

- C 1) The center of mass (CM) of an object or group of objects:
- A) is a point where there is always a mass.
  - B) is always at the exact geometric center of an object.
  - C) is a coordinate, not a mass.
  - D) has nothing to do with how gravity operates on a mass.
  - E) only needs to be calculated in one dimension.
- B 2) The center of mass (CM) of an object or group of objects:
- A) depends on where you place your coordinate origin.
  - B) is the same as the CM of the CM's of any pieces of the object.
  - C) can very rarely be determined by symmetry.
  - D) can be moved by explosions inside the object.
  - E) cannot be calculated unless the objects are points.
- A 3) I have a 1-kg ball, at  $x=1$ , a 2-kg ball at  $x=2$ , and a 3-kg ball at  $x=3$ . The CM is at:
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| A) $\frac{7}{3}$ | B) $\frac{7}{2}$  | C) $\frac{6}{7}$ |
| D) $\frac{8}{3}$ | E) $\frac{14}{5}$ | F) $\frac{5}{2}$ |
- E 4) You are moving about a space capsule which is in orbit around the Earth. The CM of you plus the rest of the space capsule:
- A) cannot be moving at all.
  - B) moves with you as you move about.
  - C) moves opposite to your direction as you move about.
  - D) cannot wobble up and down (relative to the Earth), but can wobble back and forth.
  - E) continues to orbit the Earth in a circle as though you are not moving.
- D 5) The clown toy that I showed you in class is capable of balancing on a string because:
- A) the string runs perfectly below the CM of the clown.
  - B) the string is attached to the toy's wheels.
  - C) circus forces unknown to science keep it upright.
  - D) two lead balls place its CM below the string.
  - E) the clown toy is very light.