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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: Which mechanism below is the **primary** energy source for the Sun?

- A) Chemical reactions on the Sun’s surface, the recombination of ionized hydrogen into neutral hydrogen
- B) Nuclear reactions within the Sun’s core, the fusion of hydrogen into helium
- C) Gravitational contraction, the conversion of gravitational energy into heat
- D) Magnetic fields, the changing polarity of the Sun every 11 years

Answer: B