

- 10** Taking the Earth to be a perfect sphere of uniform density rotating about its polar axis, which of the following statements concerning the observed acceleration due to free fall  $a$  at the surface of the Earth is true?
- A** The value of  $a$  at the equator is larger than that at the poles.
  - B** If the rate of rotation of the Earth decreases, the value of  $a$  at the equator increases.
  - C** If the radius of the Earth increases with its density remaining unchanged, the value of  $a$  at the poles decreases.
  - D** If the radius of the Earth increases with its density remaining unchanged, the value of  $a$  at the equator decreases.

