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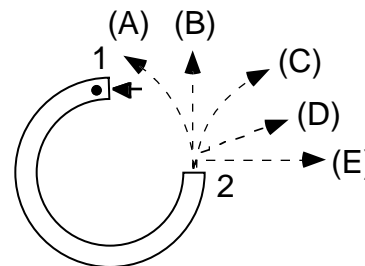
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3. A book is at rest on a table top. Which of the following force(s) is(are) acting on the book? Circle all that apply.
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(If none apply, please explain.)

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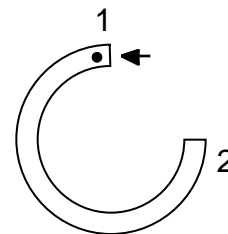
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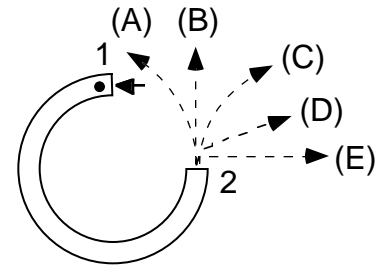
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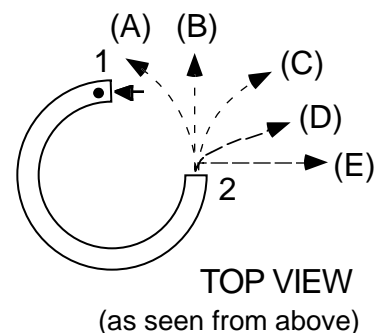
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