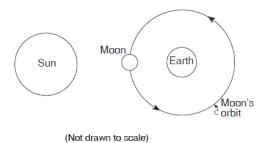
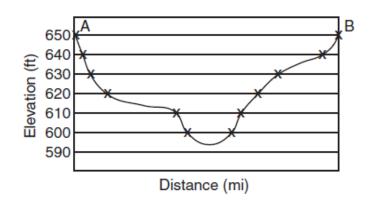
MIDTERM PART II REVIEW #3 – ANSWERS and EXPLANATIONS

- 1. **troposphere** Use the *ESRT* page 14 Properties of Earth's Atmosphere Chart. The troposphere is the lowest layer of the atmosphere, closest to the Earth's surface.
- 2. **methane**, **CFCs**, **ground-level ozone**, and **nitrogen dioxide** are all examples of greenhouse gases that trap infrared energy in Earth' atmosphere.
- 3. An increase in carbon dioxide would trap more infrared heat energy causing the Earth's polar icecaps to melt. This would lead to a world-wide increase in sea-level.
- 4. Any answer related to "going green" would be acceptable. Some of these examples would be: using alternative energy sources, such as solar or wind power; carpooling or driving less; using mass-transit (public transportation); enacting laws that limit factories use of fossil fuels by placing restrictions on the amount of emissions produced by those factories; reduce deforestation.
- 5. The Moon must be placed between the Sun and the Earth for a solar eclipse to occur



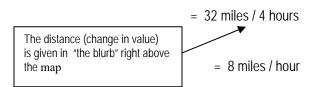
- 6. The moon makes 1 revolution each month. The ESRT says that the Moon takes 27.3 days (about a month) to revolve around the Earth. (Technically, in a month, the Moon makes 1.1 revolutions, but 1 revolution is acceptable).
- 7. Any of the following answers that explain why we don't get an eclipse each month is acceptable:
 - The Moon's orbit around Earth is *not* always in the same plane as Earth's orbit around the Sun.
 - The Moon usually passes above or below the Sun as seen from Earth.
 - The Sun, Moon, and Earth are only occasionally aligned in a straight line.

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- 9. Any answer from **701 feet to 709 feet** is acceptable for an elevation of point C.
- 10. 8 miles / hour

Rate of Change = change in value / time



- 11. The higher the altitude of the Sun, the shorter the shadow length. (just a fact you need to know ...)
- 12. Since on June 21st the Sun is highest in the sky at noon, the shadow should be shorter than any of the other diagrams, but still should point north.

