**2014 Secret Island of Dr. Auroni**

1. **In one game in this series, you can get the Z.O. Sword by beating an unnamed boss in East Olitoria. One game in this series introduced the Ace System, whereby characters with 50 kills receive a +5 boost to morale. The human-like Balmarians, also known as Aerogaters, are antagonists in this series. In one game from this series, the Einst, who repaired the body of (\*)** Excellen Browning, decide to capture her and her Weiss Ritter. Characters from the *Macross*, *Evangelion*, and *Gundam* shows appear in the Japanese games of this mostly untranslated series, whose “Original Generation” games were officially localized for the US by Atlus. For 10 points, name this series of tactical RPGs developed by Banpresto, starring mechas and their pilots.

ANSWER: ***Super Robot Wars*** [or ***Super Robot Taisen***]

2. **One version of this game included several “strange” levels and included a speed boost. Every Xbox Live Arcade disc for the original Xbox included this game for free. After this game displays “Act 4: The End,” two of its characters wave goodbye and depart. Level (\*)** 134 is the first kill screen of this game. A returning enemy in this game was renamed Sue. This game eliminated the “scatter” and “chase” cycles of its predecessor. In its third intermission, a stork drops off a baby for the central couple. The fruits bounce around and appear arbitrarily after you get them all once in this game, whose protagonist spins around upon death. For 10 points, name this 1982 arcade game starring the be-ribboned love interest of a pellet-chaser and ghost-avoider.

ANSWER: ***Ms. Pac Man*** [or ***Mizu Pakkuman***]

3. **One character in this game uses his hands to say “this is you, this is a clue, get a clue,” and another sings a traditional English folk song as he walks across the screen. This non-free-to-play game features the only appearance of the Alpine Troops unit. An anachronistic Elvis Presley lookalike advises the player on happiness in his role serving on this game’s “High Council.” Interest in this game was revived in 2012 when (\*)** Reddit user Lycerius revealed that he had been playing it for 10 in-game years. This game, which was remade into *Test of Time*, added wonder movies, Carthiginians, Japanese, and Vikings to its wider series. For 10 points, Sid Meier was not actually involved in making what 1996 entry of his empire-building franchise?

ANSWER: ***Civilization II*** [or ***Civ II***]

4. **A company based in this city has a branch in Tiksi, Russia.** **One denizen of this city says that her daughter has few friends because she is self-centered; that daughter’s room contains a depiction of Mario with a bucket on his head. The unfriendly Juggler Dalton hangs out in this city. A PokeDoll can be exchanged for the TM Mimic by speaking to the (\*)** Copycat in this city, access to which is blocked off until you hand a guard a beverage. Lapras can be obtained in this city, as can either Hitmonlee or Hitmonchan by beating everyone at the Fighting Dojo. The Marsh Badge, which makes Pokemon up to level 70 obey you, is the prize at its gym. For 10 points, name this largest city in Kanto, home to Silph Co, whose gym leader is the psychic-type Sabrina.

ANSWER: **Saffron** City

5. **In the fourth level of this game, you’re on a bike and have to gun down the turrets of a monstrous, seemingly never ending green ship, before you hang from the missile of a helicopter. The second-level of this game is a Mode-7-using, overhead view stage in which you kill a robot spider. In the first level of this game, standing on a stone platform between two sets of bars you can hang from will enable you to dodge a giant (\*)** parabola of fire; the final boss of that level is a gigantic tortoise. This game, set in the year 2636, ends with you thinking you’ve killed the overlord’s brain, only for the brain to grow a shell and arms. For 10 points, name this Konami-produced run and gun game subtitled *The Alien Wars*, the first 16-bit *Contra*.

ANSWER: ***Contra III****: The Alien Wars* [accept **III** at the end of the question; or ***Contra Spirits***; or ***Super Probotector****: Alien Rebels*]

6. **One character in this series uses a cellphone to hear the last words of deceased people, and is assisted by Little Guy. In the first game in this series, the protagonist contributes only 1% to a tough puzzle involving linking circles of three colors, and disarms a bomb at a conference with assistance from Cybil Myers. The protagonist is recalled from (\*)** Alaska to Los Angeles at the start of the third game in this series. The decrepit Adam created Savato, Pempti, and Kyriaki, which are types of GUILT, as leader of the bioterrorist organization Delphi in its first game, which focuses on Derek Stiles, who possesses the Healing Touch. For 10 points, *Under the Knife* subtitles the namesake first game of what doctor simulation series by Atlus?

ANSWER: ***Trauma Center*** [or ***Choshitto Kadeukeusu***]

7. **This character states that “thoughts, feelings, memories, things almost forgotten” can be evoked by music, which he calls a “mysterious thing.” While visiting him, the protagonist finds an object that can be traded for a Hercules Ring. The moon and some kanji appear when this character uses his “Festive Wind” attack. This character was spared by a swordswoman from Shevat, who fell in love with and married him. This spy for the (\*)** Solarians was originally known as Hyuga Ricdeau before he settled down to raise his quiet telepathic daughter Midori. This pilot of Fenrir and Heimdal lives atop a mountain overlooking the village of Lahan. For 10 points, name this doctor who serves as Fei’s mentor in *Xenogears*.

ANSWER: **Citan** **Uzuki** [either name’s fine; accept either **Hyuga** or **Ricdeau** before those names are mentioned]

8. **In one of these places, a note reading “My last breath shall be the exhale of a laugh” is found next to the corpse of Peke Utchoo, who mistook poison for a healing elixir. A shield known as Spell Breaker is found in another of these places. One of these places, Galom Daeus, is home to the Berne Vampire Clan. Several of them are Crater Citadels, and quite a few are located in the Red Mountain Region. The main quest takes you to one named (\*)** Arkngthand, where you retrieve a puzzle box, and another one, where you face the final boss Dagoth-Ur. The incredibly heavy treasure in these places is guarded by mechanical centurions and spiders. For 10 points, name these places in *Morrowind* containing artifacts of a lost dwarven race.

ANSWER: **Dwemer** ruins [accept anything with **Dwemer** in it; accept **Crater Citadel**s before mentioned; accept **ruins in *Morrowind*** before mentioned]

9. **An enemy in this series, which instantly dies if you manage to break free of its devastating Gulp, is named the larva. In the first game of this series, you can easily defeat a dinosaur fossil by reflecting the fireballs it shoots at you. The energy drink Virility was used in a viral marketing campaign for the latest game in this series. Only 101 instead of the typical 9999 floors are available in the (\*)** Bloody Palace of the best-selling game in this series, which focuses on Nero, a member of the Order of the Sword. Games in this series assign a letter grade of A through D and S for how “stylish” combat is. Vergil is the twin brother of this series’ protagonist. For 10 points, Dante stars in the first three games of what Capcom anti-demon hack and slash series?

ANSWER: ***Devil May Cry*** [or ***DmC***]

10. **This character stutters “my-my-my vision is permutated” while recovering in a cryo-chamber from a fight. The only professional actor in the series, Joseph D. Kucan, portrays this man. This man sets off a 7 minute timer showing how long the Eye Candy addict Vega has left to live. In a memorable image, this man stretches his arms out like Christ in the middle of a Temple at Sarajevo as he absorbs the glow of the (\*)** Ion Cannon. He guns down his second in command Seth in the middle of a briefing, and fills you in himself for missions thereon. The GDI mistakenly believes they’ve killed him at the end of *Tiberian Dawn*. For 10 points, name this bald messianic leader of the Brotherhood of Nod in the *Command and Conquer* series.

ANSWER: **Kane**

11. **Amusingly, you can punch a suicidal man off a bridge in this game and he will stand still on thin air. In this game, a priest says “Don’t you know that murder is the greatest sin?” after the protagonist initiates a firefight at a cathedral during a funeral service. The protagonist of this game relocates to protect his wife Sarah, but is gunned down as an old man by two (\*)** unknown assailants. Most of this game consists of recollections the protagonist has while talking to Detective Norman at a café. The protagonist of this game advances from driving cabs to being an enforcer for Don Salieri in the city of Lost Heaven. For 10 points, name this shooter released in 2002 by 2K Czech, set during Prohibition and starring an Italian-speaking mobster.

ANSWER: ***Mafia****: The City of Lost Heaven*

12. **In an ending to a game in this genre, the final boss attempts to commit suicide by falling off a building, but comes back up since there’s a bungee cord attached to his leg. In another game of this kind, there are stars above the Koopas you land on and the blocks you smash, and you run past Whomps and quicksand at Bowser’s Castle. Not one, but two spinoffs of *The (\*)*** *House of the Dead* are in this genre. A car racing game in which you modulate the speedometer is part of the most famous series of games of this type, whose title character, modeled upon a Haitian perfume counter worker, keeps shocking the Internet since she isn’t real. For 10 points, name this gaming genre exemplified by a series in which Mavis Beacon improves your words per minute.

ANSWER: **typing** games [or games that teach you **typing**; prompt on **educational** games; prompt on **arcade** games or **horror** games or **zombie** games from people who honestly think “That’s *Typing of the Dead*! I’m going to say something wildly improbable!”]

13. **In this game, hitting up four times, then down, left, right, and up makes your character invincible. One of this game’s bosses is a tree creature with a vine tongue who tosses exploding roots. One enemy in this game, who possesses a gremlin face and chicken feet, is the dog Caesar. In this game, you can bust open magic statues to get a Power Claw and a Mini-Axe. All three of this game’s spells, Bind, Blast, and Bolt, can be cast by its penultimate boss, who hangs out in Thelenea Tower. Cutie sacrifices her life in this game so that its protagonist, a student at Greenview High, can defeat (\*)** Blackthorn and rescue the Remlian Princess Rosebud. For 10 points, identify this game named for Hector’s infant Trojan son.

ANSWER: *The* ***Astyanax*** [or *The* ***Lord of King***]

14. **One boss in this game, who hurls a boulder while bouncing left against a wall, is a crab named Clawgrip. At the end of this non-3DS game, the main character opens a jar to free eight fairies. This game marks the first appearance of the Albatoss, a big red bird that drops Bob-ombs, and Osto, an ostrich ridden by Shy Guys. In reference to this game’s graphics, its enemies are known as the “8 bits,” who are led by the vegetable-hating King (\*)** Wart. Because *The Lost Levels* were deemed too difficult, this game, set in Subcon, was released as a reworking of *Yume Kojo: Doki Doki Panic*. This game was the first to let you play as Toadstool, Toad, and Luigi instead of Mario. For 10 points, name this 1988 game, actually the third in the Super Mario series.

ANSWER: ***Super Mario Bros. 2*** [or ***Super Mario USA***]

15. **One character in this game runs up to you and starts screaming if you kill one of his pigs, but only actually fights you if you also kill his other pig. In its ending cinematic, the protagonist descends the steps of a dragon’s mouth carrying a baby in his arms. After being saved from a Dragon Rider in this game, the wizard Zandalor informs you that you are one of the three (\*)** Marked Ones. The protagonist of this game investigates the cause of the healer Mardaneus’s madness soon after waking up in a house in Aleroth. This game’s sequel is subtitled *Ego Draconis*, and it is the first in a series revitalized by the recent release of a game subtitled *Original Sin.* For 10 points, name this redundantly-titled RPG created by Larian Studios.

ANSWER: ***Divine Divinity***

16. **To shrink yourself in this game, go to the selection screen and hold L and R while simultaneously pressing C-Left and C-Down. This game marks the first appearance of the Wild Boar, which belongs to that fiend Michael Chain. There’s a lot of chicanes near the end of the second Devil’s Forest level in this game. The expansion kit for this game added a track creator and unlocked “super” vehicles with perfect stats for (\*)** Jody Summer, Samurai Goroh, and the main character. In this game, beating the Jack, Queen, King, and Joker cups unlocks the title randomly-generated cup. This game nearly octuples the number of vehicles from the 1990 SNES game preceding it. For 10 points, name this N64 game, the first 3D entry in the F-Zero series.

ANSWER: ***F-Zero X***

17. **One game by this man ends with its Groundhog Day-afflicted protagonist thwarting a plot to blow up an artificial island colonized to cultivate a species of silver-eyed hyenas. Another game by him ends with two characters yelling “Let’s Go!” and leaping at each other as the screen becomes a painting of them. This director of *Flower, Sun, and Rain* collaborated with James Gunn on a game split into Earth, the Land Beyond Words, and the Rotten World, whose protagonist is accompanied by the (\*)** disembodied head of her boyfriend Nick. The title motel is occupied by the Jedi Travis Touchdown in his most famous game. For 10 points, name this director of weird games like *Lollipop Chainsaw* and *No More Heroes*, who has an alphanumeric byname.

ANSWER: **Suda51** [or Goichi **Suda]**

18. **A letter to this man cryptically ends “DIE, PEEG DOG, DIE.” This character narrowly escapes death in a bomb-laden car, then flees to Staunton Island. His story might get locked by a game-breaking glitch that spawns only Red Jacks and no Purple Nines. A mysterious gunshot possibly fired by him is heard while the credits are rolling, immediately after this character launches a rocket at a helicopter, rescuing Maria. This character takes orders from Luigi Goterelli, Salvatore Leone, and finally Yakuza leader (\*)** Asuka Kasen. This character is betrayed during a robbery by his girlfriend Catalina, the primary antagonist of the game. For 10 points, name this silent, mononymic, French-named protagonist of *Grand Theft Auto III*.

ANSWER: **Claude**

19. **One character in this game incorrectly believes that the universe is 96% dark matter. A group in this game ends up using a Megaphone after their winged microphone, a symbol of friendship, is stolen. An irritating boss in this game, who uses the Earthquake and Trunk Smash attacks, is named Woolly. Beating this game unlocks the Secret Reports, which are authored by the “hip café barista” of WildKat, who is named (\*)** Sanae. The Conductor and Composer command the Reapers and run a game within this game. Noise monsters are fought in this Shibuya-set game, whose protagonist is the pin point-accruing, purple headphone-wearing introvert Neku. For 10 points, name this acclaimed *Kingdom Hearts*-esque action RPG for the DS.

ANSWER: *The* ***World Ends With You*** [or ***It’s a Wonderful World***; or ***Subarashiki Kono Sekai***]

20. **A DLC for this game ends with the protagonist destroying a large number of televisions. A bunch of birds bring down a helicopter in this game. The lyrics “do you remember standing on a broken field, white crippled wings beating the sky,” open the song “War” by Poets of the Fall, which is heard over radio in this game. Its protagonist goes to “The Well-Lit Room” to obtain a light switch called The (\*)** Clicker, which he then uses to defeat the Dark Presence that had been haunting Cauldron Lake. Alice, the wife of this game’s protagonist, goes missing after they travel to Bright Falls so he can find the inspiration to continue working on *Departure*. For 10 points, name this Finnish-developed metafictional survival horror game starring the namesake writer.

ANSWER: ***Alan Wake***

TB. **This game introduced a glitch in which pushing against the edge of water for long enough lets your character swim in air above ground. One boss in this game is fought after you jump on top of an annoying steamroller and use it to reach a ladder. This game begins with its protagonist jumping off a mountain, with the narrator saying (\*)** “but it had not always been this way” just before he hits the bottom. The Desert of Lost Souls is one of many areas of this game that is infested with annoying Sirens. The protagonist of this game, whose skin is white with the ashes of his dead family, obtains the Trident, dispatches Ares with his Blades of Chaos, and is given Ares’s namesake title. For 10 points, identify this game, the first in which you play as Kratos.

ANSWER: ***God of War***