Directions: Below is a multiple-choice question based on some of the material covered by the lectures thus far. Choose what you think to be the most correct response from the choices listed, along with at least a one (1) sentence justification for your answer. Alternate justifications include math calculations and labeled sketches. The question is worth 5 points: 2 for the letter response and 3 for the justification. The quiz is “open-book”, so may consult your textbook and notes, but please work individually. No collaborating with your peers is permitted during the quiz.

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Question: When astronomers observe the spectra of distant galaxies, they notice that nearly all of them have emission/absorption lines that are shifted to the red (“redshifted”) compared to the same lines measured in a laboratory. This observation suggests what?

A) Most galaxies are moving away from us  
B) Most galaxies are cooling off at a similar rate  
C) Most galaxies are moving toward us  
D) Most galaxies are composed of red-colored stars

Answer: A