

1. The acting career of Mark Hamill ... in video games, for ten points each:

- (a) One of Hamill's earlier video game roles was as Christopher "Maverick" Blair in this series of spaceship-combat-themed video games where humans fought the cat-like Kilrathi. Among his costars were John Rhys-Davies and Ginger Lynn Allen.

ANSWER: Wing Commander

- (b) In 2001, Hamill voiced this character, whom he also voiced for *Batman: The Animated Series*, in the video game *Batman: Vengeance*.

ANSWER: The Joker or Jack Napier

- (c) Hamill played Py-Ro the fire elemental in *The Wrath of Cortex*, the fourth entry into this video game series starring a super-evolved marsupial that was also in a number of Pizza Hut commercials in the late '90s.

ANSWER: Crash Bandicoot

2. For ten points each, the film career of Stephen Chow.

- (a) Chow's U.S. breakthrough — and the most commercially successful film ever in Hong Kong, as of its release — was this comedy about five former martial arts students who join forces to win a national footie competition against the Evil Team.

ANSWER: Shaolin Soccer

- (b) A loving pastiche of martial arts cliches, this 2004 release set in the Pig Sty Alley slum where all the greatest fighters of the region live incognito won Best Picture at the 2004 Hong Kong film awards.

ANSWER: Kung Fu Hustle

- (c) Chow starred as the title character of this 1996 film, a culinary huckster who is ruined, invents exploding shrimp balls, and rises from the streets to compete in a thinly veiled *Iron Chef* parody.

ANSWER: God of Cookery

3. 5-10-20-30. Name the country whose soccer team has been nicknamed:

- (a) Socceroos

ANSWER: Commonwealth of Australia

- (b) Clockwork Orange

ANSWER: Kingdom of the Netherlands or Holland

- (c) Albicelestes, or the White and Sky-Blues

ANSWER: Republica Argentina

- (d) The Lions of Atlas

ANSWER: Kingdom of Morocco

4. (AUDIO) For five points each, name the song and its artist, given a mid-song instrumental part:

- (a) (Track 63)

ANSWER: "Love in an Elevator" by Aerosmith

- (b) (Track 64)

ANSWER: "Carry On My Wayward Son" by Kansas

- (c) (Track 65)

ANSWER: "Highway Star" by Deep Purple

5. For ten points each, name these short-lived ABC shows axed during programming chief Jamie Tarses' reign of terror.
- (a) Kevin Anderson starred as an inner-city priest trying to keep his parish afloat and his person away from the wages of sin.  
ANSWER: **Nothing Sacred**
- (b) Jeremy Piven thought he was a god – of the Roman variety – on this romantically-themed show co-starring show-killer Paula Marshall.  
ANSWER: **Cupid**
- (c) Its name suggested the level of acting we'd see, given that this sitcom starred Tim Curry and Annie Potts. Its axing may also have come about when Tarses split with one of its executive producers, Rob Morton.  
ANSWER: **Over the Top**
6. For ten points each, name these things following a certain literary theme:
- (a) Audrey Niffenegger's best-selling debut novel, this love story centers around the difficulties caused by Henry de Tamble's unusual genetic disorder.  
ANSWER: The **Time Traveler's Wife**
- (b) This alliterative name is the most commonly used one for this man born Woodrow Wilson Smith whose time travels include having sex with his own mother in Robert Heinlein's *To Sail Beyond the Sunset*.  
ANSWER: **Lazarus Long**
- (c) This member of the X-Men can absorb energy and release it. This cop first came from the future while chasing Trevor Fitzroy and prevented the Age of Apocalypse from occurring when he blasted Legion.  
ANSWER: Lucas **Bishop**
7. Identify these venues that have hosted Wrestlemania more than once for ten points each.
- (a) Give either name of the second facility, after Madison Square Garden, to host the big event three times – part of Wrestlemania 2, and all of Wrestlemanias 13 and 22.  
ANSWER: Rosemont **Horizon** or **Allstate Arena**
- (b) This stadium hosted the epic Hulk Hogan-Ultimate Warrior battle in Wrestlemania 6 and then saw the Rock beat Hulk Hogan in Wrestlemania 18.  
ANSWER: **Skydome**
- (c) Surprisingly, this city's Convention Center was the first to host multiple Wrestlemanias, as it was home to the fourth and fifth editions of the event in 1988 and 1989.  
ANSWER: **Atlantic City**
8. For ten points each, name these related musical acts:
- (a) This early rapper born Gabriel Jackson first gained note for "Love Rap", the flip side of a Treacherous Three record.  
ANSWER: **Spoonie Gee**
- (b) Garrett Dutton III, who you may have heard performing "I'd Like to Teach the World to Chill" in Coca-Cola Zero commercials, leads this alt-hip hop group behind the song "Cold Beverage".  
ANSWER: **G. Love and Special Sauce**
- (c) 50 Cent leads this posse which includes Young Buck, Tony Yayo, and Lloyd Banks, although The Game was kicked out.  
ANSWER: **G-Unit**
9. For ten points each, name these things falsely claimed to be linked to the Ku Klux Klan, according to snopes.com.
- (a) An e-mail poem wrongly attributed to Maya Angelou includes a claim that the KKK owns this clothing line. Some also claim that its tree logo represents a tree on which blacks were lynched.  
ANSWER: **Timberland**
- (b) This drink line redesigned its label to point out that the 'k' stood for "kosher," not the KKK, and that the ship was from the Boston Tea Party, not a slave ship.  
ANSWER: **Snapple**
- (c) Some idiots ignorant of history think that the KKK motto is the "Veni, vidi, vici" found on packages of this cigarette.  
ANSWER: **Marlboro**

10. Let's see if we can prove that no one under 50 watches CBS. I'll give you a trio of characters from a current CBS drama, and you try to name it, for ten points each. Just to help, none of them are a *CSI*.

- (a) Jethro Gibbs, Abby Sciuto, Ziva David (dah-VEED)

ANSWER: **NCIS**

- (b) Derek Morgan, JJ Jareau, Aaron Hotchner

ANSWER: **Criminal Minds**

- (c) Steve Sharpe, Annabeth Chase, Maureen Scofield

ANSWER: **Close to Home**

11. For ten points each, name these objects of sports curses:

- (a) After playing for the Grizzlies and Hawks, he was traded to the Trail Blazers, who promptly ended their streak of 21 straight playoff appearances. The curse was lifted this year after he signed with the Kings, who headed to the playoffs in spite of him.

ANSWER: (Julius) Shareef **Abdur-Rahim**

- (b) This team supposedly labors under the Curse of Muldoon since Pete Muldoon was fired by owner Frederic McLaughlin in 1927.

ANSWER: Chicago **Blackhawks**

- (c) He admits that he did study the occult after being traded for pitchers Rick Ownbey and Neil Allen in 1983 as some have claimed that a curse prevents his former team, the St. Louis Cardinals, from winning the World Series.

ANSWER: Keith **Hernandez**

12. *Moulin Rouge* and *Chicago* were credited with reviving the musical as a filmmaking genre. For ten points each, name these films that help explain why the musical was on life support to begin with.

- (a) *Entertainment Weekly* described this 2003 film as "Grease: The Next Generation' acted out by the food-court staff at Sea World."

ANSWER: **From Justin to Kelly**

- (b) Although it's become a minor cult classic on video, this 1992 film starring Christian Bale and Robert Duvall was a commercial flop, perhaps because an 1899 labor dispute wasn't interesting to its target kiddie audience.

ANSWER: **Newsies**

- (c) An early effort by the director of *Outfoxed: Rupert Murdoch's War on Journalism* was this 1980 film starring Olivia Newton-John as a Greek muse incarnated to inspire an artist to build a huge disco roller rink.

ANSWER: **Xanadu**

13. Identify these real New York City eateries made famous via television.

- (a) Located at 401 Bleecker Street on the Lower West Side, this bakery features cupcakes with "all the bomb frostings."

ANSWER: **Magnolia Bakery**

- (b) The flagship store at 973 Second Avenue is apparently where Ted's one-time girlfriend Victoria worked on *How I Met Your Mother*.

ANSWER: **Buttercup Bake Shop**

- (c) It's not all about sweets, though. The cantankerous Al Yeganeh is the proprietor of this restaurant on 259 West 55th that was the inspiration for the Soup Nazi on *Seinfeld*.

ANSWER: **Soup Kitchen International**

14. 2004 saw the release of *Songs and Artists That Inspired Fahrenheit 9/11*, an album of music that Michael Moore supposedly listened to while making his documentary. For ten points each:
- (a) The album included the previously unreleased track “No One Left” by The Nightwatchman, a folk music pseudonym for this guitarist of Rage Against the Machine and Audioslave.  
ANSWER: Tom **Morello**
  - (b) “The Revolution Starts Now”, which was released two months after the movie, shares its name with the Air America show hosted by this leftist country musician.  
ANSWER: Stephen Fain “Steve” **Earle**
  - (c) The album also features this “public service announcement with guitar” from the Clash’s *Combat Rock*.  
ANSWER: “**Know Your Rights**”
15. For ten points each, name the jobs of these comic strip characters:
- (a) Rob Wilco, the human in *Get Fuzzy*  
ANSWER: **advertising** executive (accept equivalents)
  - (b) Calvin’s father in *Calvin and Hobbes*  
ANSWER: patent **attorney** (accept equivalents)
  - (c) Joe Sr., the African-American dad of the Cobb family in *Jump Start*  
ANSWER: **police** officer (accept equivalents)
16. For ten points each, name these American films which won the Palm d’Or at Cannes:
- (a) This 1990 winner stars Laura Dern and Nicolas Cage as lovers who set out for California after Cage is released from prison.  
ANSWER: **Wild at Heart**
  - (b) This Gus Van Sant film about a fictional school shooting in Portland, Oregon, won in 2003.  
ANSWER: **Elephant**
  - (c) This 1955 winner about a Bronx butcher also won Oscars for Best Picture, Best Director for Delbert Mann, and Best Actor for Ernest Borgnine.  
ANSWER: **Marty**
17. For ten points each, name these multi-time winners of the Comeback Player of the Year Award in baseball.
- (a) He first won in 1987 as part of his ’80s trend of alternating suck-tacular years in even-numbered years with good years in odd-numbered years such as his two Cy Young Award seasons. He won again in 1998 with the Boston Red Sox.  
ANSWER: Bret **Saberhagen**
  - (b) The only player to win the award in each league, this former NL Cy Young Award winner did so in 1987 with the Cubs and in 1992 with the Baltimore Orioles.  
ANSWER: Richard Lee “Rick” **Sutcliffe**
  - (c) The Cleveland Indians traded this slick-fielding first baseman for Steve Demeter in an infamously bad trade in 1960. He went on to win the 1961 batting title and hit 377 career home runs, almost all with the Detroit Tigers.  
ANSWER: Norm(an Dalton) **Cash**
18. For ten points each, given the title of a *Good Eats* episode, name the edible that was the focus of the episode.
- (a) “Deep Purple”  
ANSWER: **eggplant**
  - (b) “Amber Waves”  
ANSWER: **beer**
  - (c) “Eat this Rock!”  
ANSWER: **salt**

19. The charitable acts of Dick Clark, for ten points each.

- (a) After this legendary soul singer responsible for “Lonely Teardrops” and “Higher and Higher” suffered a severe stroke in 1975, Clark paid for his medical bills until his 1984 death.

ANSWER: Jackie **Wilson**

- (b) This '60s duo responsible for “Surf City” and “Dead’s Man Curve” saw their career end when one was critically injured in a car crash in 1966. Clark used old *American Bandstand* footage to help the injured singer remember who he was.

ANSWER: **Jan** Berry and **Dean** Torrence

- (c) It was Clark who gave this “Who’s Sorry Now” and “Where The Boys Are” chanteuse a chance at a televised comeback, after she was raped in a New York hotel room and diagnosed as a manic depressive.

ANSWER: Connie **Stevens**

20. If you spent your childhood TP’ing your neighbors’ houses, then it may have finally paid off. Identify these toilet paper brands, for 10 points each.

- (a) Begun in Green Bay, Wisconsin, this now Proctor and Gamble brand appears to be channeling Mies Van der Rohe by using the slogan, “Less is More” in their advertising.

ANSWER: **Charmin**

- (b) Essentially Kleenex for your rear, this Kimberly-Clark brand features ripples and a kids brand with paw prints to show children exactly how much to use.

ANSWER: Kleenex **Cottonelle**

- (c) This Georgia-Pacific brand claims to be the unofficial toilet paper of today’s moms and recently completed a “bathroom moments” contest in conjunction with *America’s Funniest Home Videos*.

ANSWER: **Angel Soft**

21. For ten points each, answer these questions about similarly-named game shows.

- (a) Airing in 1986 and 1987, this show pitted married couples against each other in solving word puzzles. If a couple could win three bonus rounds in a row, they’d take home the title prize.

ANSWER: **\$1,000,000 Chance of a Lifetime**

- (b) A FOX prime-time game show in 2000, contestants answered trivia questions to earn their way out of debt and get a shot at a million bucks. Wow, everything about this show was derivative.

ANSWER: **It’s Your Chance of a Lifetime!**

- (c) Name either host of these game shows, one a game show vet, the other better known for a sleazy talk show.

ANSWER: Jim **Lange** or Gordon **Elliott**

22. Signs that the apocalypse is upon us for ten points each:

- (a) And you thought Bud Selig was bad. March saw the creation of the Hip-Hop Gaming League, where hip-hoppers like Twista, Kaine of the Yin Yang Twins and NBA star Jalen Rose, among others, compete on Xbox 360 games against professional gamers. This man will be the league’s commissioner.

ANSWER: **Snoop (Doggy) Dogg** or Calvin **Broadus**

- (b) The primary game played in this league is this one, the latest in a series that originated from Sega on the Dreamcast, but is now produced by a subsidiary of Take Two Interactive.

ANSWER: **NBA 2K6**

- (c) Maybe Mark Ecko missed his opportunity. Instead of releasing a game that the Hip-Hop Gaming League could have competed on, he is instead the force behind this video game. You play a graffiti artist named Trane (voiced by Talib Kweli) in a fascist-future take on New York.

ANSWER: Mark Ecko’s **Getting Up: Contents Under Pressure**