**2014 Secret Island of Dr. Auroni**

1. **This character hits for less damage if you wear a sweater while fighting him. Blue polygons jut from this man, who is bathed in a yellow outline, in the game’s box art. The text at the end of the game reads “Is [this character] really dead? We’re not telling!!” After being hit seven times, this character says “YOU WIN… FOR NOW.” He must be confronted within one (\*)** minute of a countdown that begins at arbitrary moments. Of the six playable characters, Mark is the closest in foot speed to this man, whose floating medusa-head mother can be killed once per day. For 10 points, name this character who must be fended off by camp counselors lest he kill all the children, the hockey mask-wearing antagonist of the fabulous *Friday the 13th* NES game.

ANSWER: **Jason** **Voorhees** [accept either answer]

*Moderator note: if it gets to the end, try to emphasize the exclamation point and question mark, or just read out “exclamation point question mark”*

2. **In one level of this game,** **a glitch kills the music, and messes up the rendering of the PenPen Maker, and you shoot down individual bubble-like eggs and kill the tadpoles inside. The penultimate boss of this game moves around on two giant pins. After traveling back to four already-cleared levels to beat eight powered up bosses from the last game, the protagonist of this game learns that the antagonist ran off with eight crystals to fuel (\*)** Gamma, destroying his pretense of redemption. Series mainstays introduced in this game include a character who announces his presence with a whistle, the ability to slide, and the protagonist’s doggy sidekick Rush. For 10 points, name this NES Mega Man game subtitled “The End of Dr. Wily!?”

ANSWER: ***Mega Man 3****: The End of Dr. Wily!?* [or **3** after “Mega Man” is read; or ***Rockman 3****: Dr. Wily no Saigo!?*; disgustedly accept ***Rokkuman Suri*** *Dokuta Wairi no Saigo!?*]

3. **In this city, a peeing gangster is knocked out by a man who yells “you have the right to soak in your own urine!” In that Luxoflux-designed game set in this city, the death of Henry Wilson haunts Rosie Velasco’s loose cannon partner, Nick Kang. In another game set here, popcorn cups at the Black Caesar Food Hut hide morphine needles, and a sudden explosion alerts you to Nicholson Electroplating Co. This city’s Red Lipstick, Golden Butterfly, and Silk Stocking (\*)** murders were all the work of the same serial killer. In this city, Cole Phelps uses facial cues to tell if people are lying, as he rises the ranks from Patrol, Homicide, and Vice Cop. For 10 points, name this city, the shared setting of the first *True Crime* game and a 1940s-set *Noire* game.

ANSWER: **Los Angeles** [or **L.A.**]

4. **In one game by this developer, you taunt George Washington into chopping down a kumquat tree. You lose many items after riding the Cone of Tragedy in another of this developer’s games, in which you find a Dinosaur Tooth, a Vortex Globe, a Soiled Pillow, and a John Muir Zucchini. In another game by this developer, mixing cereal and gunpowder in a cooking pot takes you to the title location, where you pick the correct retort to insults to win a (\*)** swordfight. The Ghost Pirate LeChuck is defeated by Guybrush Threepwood in that game. For 10 points, *Day of the Tentacle*, *Sam & Max Hit the Road*, *The Secret of Monkey Island*, and other great 90s adventure games were released by what recently-defunct developer of many *Star Wars* games?

ANSWER: **LucasArts** [or **Lucasfilm Games**]

5. **One character in this game mutters “I’m all alone…,” curling up against a black background, forcing you to button-mash to advance. A sidequest in this game tasks you with promoting either the Argent or Open Air companies. This game tries to punish you for grinding on a specific enemy type by making future enemies of that type (\*)** Oversouled. Early in this game, you must choose to return the Awesome Sphere either to a faction led by Baralai or one led by Nooj. At its start, Leblanc impersonates the protagonist and partakes in a shameful JPOP singing performance. This game brings back the job system in the form of equippable dresspheres. For 10 points, Paine, Rikku, and Yuna are the protagonists of what derided 2003 sequel?

ANSWER: ***Final Fantasy X-2*** [or **FFX-2**; that’s 10-2, not 12, so don’t accept “Final Fantasy 12”]

6. **Isai invented the “Greenhouse combo,” which this character can pull off in the “tent” of Hyrule Castle. Along with Samus and Donkey Kong, this character inflicts the most damaging backthrows. In the Subspace Emissary, Samus frees this character from the Research Facility. This character’s neutral special, which does not inflict any (\*)** self-damage, has the ability to wrap around corners, and his side special can be charged up to do 29%. This character, who’s in a tier of his own in *Smash 64*, lacks a meteor smash but is able to ledge-stall indefinitely due to the many invincibility frames of the up-special move Quick Attack. In every game, he can get KOs by thunderspiking. For 10 points, name this electric-type Pokemon from the *Smash* series.

ANSWER: **Pikachu**

7. **This game defines a metric of attractiveness called “Erotic Units,” which is 16 for Danny Trejo and 0 for Gilbert Gottfried. You use metal detectors on onions, tomatoes, and cucumbers as part of a lengthy puzzle set in this game’s B. Garden. Eventually, the protagonists of this game disarm four antimatter bombs planted by the terrorist organization Myrmidon. In this game, people perceive (\*)** time at root 6 of the normal rate when infected with Radical-6. In this game, an amnesiac in a robot suit, named K, and the white-haired girl Phi play several rounds of the Ambidex Game. Its antagonist is the bunny AI Zero III, and its player character is Sigma. For 10 points, name this 3DS sequel to *9 Hours, 9 Persons, 9 Doors*.

ANSWER: *Zero Escape:* ***Virtue’s Last Reward*** [or **VLR**; or *Kyokugen Dasshutsu Adobencha:* ***Zennin Shibō Desu***; or *Extreme Escape Adventure:* ***Good People Die***; prompt on ***Zero Escape***; prompt on ***Kyokugen Dasshutsu Adobencha***; prompt on ***Extreme Escape Adventure***]

8. **In one game from this series, you must trigger five locks within five minutes. Later in this series, you drop a vial of a girl’s blood down a drain and incinerate her sleeping gown to expel her ghost from an orphanage. A plot to give out masks known as “Servants” to rich noblemen is foiled in the second game from this series, whose first entry was the first game that (\*)** Ken Levine worked on. You journey into the expansive Lost City to find talismans in the first game, in which you give The Eye to Constantine, who reveals himself to be the Trickster. You infiltrate the Hammerite Church in the first game of this series, *The Dark Project*. For 10 points, name this trilogy of stealth games starring the blackjack-wielding Garrett, who steals stuff.

ANSWER: ***Thief***

9. **This planet’s defense network was destroyed by several bile launchers. Horace Warfield was dispatched to deal with a sneak attack on this planet in “Media Blitz,” in which the Odin is used to trash one of three bases consequence-free. Two years after the assassination of its leader Angus, this planet experienced the extermination of all its life when it was obliterated by a thousand (\*)** nukes. This planet is the setting of a mission that can be won either by destroying physics labs or nuclear silos. Augustgrad is the capital city of this planet, which lends its name to a resistance movement that toppled the Confederacy and established the Terran Dominion. For 10 points, name this planet from *Starcraft*, whose “sons” were led by Arcturus Mengsk.

ANSWER: **Korhal** IV

10. **Fall damage can be avoided in this game with careful usage of a laser tripbomb. An amusing glitch enabled adept players of this game to move forward while continually kicking with both legs. This was the first game in its series to let the player use a namesake stationary hologram and speed-boosting steroids. This game, whose lunar second episode ends with the killing of the Overlord, lets you tip (\*)** strippers as the protagonist says “shake it baby.” The *Plutonium Pak* continues the story of this game, which ends with the main character killing the Cycloid Emperor to end the Pig-Cop assisted alien invasion of Los Angeles. For 10 points, name this 1996 shooter, followed up 15 years later by *Duke Nukem Forever*.

ANSWER: ***Duke Nukem 3D*** [or ***DN3D***]

11. **Pretty much every enemy in this game also exists in real life, except for a dark yellow mutant and a fireball that emerges from the floor. From logs in this game, one can learn that a landing on the asteroid Argos was complicated by the discovery of Substance X. A combination lock puzzle must be solved before reaching every supply station in this game. A non-negligible amount of time in this game is spent adjusting the (\*)** ballast. Getting hit by enemies, or solving math problems wrong, depletes the player of oxygen, which can be recovered by running into Zoom, an awesome dolphin. For 10 points, name this Learning Company game in which you pilot a submarine around collecting capsule parts on the cavernous ocean floor.

ANSWER: ***Operation Neptune***

12. **In one game, this task is accomplished merely by waiting around for several in-game years, but you get a game over for doing it. In another game, it’s done by luring a character to a moat near several ship cannons. A nearby character shouts “Yancey-Goldman will pay!” after this task is accomplished by double clicking a gold plaque at noon. In perhaps the most fitting way to accomplish this task, you can (\*)** bake bread with rat poison and then exchange it with the target’s meal. In the least subtle way to accomplish this goal, you can surround the target’s throne with powder kegs and ignite them in a 1990 game. For 10 points, name this task in which you exploit the secret mortality of the invulnerable ruler of Britannia in the *Ultima* series.

ANSWER: **killing Lord British** [or **murdering Lord Cantabrigian British**; accept synonyms for killing; for now, prompt on **killing Richard Garriott** de Cayeux; accept **killing the king** of *Ultima*; accept **regicide**]

13. **One character in this game skewers video game clichés by summarizing its plot as “boy meets girl. Boy gives girl flower. Boy names girl… what’s wrong with the world.” The least likable character in this game is the asshole Mayor of Freehaven, and the second least is probably the doctor who tells shitty jokes. In this game, a leader who can restore 3 HP to all units dies after the city he is holed up in is (\*)** bombed, soon after which Tasha and Gage defect. The useless duster plane was introduced in this game, which focuses on a manmade virus that causes flowers to grow on victims, engineered by Dr. Caulder. At its beginning, Brenner and Lin take in Will. For 10 points, name this post-apocalyptic game, the last in the *Advance Wars* series.

ANSWER: *Advance Wars:* ***Days of Ruin*** [or *Advance Wars:* ***Dark Conflict***; or *Famicom Wars DS:* ***Ushinawareta Hikari*** if your Japanophilia is so extreme that you are desperate to give the name of a canceled Japanese port just to slake it]

14. **In one game, a deep sea exploration team notices this character standing on the bow of a sunken ship. One of this character’s moves is described as so powerful, that it could cleave Ayers Rock in half. This character’s signature move is usually performed by mashing light punch, light punch, forward, light kick, heavy kick. In one game, this character relocates to Kiga Cavern after his island was destroyed following a battle with (\*)** Ryu. This character embraced the more lethal aspects of Goutetsu, unlike his older brother Gouken, and in some games he has a powered up “Shin” version. For 10 points, name this character with a piece of twine around his waist, glowing red eyes, and a very demonic appearance, from the *Street Fighter* series.

ANSWER: Shin **Akuma** [or Shin **Gouki**]

15. **This character starred in a rare pinball game in which two pairs of flippers are arranged in an X formation. In one game, this character’s enemies include the Meltniks, Soobops, and Rat-A-Tat-Tats. His designer actively encouraged the emulation of a canceled game which introduced his female counterpart as an enemy, that was titled (\*)** “Faster Harder More Challenging [this character].” This character is impeded in his task by three purple creatures, named Ugg, Wrongway, and Coily, and by two green gremlins that undo his progress, named Slick and Sam. This character loves swearing, producing speech balloons with nonsense characters. For 10 points, name this arcade character who aims to turn a pyramid full of cubes into the same color.

ANSWER: **Q\*Bert**

16. **This feature creates a message beginning “good birds don’t fly away,” and translates into the DEGRADE affliction, in the *Arma* series. *Crysis Warhead* provides another example of birds, namely chickens, suddenly appearing in conjunction with this kind of feature. As a result of this feature, players have to deal with a fast pink (\*)** scorpion in the first level of *Serious Sam 3*. A fascinating meta-example of this feature appears in *Game Dev Tycoon*, bankrupting your company. In *Michael Jackson: The Experience*, this feature triggers a vuvuzela fanfare, and in *Earthbound*, it manifests just before the battle with Giygas, freezing your screen and deleting all your saves. For 10 points, name these in-built measures that fuck with illicit copies of games.

ANSWER: anti-**piracy** measures [or **copy protection** measures]

17. **Throwing the wrong fruit at a certain enemy causes this thing to say “Ineffective. It is just laughing at you.” This thing is used on the eight teeth of the boss Eely-Mouth. This character depressingly asks “was…I…of…assist…ance?” before appearing to die, but happily says “The vacation starts now!” upon being revived soon afterwards. This object is stolen away several times by (\*)** Shadow Mario. Broken bridges can be surmounted by outfitting this item with the Hover Nozzle. This item, which is first encountered on Delfino Airstrip, is used to clear goop and must periodically be recharged by holding the R button near a body of water. For 10 points, name this water-shooting backpack used by Mario throughout most of *Super Mario Sunshine*.

ANSWER: **FLUDD** [or **Flash Liquidizer Ultra Dousing Device**]

18. **In this game, typing “the birds” makes tiny seagulls appear; as with all cheat codes, alt, control, shift, C must simultaneously be pressed first. The most famous media appearance of Helsinki Cathedral is in an update of this game, which penalized you for canceling neighbor deals. In this game, such phrases as “Original Magna Carta Found Written on Large Broccoli Stalk” and “Semicolon Declared Sexier Than Comma at Grammarian’s Fete” appear on the (\*)** news ticker. The waste management mechanic was added in this game, whose advisors were the first in the series to give actual advice beyond cutting funds. This 1999 game removed a lot of natural disasters from its 1994 precursor. For 10 points, name this third *Sim City* game.

ANSWER: ***Sim City 3000*** [just ***3000*** is fine after giveaway]

19. **After pulling a lever in this game, if you look down at the water for one minute, you can see a giant squid swimming by. The barking of an off-screen dog can often be heard when firing a gun in this game. Yves Simoneau directed three short films, subtitled *Lineage*, to promote this game. Poisoned characters in this game dance themselves to death, a fate befitting the (\*)** bards that block your passage. The protagonist of this game collects feathers for his mute, grieving mother, who lost her husband and sons to the treachery of Uberto Alberti, and brings Codex pages to Leonardo da Vinci for weapon upgrades in Firenze and later Venezia. For 10 points, name this sequel in which Desmond Miles lives through the memories of Ezio Auditore.

ANSWER: ***Assassin’s Creed II***

20. **One game in this series added a set of quests that enable you to update a hot spring, and removed the unpopular “dragonblight” status effect from a previous entry. Another game in this series introduced the Switch Axe, which can either be a sword or an axe. A catlike race in this series, whose members can act as chefs or comrades, is the unimaginatively-named (\*)** “Felynes” spelled with a y. Two of these games in the “Freedom” subseries are for the PSP. You can opt to wield a bowgun or be a blademaster in this series, which includes quests where you capture the namesake beasts or “gather” bits from their dead bodies to craft weapons. For 10 points, name this multiplayer action RPG series by Capcom in which you play as the title beast killers.

ANSWER: ***Monster Hunter*** [or ***Monsuta Hunta***]

TB. **The ninth level of this game includes two potions that flip the screen upside down. A 3D remake of one level of this game is unlocked by starting a new game in the X-Box version of a 2003 game, then pressing A, X, Y, B, Y, A, X, B. The developer of this game rotoscoped footage of his younger brother moving around in white clothes. In the fourth stage of this game, you have to jump through a (\*)** magic mirror to summon your doppleganger, who shares your health, represented with red triangles. This game, doesn’t allow you to save until you get to the third level, and must be beaten within an hour, or the Princess will most likely be executed by Jaffar. For 10 points, name this 1989 game, the first entry of an acclaimed platforming series set in ancient Iran.

ANSWER: ***Prince of Persia***