darkly WRONG and thus you therefore deserve four more points . . .
You’ve been home sick without internet connection . . .
You misread your own handwriting . . .
You mispressed a computer key . . .
You entered an answer with scientific notation in the wrong format.
You thought you had a minute to spare but found the Testing Center doors locked.
You thought the test went through 10 PM instead of 10 AM.
You had a typo.
You got kicked out of your house over the weekend.
You didn’t realize the homework was going to be this hard.
You were not able to get your homework data from the computer after forgetting to write it down the first time.
You took the word of another student about the HW policy instead of finding out for yourself.
You failed to understand the HW policy although it is written in the syllabus and was discussed in class.
You fell asleep before submitting HW.
The HW is due a day earlier than it has been the whole rest of the semester.
You entered the atomic number instead of the atomic mass.
You struggle.
You had visiting relatives from Las Vegas who made you forget to submit your completed homework.
The BYU buildings were locked because of Labor Day and your homework was in your locker inside.
You didn’t have the right schedule because you weren’t in class when the new one was handed out.
You were out of town on a research trip.
You had a snowboard accident that took a chunk out of your elbow and left you pumped full of Lortab.
You were too stressed to take an exam because you had to decide today if you should take a job in Maui.
You had your exam confiscated because you used your cell phone to call your boyfriend from the testing center restrooms.
You were on dance company tour away from the internet.
You were positive that you submitted your homework while the computer disagrees.
A new baby is coming soon.
You had Medical/Dental School interviews.
The funeral took longer than expected.
Your car wouldn’t move when you stepped on the gas pedal.
Your wife was induced today.
You had an Influenza virus.
Your Doctor said that you should not go to classes or work.
Your daughter had a fever that put her in the hospital.
The airline lost your luggage with your homework inside.
You had the flu, which caused “scratchy eyeballs”.
You had a gallbladder attack.
Your wife locked you out of your apartment and your homework was on the counter.
There was a snowstorm that prevented you from getting to the testing center on time.