

- 18** A double star is at a distance of 20 light years from the Earth. A telescope with a diameter of 3.0 m is used to view the star.

(A light year is the distance light travels in a vacuum in one year. This is  $9.5 \times 10^{15}$  m.)

What is the approximate minimum separation between the two stars of the double star that can be detected by the telescope?

- A**  $5.0 \times 10^8$  m
- B**  $1.0 \times 10^9$  m
- C**  $3.0 \times 10^{10}$  m
- D**  $3.0 \times 10^{11}$  m