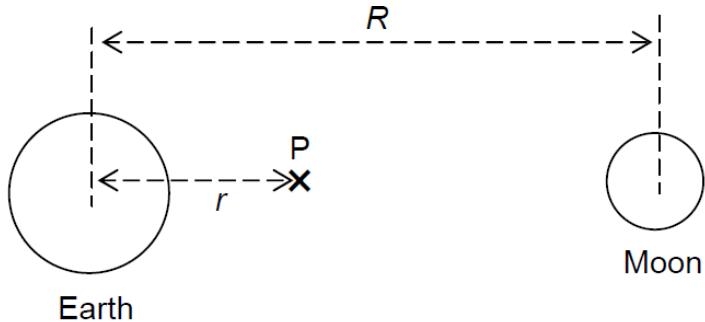


- 11 A spacecraft is launched from the surface of the Earth towards the Moon. In order to reach the Moon with the least effort possible, the spacecraft needs to reach a point P, beyond which it will move towards the Moon without any further input of energy.  $R$  is the distance between the Earth and the Moon,  $M_E$  is the mass of the Earth and  $M_M$  is the mass of the Moon.



What is the distance  $r$ , from the centre of the Earth to point P, in terms of  $R$ ,  $M_E$  and  $M_M$ ?

A  $\frac{R}{\sqrt{\frac{M_E}{M_M}}} + 1$

B  $\frac{R}{\sqrt{\frac{M_M}{M_E}} + 1}$

C  $\left(\sqrt{\frac{M_M}{M_E}}\right)R$

D  $\frac{M_M}{M_E}R$