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## Exercise C5: The Dwarf Planets

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*Check the box with the correct answer.*

**Question 1:** Apart from low mass and large distance from the Sun, what other reason is there for Pluto's removal from the list of major planets?

- a. It is too far from the Sun to be a planet.
- b. Its overall shape is not spherical.
- c. Its orbit is highly inclined to the plane of the ecliptic.
- d. Its spin direction is opposite to all of the major planets.

**Question 2:** Which of the following features of Pluto's motion in its orbit is NOT true?

- a. The orbit is more eccentric than the orbit of any gas giant planet.
- b. It is sometimes closer to the Sun than Neptune.
- c. The orbit is an ellipse with the Sun at one focus.
- d. Pluto's orbital speed is constant as it moves along its orbit.

**Question 3:** How far is the center of Pluto from the center of mass point for the Pluto-Charon system?

- a. 2,128 km
- b. 212.8 km
- c. 17,443 km
- d. 2.128 km

**Question 4:** How does the position of the center of mass compare with Pluto's radius of about 1200 km?

- a. The two have about the same value, the center of mass is on Pluto's surface.
- b. The center of mass is inside Pluto.
- c. The center of mass is a long way from Pluto's surface since it is closer to Charon.
- d. The center of mass is above the surface of Pluto.

**Question 5:** What is the perihelion distance of Eris?

- a. 38 AU
- b. 3.8 AU
- c. 67.75 AU
- d. 97.5 AU