1. This service holds an annual winter sale that takes the PC gaming world by storm. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this game distribution service created by Valve.

ANSWER: **Steam**

[10] Steam controversially allows developers to use this program, in which unfinished versions of games can be sold in order to, in theory, help fund their completions.

ANSWER: Steam **Early Access**

[10] Among the games sold on Steam Early Access was this flight and exploration game with an extremely detailed physics engine. Made by Squad, it was formally released in April 2015.

ANSWER: **Kerbal Space Program**

2. In one episode of this show, Mindy completely disassembles a car and rebuilds it in its owner's classroom and blames it on one of the title characters. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this Nickelodeon series about two stepbrothers and their sister Megan. The show starred two namesake best friends.

ANSWER: Drake and Josh

[10] Both Drake Bell and Josh Peck previously appeared on another Nickelodeon series starring this actress, who more recently has publicly struggled with bipolar disorder.

ANSWER: Amanda Bynes [accept The Amanda Show]

[10] Drake will reportedly appear alongside Josh in a 2016 episode of this TV series, in which Josh Peck plays a man who becomes reunited with his estranged father.

ANSWER: Grandfathered

3. Victoria Taylor's firing led to a tumultuous summer for Reddit in 2015. For 10 points each: [10] Taylor was a much-beloved coordinator for a subreddit that conducted these crowdsourced interviews.

ANSWER: **AMA**s [or **ask me anything** or **IAMA**s ["I am a's"] or **AUA**s]

[10] In protest, hundreds of subreddits were temporarily shut down, including the AMA section and this section where users post things they just found out about.

ANSWER: /r/todayilearned [prompt on 'TIL']

[10] The controversy led to the resignation of this woman, Reddit's interim CEO at the time.

ANSWER: Ellen Pao

4. For 10 points each, answer the following about actress Cameron Diaz:

[10] Diaz played the celebrity fitness trainer Jules Baxter who discovers she's pregnant in this 2012 romantic comedy.

ANSWER: What to Expect When You're Expecting

[10] Her first major film role was as the nightclub singer Tina Carlyle in this 1994 Jim Carrey film, in which Carrey becomes a goofy superhero.

ANSWER: The Mask

[10] In an animated film series, Diaz also voices this princess from Far Far Away who is cursed to turn into an ogre.

ANSWER: Fiona

5. In 2014, the maker of these food products recalled millions of them after the USDA deemed some of the meat they used "unfit for human food." For 10 points each:

[10] Name these microwavable "stuffed sandwiches" made by Nestle.

ANSWER: Hot Pockets

[10] This stand-up comedian performs a routine about the grossness of Hot Pockets. He also frequently references his own complexion, such as in his album *Beyond the Pale*.

ANSWER: Jim **Gaffigan**

[10] An edition of this medieval-influenced comic strip depicts two Huns approaching the gates of a walled city with a "Trojan Hot Pocket." The strip's title character does not appear in it.

ANSWER: The Wizard of Id

6. For 10 points each--name these rappers who embraced being very overweight:

[10] Christopher Wallace used this moniker as a reference to his size. Known for his hit "Hypnotize," he was murdered in 1997, just months after the murder of his rival Tupac Shakur.

ANSWER: The **Notorious B.I.G.** [or **Biggie Smalls** or **Biggie**]

[10] This appropriately named rapper and member of Terror Squad had a major hit with "Lean Back." He lost 88 pounds in 2011, but still kept his stage name.

ANSWER: Fat Joe [or Joseph Cartagena]

[10] This rapper, who released the 2015 album *Mr. Wonderful*, claimed that despite his obesity he had "no shame to show the chest at all" in his song "Ronnie Coleman."

ANSWER: Action Bronson [accept Arian Asllani]

7. Fights between teammates aren't particularly common in baseball, but a pretty memorable one took place in September 2015. For 10 points each:

[10] The conflict took place between players on this team, who fired manager Matt Williams after the season and replaced him with Dusty Baker.

ANSWER: Washington Nationals [accept either or Nats]

[10] This 2015 National League MVP and right fielder for the Nationals was attacked in his dugout for allegedly not running out a fly ball.

ANSWER: Bryce Harper

[10] Harper was attacked by closing pitcher Jonathan Papelbon who, at the time of the incident, was appealing a suspension for throwing at the head of this all-star Orioles infielder.

ANSWER: Manny Machado

8. Like Isaac Asimov, this author employs three laws; the first of which stipulates that a book's use of magic must be proportional to the reader's understanding of magic. For 10 points each: [10] Name this fantasy author, whose novel *The Final Empire* began his *Mistborn* series.

ANSWER: Brandon Sanderson

[10] Brandon Sanderson was tasked with finishing this other series created by the late Robert Jordan. Books in this series include *The Eye of the World* and *The Dragon Reborn*.

ANSWER: The Wheel of Time

[10] Sanderson is an alumnus of, and occasional teacher at, this university in Provo, Utah.

ANSWER: **Brigham Young University** [or **BYU**]

9. He has caused an avalanche and been struck by lightning while trying to protect his prized acorns. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this animated saber-toothed squirrel.

ANSWER: Scrat

[10] Scrat is a recurring character in this film series by Blue Sky Studios.

ANSWER: Ice Age

[10] Scrat is given a female counterpart, named "Scratte" [pronounced the same, but spell it out if you wish] in this third film in the *Ice Age* series.

ANSWER: Ice Age: **Dawn of the Dinosaurs**

10. For 10 points each, name these groups with something in common:

[10] Founded by Robert Stephens, this Volkswagen Beetle-using computer repair company is a subsidiary of Best Buy.

ANSWER: **Geek Squad**

[10] Amanda Waller formed this group of supervillains forced to work for the government. Its members include Deadshot and Captain Boomerang.

ANSWER: Suicide Squad

[10] This sunglasses-wearing group caused considerable mischief in Kanto before their leader joined up with Ash Ketchum.

ANSWER: **Squirtle Squad**

11. For 10 points each, name these TV series about musicians:

[10] Taraji P. Henson plays the fiery Cookie Lyon on this series about a namesake entertainment company run by Lyon's ex-husband Lucious.

ANSWER: **Empire**

[10] Blair Tindall, a celebrated oboe player, wrote a memoir which inspired this Golden Globe-winning Amazon series starring Gael Garcia Bernal as an orchestra conductor.

ANSWER: **Mozart in the Jungle**

[10] This HBO series, which ended in 2013, is focused on musicians and other characters in New Orleans.

ANSWER: <u>Treme</u> [treh-MAY]

12. This song begins by describing a scene "In a club with my homies," who "keep it down on the low key." For 10 points each:

[10] Name this 2004 song by Usher, which features a guest verse by Ludacris and a certain rapper who shouts the song's name.

ANSWER: Yeah!

[10] "Yeah!" features and was produced by this musician, who may be best known for his love of yelling the word "Yeah!" basically all the time.

ANSWER: **Lil Jon** [or Jonathan **Smith**]

[10] "Yeah!" s three artists also teamed up for "Lovers & Friends," a song on Lil Jon's album titled for this type of "Juice." This word can be used to describe southern hip hop or an excited state.

ANSWER: crunk [accept Crunk Juice]

13. The winners of these items are only allowed to wear them for a year, after which they must be returned at the Champions' Dinner. For 10 points each:

[10] Name these clothing items, given as a reward for winning a major American sporting event.

ANSWER: green jackets [prompt on partial answers]

[10] A green jacket is given to the winner of this major golf tournament, held annually at Augusta National.

ANSWER: The Masters

[10] Jack Nicklaus has won a record six green jackets; both Tiger Woods and this former rival of both Nicklaus and Gary Player have each won four.

ANSWER: Arnold Palmer

14. For 10 points each, name these people and characters who famously winked:

[10] This title character of a film about a student who takes a "day off" winks at his sister to indicate he's faking being sick.

ANSWER: **Ferris Bueller** [accept either]

[10] This Portuguese soccer star winked at his bench after getting Wayne Rooney tossed from a World Cup match. He won FIFA's Ballon d'Or in 2013 and 2014.

ANSWER: Cristiano Ronaldo

[10] A non-human character named Sonny learns how to wink, much to the surprise of Del Spooner, in this 2004 sci-fi film.

ANSWER: I. Robot

15. Mookie throws a trash can through Sal's window in this man's film *Do the Right Thing*. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this African-American director, whose films are usually called "joints."

ANSWER: Spike **Lee** [or Shelton **Lee**]

[10] This 2015 Spike Lee film, a retelling of the ancient comedy *Lysistrata*, takes its name from a derogatory nickname for an American city riddled with gang violence.

ANSWER: Chi-Rag ["shy-RACK"; do not accept or prompt on 'Chicago']

[10] In 2013, Lee directed a remake of this disturbing Korean film, about a man seeking answers and revenge after being imprisoned for 15 years.

ANSWER: Oldboy

16. This account mysteriously disappeared in May 2015, but returned a month later to advertise its owner's Beats radio show MSFTS ["misfits"] Frequency. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this amazing social media account known for its bizarre, pseudo-philosophical statements, generally with every word capitalized.

ANSWER: Jaden Smith's Twitter account [prompt on partial answers]

[10] Jaden Smith later used his Twitter account to advertise an appearance in Dubai by him and this other young celebrity, his sister.

ANSWER: Willow Smith

[10] Description acceptable. One of Jaden Smith's most noteworthy tweets posited "How Can Mirrors Be Real" considering this alleged truth.

ANSWER: **Our Eyes Aren't Real** [accept reasonably close equivalents]

17. He succeeded Hiroshi Yamauchi [ya-ma-OO-chee] in his most prominent role and frequently appeared as himself in Nintendo's "Direct" promotions. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this former Nintendo president, who died in 2015.

ANSWER: Satoru Iwata

[10] Before Iwata formally joined Nintendo, he was a programmer for HAL Laboratory, where he worked on this cult classic RPG starring the characters Ness and Jeff.

ANSWER: Earthbound [or Mother 2]

[10] HAL Laboratory is probably best known for creating this adorable character, who lives in Dream Land and appeared in a 2015 game titled for the *Rainbow Curse*.

ANSWER: Kirby

18. Since 2014, ABC's primetime programming has been surprisingly racially diverse. For 10 points each:

[10] Anthony Anderson stars in this family comedy, in which he frequently attempts to help his children understand and honor their heritage.

ANSWER: Blackish

[10] A book by the Taiwanese author Eddie Huang inspired this other comedy, though he has since distanced himself from the series due to creative differences.

ANSWER: Fresh off the Boat

[10] This comedian and actor used his prior experience as a doctor in developing a namesake series that debuted in 2015.

ANSWER: Ken <u>Jeong</u> [prompt on 'Dr. Ken']

19. After a 2015 game, this man claimed "I'm not willing to deal with anything" when discussing three personal foul penalties accrued by one of his receivers. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this then-oldest coach in the NFL, who stepped down at the end of that season.

ANSWER: Tom **Coughlin** [KOFF-lin]

[10] Tom Coughlin was the coach of this team, with whom he won two Super Bowls. The first such win was due in part to a miraculous catch by David Tyree.

ANSWER: New York **Giants** [prompt on 'New York']

[10] Coughlin also coached for this college, whose notable alumni include Matt Ryan and Luke Kuechly [KEEK-lee].

ANSWER: **Boston College**

20. For 10 points each, name these pop stars from Sweden:

[10] This duo and Charli XCX claimed "I crashed my car into a bridge," and didn't even care about it, in their hit "I Love It."

ANSWER: Icona Pop

[10] "This singer of "Habits (Stay High)" also appeared on the Coldplay song "Fun." Her stage name comes in part from the Swedish work for 'lynx."

ANSWER: **Tove Lo** [or Ebba Tove Elsa **Nilsson**]

[10] Though her first hit "Show Me Love" was released in 1997, this singer had a resurgence in 2010 with the album *Body Talk*, which featured "Dancing on my Own" and "Call Your Girlfriend."

ANSWER: **Robyn** [or Robin Miriam **Carlsson**]