

## ACROSS

gravity is the nominal acceleration due to gravity at the Earth's surface at sea level. 6 The \_ of mass of a system of particles is a specific point at which, for many purposes, the system's mass behaves as if it were concentrated. is a natural phenomenon by which all objects with mass attract each other. 7 \_ orbit is an orbit around the Earth with an orbital period matching the Earth's sidereal rotation period. 10 The gravitational \_\_\_\_\_\_ energy of an object consisting of loose material, held together by gravity alone, is the amount of energy required to pull all of the material apart, to infinity. orbit is a geosynchronous orbit directly above the Earth's equator, with orbital eccentricity of zero. From the ground, such an object appears motionless in the sky. \_\_ relativity is the geometrical theory of gravitation published by Albert Einstein in 1915-16 unifying special relativity and Newton's law of universal gravitation. \_ is the time it takes a planet (or another object) to make one full orbit. 17 The orbital \_ \_\_\_\_s are the cyclic rising and falling of Earth's ocean surface caused by the tidal forces of the Moon and the Sun acting on the oceans. experiment, performed in 1797 - 1798, was the first experiment to measure the force of gravity between laboratory masses. velocity is the speed where the kinetic energy of an object is equal in magnitude to its potential energy in a gravitational field. 20 **DOWN** \_\_\_\_-square law is any physical law stating that some physical quantity or strength decreases proportional to the square of the distance from the source of that physical quantity. **2** A \_\_\_\_\_ orbit is an elliptic orbit with the eccentricity equal to zero. 4 The \_\_\_\_\_ unit is a unit of length nearly equal to the semi-major axis of Earth's orbit around the Sun. \_\_ satellite is a satellite whose orbital track on the Earth repeats regularly over points on the Earth over time. 9 The gravitational \_ \_\_\_ around a single particle in classical mechanics is a vector field pointing directly towards the particle giving the

\_\_\_\_ is the path that an object makes around another object while under the influence of a centripetal force such as gravity.

14 A \_\_\_\_\_\_ is the locus of points on a plane where the sum of the distances from any point on the curve to two fixed points is constant.

\_ is the point at which an object in orbit around the Earth makes its closest approach to the Earth.

\_ (1571 - 1630) was a German mathematician whose primary contributions to astronomy and astrophysics were his

magnitude of the force per unit mass for the array of points in space.

three laws of planetary motion.