

Name: (Answer Key)

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**. In the case of a question involving math, the calculation can serve as your justification. 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: What is a parsec (pc)?

- A) It is the distance at which the radius of the Earth’s orbit around the Sun has an angular size of 1 arcsec.
- B) It is another name for an Astronomical Unit (AU).
- C) It is equal to 206265 AU.
- D) It is the distance traveled by light in one year.

Answer: either A or C is correct as long as it’s properly justified