**2014 Secret Island of Dr. Auroni**

1. **A character in this game thanks a lackey with glasses, a green hat, and a green coat mere moments before decapitating him. One character in this game provides smithing services and rare items in exchange for Yellow Essences and Golden Scarabs. The Hydracubus suddenly pops out of the ground and eats a guard in this game’s level “The City of (\*)** Fiends.” This game ends with the protagonist visiting the tombstone of Kureha, having flown there after defeating his evil uncle Murai. While in the Holy Vigoor Empire, the protagonist of this game crosses paths with the powerful huntress Rachel on his quest to recover the stolen Dark Dragon Blade. For 10 points, name this Xbox reboot of a really hard series starring Ryu Hayabusa.

ANSWER: ***Ninja Gaiden*** [accept ***Ninja Gaiden Black*** and ***Ninja Gaiden Sigma*** *Plus*]

2. **A console command that gives all weapons in this game also tosses in a golf club seen in a reception room in its last level. In a level of this game, the player’s visor suddenly freezes over as he enters zero gravity. In this game, the TAC-Cannon undoes the mess caused by the *USS Constitution* after it launched nukes at the Ice Sphere.The protagonist of this game, who switches between Amor, Cloak, Strength, and Speed Modes on his (\*)** Nanosuit, is codenamed Nomad. This game, which finally satisfied the twin desires to kill aliens and North Koreans, inspired a meme in which people bragging about their high end computers were asked “yeah, but can it run [this game]?” For 10 points, name this graphically-intense 2007 shooter by Crytek.

ANSWER: ***Crysis***

3. **In one appearance, this character uses a move called “Furious Rush” whenever an object that recovers 60% of his stamina is knocked out of his hands. He starts by throwing out back to back left hooks, then mixes in his frequent exceptionally powerful uppercuts, and finally, once you run out of hearts, switches to using three consecutive jabs. His theme song quotes the (\*)** Volga Boatmen’s Song. He is fought between Piston Honda and Bald Bull. This character still says stuff like “I can’t drive, so I’m gonna walk all over you!,” despite the comical bowdlerization of his original name, Vodka Drunkenski. For 10 points, name this opponent from *Punch-Out!!*, a “champion of the USSR” who swills carbonated beverages.

ANSWER: Soda **Popinski** [or Soda Pop Vodka **Drunkenski** before mentioned]

4. **An enemy in this game causes confusion or sleep by farting on you. After the coerced revelation that a character is hiding in a rat cellar, this game throws in a large difficulty spike in the Slums of Dorter. In this game, a reaction ability known as Hamedo is very useful against monsters like Queklain, and magic attacks are ineffective if cast by characters with the atheist status. In the final battle of this game, which takes place in the Graveyard of (\*)** Airships, Hashmalum casts meteor to commit suicide, and the party fights the High Seraph Ultima. Its protagonist protects Princess Ovelia and reveals the truth of the Zodiac Stones. For 10 points, Ramza is the protagonist, and Ivalice the setting, of what turn-based RPG published by Square?

ANSWER: ***Final Fantasy Tactics*** [or ***Fainaru Fantajī Takutikusu]***

5. **A girl in this series is found sleeping on a haystack after the man who impersonates her gives himself away by pointing out a “cute goat emblem.” In the third game from this series, the protagonists use an old watch to cut power to a moving fortress, and discover that a futuristic city is really just an underground replica. The protagonists escape from an unmoored Ferris Wheel in this series’ first entry, set in the town of St. (\*)** Mystere. Spending hint coins is a good idea if you’re stuck in these games. This series includes the games *The Unwound Future* and *The Curious Village*, and stars the kid Luke Triton and the top hat-wearing title mystery-solver. For 10 points, name this series of Level-5-developed puzzle games for the DS and 3DS.

ANSWER: ***Professor Layton***

6. **Messing with the game files adds a character named The Complete Nut to this location. The flute, ocarina, and twelve-string guitar masterpiece of Matt Uelmen plays in this location. After you complete the quest that nets you the Ring of Truth, the well in this town reverts to its normal color. Snotspill steals the sign of this town’s Tavern of the Rising Sun, which is managed by (\*)** Ogden. Na-Krul ventures under this town in a second-party expansion pack. In a later game, this town can be accessed by touching the Cairn Stones in the proper order, enabling you to loot Wirt’s peg leg and kill the blacksmith Griswold. Deckard Cain hangs out by the fountain here. For 10 points, name this doomed town whose Cathedral serves as Diablo’s base of operations.

ANSWER: **Tristram**

7. **Tornadoes in one part of this game fire in threes and are really easy to avoid. The final stage of the final boss in this game is defeated merely by deflecting his fireballs. A cool part of this game involves firing arrows through torches to burn down trees. Beating the number on the adjacent side converts an AI’s card into the Double Twin card minigame within this game. Locations in this game include the Noira Mines, the Mana Tree where you fight (\*)** Zephyros, and the Crystal Cave, where Kaeris joins Clink. Glis are the currency of this game, in which chests unlock shopkeepers, Mode 7, music, and 16-bit graphics. For 10 points, name this charming 2013 pastiche of an action-RPG, which showcases the evolution of the RPG.

ANSWER: ***Evoland***

8. **A Krogoth assists you in one mission in this game, named “Time to Leave,” in which you must protect the Implosion Device. Artillery shells in this game travel different distances depending on the gravity of the planet or moon. While being built, the Dragon’s Tooth counts toward this game’s 200 unit limit. This was the first major game in its genre to feature a constant rate of (\*)** resource accumulation. Destroyed buildings in this game, known as wrecks, can be salvaged for a lump sum of metal. This game features a struggle for galactic supremacy between the transhumanist CORE and the rebel ARM. For 10 points, name this RTS made by Cavedog Entertainment, best-known for being the spiritual predecessor to *Supreme Commander*.

ANSWER: ***Total Annihilation***

9. **In a game named for this character, the theft of the priceless Eye of Infinity jewel leads him to encounter the gold-tie-wearing Kingpin. In another game, this character prevents his friend’s death by turning the clock back six minutes. This character is abducted from his apartment by an unknown thief who is revealed to be Angela Cross. In another game, this character hacks into the Ion Cannon to destroy the (\*)** Biobliterator and takes Courtney to his trailer so that she can appear in his namesake “Secret Agent” film series. In his first appearance, this native of Quartu seeks Captain Qwark, and befriends a Lombax with whom he eventually defeats Chairman Drek. For 10 points, name this defective green-eyed Sentry-bot, the buddy of Ratchet.

ANSWER: **Clank**

10. **The lights in one of these locations continuously flicker because there’s a room with several toasters plugged in. While in one of these places, you might accidentally collect coins with thick eyebrows, known as Evil Coins. Another of these places is accessed by climbing a Magic Vine, since it’s up in the clouds, and is blown away by a giant fan after being beaten. In the last of them, you fight (\*)** Iggy in a Bowser costume and then Bowser himself. These seven places are named Thump Castle, HardBrick, Blitz Snarlton, Chilton, WoodDoor-Hysteria, Seizures Palace, and High-ate Regency. For 10 points, name these eponymous locations which the Koopalings have built in Mushroom Kingdom in a 1994 Philips CD-I Mario game.

ANSWER: **hotel**s

11. **A flechette-launching unit in the arsenal of this organization can be killed by ramming it with the Muscle Car full speed. This organization frequently uses Memory Replacement to train new soldiers. Your progress in the game is impeded until you throw away a can tossed onto the floor by one member of this organization. The Magnusson device was invented specifically to combat this organization’s pesky (\*)** Striders. They imposed the Suppression Field inhibiting reproduction soon after winning the Seven Hour War. Wallace Breen propagandizes for this organization, whose Civil Protection units often hit people with stun batons. For 10 points, name this alien organization headquartered in City 17, that has taken over humanity in *Half-Life 2*.

ANSWER: **Combine** [or **CMB**; or **Universal Union**; give points and a dirty look to anyone who answers **Our Benefactors**]

12. **In one game for this console, weapons are upgraded by dipping weapon seeds in droplets of water left by vanquished enemies. In a series for this console, the protagonist works with his rival Ginger to rescue the singing doll princess Chelsea. The main character is assisted by baby, adolescent, or adult dinosaurs in another game for this console, whose exclusive releases include *Linkle Liver Story* and both *Clockwork Knight* games. Craymen is the antagonist of a game for this console starring a soldier of the Empire named (\*)** Edge, titled *Panzer Dragoon Saga*. Up to 10 people could play a *Bomberman* game named for this console. For 10 points, name this unsuccessful 32-bit console that succeeded the Sega Genesis.

ANSWER: *Sega* ***Saturn***

13. **A book in this game describes the shadow of a cross seen on the ground during Lord Boleskine’s voyage to New England. In this game, it’s a good idea to conserve revolver bullets because they are waterproof. The smoke from a lit cigar fills up a room in this game, draining the player’s energy with prolonged exposure. The protagonist of this game tosses an oil lamp at a tree to vanquish the pirate (\*)** Ezechiel Pregzt. You may either play this game as a private eye searching for a piano in a loft, or as the niece of a man who committed suicide by hanging, characters respectively named Edward Carnby and Emily Hartwood. For 10 points, identify this first 3D survival horror game, which was adapted into an atrocious movie by Uwe Boll.

ANSWER: ***Alone in the Dark***

14. **A vignette at the end of the latest game in this series shows a major character manning a checkout counter at a supermarket. The second game in this series focuses on the Lucinda File, which is guarded by Rodinzski, the president of SaintLogic. A villain in this series survived third degree burns as a child, enabling her to conceal her gender and moonlight as the assassin “La Clown.” One game in this series shipped with a folding cardboard box that slid over the (\*)** PSP, known as the Solid Eye. The first game in this series is set in Lobito Island, where terrorists are holding presidential candidate Viggo Hatch hostage. Snake’s hand size is initially six in that game. For 10 points, name these trading-card games in the *Metal Gear* franchise.

ANSWER: ***Metal Gear Acid*** [or ***Metal Gear Ac!d*** from people willing to click out that answer; or **MGA**; or ***Metaru Gia Ashiddo***; prompt on ***Metal Gear*** prior to mention]

15. **The plot of this game is advanced by** **moving a flower pot to a window sill. The protagonist of this game uses a wallet on a prostitute and receives syphilis. You can shoot spaceships and astronauts in a minigame accessed by traveling to the Sewers and accepting an (\*)** LSD pill from Timothy Leary. Colbert Report staff writer Sam Kim conceived this game as a sequel to *Shadowgate*. Near the end of this game, the protagonist exhumes the skeleton of Checkers and uses it on an ID scanner to gain access to the White House, where he defeats H.R. Haldeman and then, in a tribute to *Punch-Out*, Richard Nixon. For 10 points, name this 2013 masterpiece, a retro point-and-click-adventure in which you play as Bob Woodward as he investigates the title scandal.

ANSWER: ***Watergate****: The Video Game*

16. **You must reset this game if you get stuck in the wall while exploiting a glitch in which you mash up and A after a door closes on you. A weak, brown and blue-colored creature impersonates a boss in this game who fires boomerang-like projectiles. The title creatures of this game, which must be frozen with the Ice Beam then hit with missiles, are only found in Tourian. This game was the first to incorporate the (\*)** Justin Bailey password. In this game, it’s impossible to visually distinguish between small capsules replenishing 5 energy and larger ones giving 20. If this game is completed in under five hours, the protagonist will remove the Power Suit and reveal that she is a woman. For 10 points, name this first game in a series about Samus Aran.

ANSWER: ***Metroid*** [or ***Metoroido***]

17. **One character in this game is mocked for wearing a towel as a headband in a spa. In this game, a Refined Flightstone is needed to surmount the fireworks and whirlpools blocking access to an island named for the game’s publisher. It’s not a video game adaptation of Richard Mason’s Facebook, but the protagonist of this game tries to use hyperresonance to clear up poisonous miasma. This game introduces a system whereby (\*)** artes of the same element power each other up through the Fields of Fonons. It begins with Yulia Jue reading the Score, then transitions to the cloistered teenage nobleman Luke fon Fabre. For 10 points, name this entry of the *Tales* series titled for Qlipoth, which has a lower elevation than the rest of the world.

ANSWER: ***Tales of the Abyss*** [just ***Abyss*** is fine after Tales is read; ***Teiruzu Obu Ji Abisu*** is most definitely not fine, but hand them points for it]

18. **An animal of this kind ascends a pyramid with periodically falling boulders in a game ending with the levels “Haunted House” and “Windup.” Another of them is introduced in a level that follows the boss battle against Very Gnawty, known as his namesake “walkway,” but is replaced with the snake Rattly in a different game. These animals escape a pin wheel in Clinger Wingers and ride a (\*)** hoverbike in the frustrating Turbo Tunnel. These animals include Winky from *Donkey Kong Country* and Rash, Zitz, and Pimple from an eponymous game. Five of them must avoid otters, snakes, and alligators on the way to their homes. For 10 points, name these stars of a classic arcade game in which they leap around traffic on a busy highway.

ANSWER: **frog**gers [or battle**toad**s]

19. **This company developed a game that includes a badass race around a set of skyscrapers on hoverboard. Dr. Tan’s Estate is the last unlockable location in another game by this developer. This company worked with Traveller’s Tales on a Lego game in which studs are lost, and failure not experienced, for poor performance. They developed the game *AntiGrav* for the EyeToy, as well as the complementary games (\*)** *Amplitude* and *Frequency*. The most famous games by this developer require the player to do tough Hammer-ons and Pull-Offs, enable Star Power activation by tilting the controller, and introduce distortion with the Whammy Bar. For 10 points, name this original developer of the *Guitar Hero* and *Rock Band* series.

ANSWER: **Harmonix** Music Systems

20. **An exploit in this game allows you to remain invincible in the spot where you dropped the Scare Monster Scroll. Despite its claim to fame, this game was actually released two years after *Beneath Apple Manor*. The twenty-six enemy times in this game, each represented by a single letter, range from Aquators to Zombies. Once you acquire the Amulet of (\*)** Yendor in this game, you have to go back up through a completely different set of levels. This game was originally co-written at UC Santa Cruz by future UNIX and Java wunderkind Ken Arnold. For 10 points, name this 1980 dungeon crawler, which popularized a namesake genre of procedurally-generated games like *ADOM*, *Dwarf Fortress*, and *Nethack*.

ANSWER: ***Rogue***

TB. **Useful moves introduced this game include the hair pull and the elbow throw. This game introduced the easily-conflatable bosses Bobo and Abobo. In this game, you can pick up a whip by disarming a blonde enemy with a purple skin tight suit, named Linda, along with other unusual weapons, such as dynamite, bats, and (\*)** oil drums. This game introduced a gross sexist trademark whereby its antagonist punches a woman in the stomach and then slings her over his shoulder. This game takes place over four stages: the streets, the woods, the warehouse, and the hideout of the Shadow Warriors, who abduct Marion. For 10 points, name this 1987 game in which you control martial artists Jimmy or Billy Lee, an alliteratively-titled beat em up.

ANSWER: ***Double Dragon*** [or ***Daburu Doragon***]