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- 1. An auto weighing 3000 newtons has a drive force of 1000 newtons. Air resistance on the car is 100 newtons and road resistance is 100 newtons. The auto moves along a straight level road. The net force on this auto is
 - (a) 200 newtons backward.
 - (b) 800 newtons backward.
 - \Rightarrow (c) 800 newtons forward.
 - (d) 1000 newtons forward.
 - (e) 2000 newtons forward.
- 2. Satellites stay up because
 - \Rightarrow (a) they are moving so fast that they are able to "fall" around the Earth.
 - (b) they are away from Earth's gravity and thus do not get pulled down toward Earth.
 - (c) their rocket engines hold them above Earth's surface.
 - (d) there is no air resistance in outer space and thus no downward force on an orbiting satellite.
 - (e) centrifugal force pulls outward on them.
- 3. If you somehow increased Earth's radius, without changing its mass, would this affect your weight?
 - ⇒ (a) Yes, your weight would decrease.
 - (b) Yes, your weight would increase.
 - (c) No, because your weight always remains the same regardless of how you change the external surroundings.
 - (d) No, because the force of gravity on your body depends only on your mass and on Earth's total mass; it doesn't depend on Earth's size.
- 4. In the final phases of its "life", our sun will
 - (a) blow up in a supernova explosion.
 - (b) collapse and continue to collapse, forever.
 - \Rightarrow (c) collapse to become a white dwarf.
 - (d) pass through the white dwarf state, then the neutron star state, and finally the black hole state.
 - (e) turn into a cockroach.