

PACENSC - Round 03 - Tossups

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1. In the Generation IV Battle Frontier, Set 1 Sceptile knows Leaf Blade, Crunch, Screech, and a move with this effect. A Smogon article about moves with this effect associates them with Dragonite, Conkeldurr, and Azumarill, among others. The ability Queenly Majesty prevents moves with this effect from working. The most powerful move with this effect is the signature move of (*) Golisopod; that move is First Impression. Quick Guard can only be used to block moves with this effect. Helping Hand is the move with the largest value for this effect. For ten points, name this effect applied to moves like Vacuum Wave, Aqua Jet, and Quick Attack that lets you move first regardless of Speed.

ANSWER: increased **priority** moves (prompt generously on “going first” or equivalents before mention, accept specific priority values like “+1” and “+2”) <DX>

2. Description acceptable. Contrary to what one may think, Magic Bounce cannot prevent this action from occurring despite successfully reflecting evasion drops. In lower competitive tiers, Avalugg, Hitmonchan, and Claydol all focus on accomplishing this action. In the Ubers tier, Giratina-Origin is the best Pokémon at (*) preventing this action. Performing this action is imperative for Ho-Oh and Volcarona to function. There exist two moves that can accomplish this action, one of which replaced Flash as HMO5 in *Diamond and Pearl*. Some of the Pokémon best-known for this competitive function include Skarmory, Starmie, and Forretress. For ten points, name this action that involves ridding your team of things like pointed stones.

ANSWER: **removing entry hazards** (accept anything mentioning removing **spikes**, **sticky web**, or **stealth rock**; accept clear-knowledge equivalents for “entry hazards”; prompt with “What action does that accomplish?” if they mention using **rapid spin** or **defog**) <DX>

3. This Pokémon is touted to be “The World’s Most Powerful Pokémon” in one episode that sees it use the moves Vine Whip and Flamethrower, which it cannot normally learn. Out of all fully evolved Pokémon, this is the one found in the most locations in the Hoenn wilds. When it was first introduced, this was the only Pokémon that learned Stockpile and Swallow, but not (*) Spit Up until later. For some insane reason, in Generation VII, Game Freak gave this otherwise terrible Pokémon the ability Drizzle, which instantly made it competitively viable. It can hold a Lucky Egg in *BW*, which references its Pokedex entry that states it “is a flying transporter that carries small Pokémon and Eggs.” For ten points, name this Water/Flying Pokémon that evolves from Wingull.

ANSWER: **Pelipper** <DX>

4. A mat designed with four of these things is named for a Normal-type move. One ability named for these things raises the user’s Special Attack whenever a Pokémon faints. Magearna’s ability is named “Soul” [these things], while the abilities Steadfast, Prankster, and Justified are all named for these things in Japanese. A move named after these things will (*) reverse your Pokémon’s stat changes with the opponent’s, although that move may be better known for exchanging player characters in *Super Smash Bros. Brawl*. A Pokémon shaped like one of these things was speculated to evolve into Alomomola and can hold an item valued

by certain Move Reminders. Manaphy's former signature move "swaps," for ten points, what things that title the remake of *Pokémon Gold*?

ANSWER: hearts <DX>

5. The music for this location is a partially redone theme for Route 111. In the anime, Ash challenges Gardenia's Gym while the Team Rocket trio stumbles through this place. This location is featured in a painting in the Lumiose Museum. Route 207 features five structures that are meant to link to this place, whose namesake "Man" is the grandfather of (*) Roark and father of Byron. It's not Twinleaf Town, but the player can find the Odd Keystone in this location, which is used to summon Spiritomb. The player can dig for Spheres and items like fossils and shards in this location, as well as pimp out their Secret Base. For ten points, name this Sinnoh-exclusive location that can be accessed using the Explorer Kit.

ANSWER: The Underground (accept Underground Path and anything involving the word "spelunking" because that's a great word, prompt on descriptions) <LW>

6. In the Pokéwalker, this item can only be obtained rarely in Sinnoh Field and the Sightseeing course. In *Sun and Moon*, the sell price for this item increased from 2,400 to 5,000 Poké. In Generation I, the artwork for this item had many yellow letter M's on it. The *Mystery Dungeon* equivalent of this item is the (*) Joy Seed. In the Pokémon Center Cafés in *Sun and Moon*, the barista grants the player this item as a milestone for using Poké Beans. The item duplication glitch in Generation I was named for this item due to how desirable it is. Despite it not being the intended effect of this item, it can also revive fainted Pokémon. Due to the way this item works, it may only grant the receiving Pokémon one experience point. For ten points, name this medicine item that can be used to level up Pokémon.

ANSWER: Rare Candy (accept Mystery Candy) <LW>

7. Shintaro Ito became the 2016 World Champion in the TCG Masters Division with a relatively unpopular deck centered around this Pokémon. This Pokémon appears as a Special Pokémon in the Aurora kingdom in *Pokémon Conquest*. This Pokémon is the only known Pokémon to learn Secret Power by level-up. In the anime, this Pokémon eventually replaces (*) Chansey as Nurse Joy's aide. This Pokémon's appearance everywhere with rustling grass in Unova and an EXP yield of 390 makes it very useful for grinding out levels. It is the head doctor of Serene Village in *Super Mystery Dungeon*, a task that it can perform well with the stethoscope-like feelers on its ears. For ten points, name this Normal-type Pokémon from Generation V.

ANSWER: Audino (accept Mega Audino on first clue) <LW>

8. Although it used to be definitively dichromatic, this feature acquired a gradient in *X and Y*. This feature is said to drip a "sweet sap," presumably contributing to its use in Alolan home cooking, which involves drying it and simmering it in a salty brew. These features can be purchased for 9800 Poké in Mahogany Town, but they don't actually have any (*) in-game effect. The primary location where these features are harvested is initially blocked by a Team Rocket Grunt and is also known as the Rainmaker Well. Your first opportunity to obtain one of these items ends in disappointment, as it costs a whopping one million Poké. For ten

points, identify this delicious body part that is often bitten by Shellder, triggering an evolution to Slowbro.

ANSWER: Slowpoke's tail (prompt on partial answer) <DX>

9. One member of this group, after being defeated in a battle, asks another character, “When did you become so beautiful?” Another member of this group gives the player TM29 Psychic after a tour. A third member of group refers to himself as the “last line of defense,” and he only uses a (*) Hypno in the player’s first battle with him. That character grants the player a Dubious Disc after the character becomes Champion, and his name is Faba. A member of this group provides the player with expensive Beast Balls used to capture the Ultra Beasts, and she secretly supports Lillie and Gladion when they run away. Wicke is an admin of this group, which is led by its president Lusamine. For ten points, name this powerful organization that is the main antagonistic force in Generation VII.

ANSWER: Aether Foundation <LW>

10. A “very old painting” of this Pokémon with “paint peeling here and there” can be found in the West Wing of the Lilycove Museum. The only sprite that shows this Pokémon’s eyes is in *Pokémon Trozei*. Max saves a sick one of these Pokémon in the anime by taking it to a Pokémon Center with Ash’s Snorunt. One owner of this Pokémon exclaims “If I combine forces with [this Pokémon], we can beat anyone!” to convince his (*) uncle to let him challenge a gym. Although it is not Abra, this first-stage Pokémon’s *Pokémon Ranger* entry notes “it moves by teleporting repeatedly.” It has the lowest base stat total out of all Psychic Pokémon, as well as the lowest base stat total of all Fairy Pokémon. For ten points, name this first Pokémon caught by Wally, a pre-evolution of Kirlia.

ANSWER: Ralts <DX>

11. Although the route leading to this place does not require any HMs to traverse it, Cut is needed to talk to a woman who provides TM47. Surf and Waterfall are required to obtain the Expert Belt in this place. This location names an anime-exclusive town that holds an annual Pokémon event known as its namesake “Conference.” The player needs special permission from (*) Professor Oak before traveling to this place, which contains rare Pokemon like Misdreavus and Larvitar. A hailstorm is always present at the top of this location, where its only Trainer merely replies with “...” before initiating battle. For ten points, identify this mountain between Kanto and Johto where the protagonist can fight Red.

ANSWER: Mt. Silver <JP>

12. In the *Rick and Morty* Season 3 promo *Meeseeks Battle*, Morty is portrayed as this Trainer class. A Trainer of this class exclaims “Being beaten this often actually feels good now!” and gives an HP Up after being defeated in a rematch in *HGSS*. The Generation V sprite for this Trainer class notably has a different color palette from previous games and wears a sleeveless shirt, while its sprite from *ORAS* features a (*) Sableye on the front of its shirt. These Trainers usually specialize in Pokémon found early in the game and rarely appear past the first few routes. Sporting their famous caps and shorts, for ten points, name this Trainer class whose most famous member may be Joey.

ANSWER: Youngster (accept Lad) <JP>

13. James from Team Rocket attempts to use one of these objects that fell into a river; he couldn't use it not because it was damaged, but because he was not assigned to it. The "Vatontage" variety of this device was created upon adding the Tears of the Princes to this item, making it capable of interacting with Pokémon that had closed their minds. The (*) "School" variety of this object has limited capabilities and is only available in the Ranger School. Professor Hastings originally named this object "The Capture Loopy-Looper" before giving it its official name. Consisting of a remote control, a top-like object, and a built-in Pokédex, for ten points, name this object that serves as the primary gameplay from the *Pokémon Ranger* series, which the player uses to befriend Pokémon.

ANSWER: Capture Styler (accept Capture Loopy-Looper before read, prompt on descriptions, do not accept or prompt on "Capture Stylus") <LW>

14. This is the most notable Pokémon indigenous to the valley of Forina, where it is first shown on-screen. The short accompanying a movie featuring this Pokémon involves Meowth forcing Pokémon to dance by playing a rendition of "Polka O Dolka" with a baton. In that movie, Butler harnesses this Pokémon's power with a machine to summon a monstrous (*) Groudon. A card of this mythical Pokémon distributed with that movie has the moves Psywave and The Third Eye. This Pokémon is said to awaken only for seven days once every 1000 years, although it may be better known for spamming the move Iron Head in battles. For ten points, name this adorable Pokémon whose signature move is Doom Desire, known as the "Wishmaker."

ANSWER: Jirachi <DX>

15. Colress uses his machine to drive off a group of Crustle before challenging the player to a battle in one of these locations. In *Shadows of Almia*, Cresselia is found in a building in one of these locations. The player can find Psychium Z in one of these locations, which can be explored after defeating the Ghost Trial. A group of stone statues are revealed to be sleeping (*) Darmanitan in one of these locations, which is oddly referred to as a resort. One of these locations cannot be accessed without the Go-Goggles; that location contains Mirage Tower, where the player can find the Root and Claw Fossils. Cacturne and Cacnea live exclusively in, for ten points, what locations that are often afflicted by sandstorms?

ANSWER: deserts (do not accept "ruins") <LW>

16. Pokémon and Trainer required. In one episode, this Pokémon faces off against Tropius for the love of a Meganium. When the two are captured by Team Rocket, this Pokémon evolves. In another episode, the evolved form of this Pokémon battles May's newly evolved Blaziken in a contest battle to a draw, despite a clear type advantage for Blaziken. This Pokémon is used as its Trainer's final pokemon to battle (*) Norman's Slaking, earning its Trainer the Balance Badge. This Pokémon is often seen with a twig in the side of its mouth. When this pokemon's pre-evolution evolved in a fight against a Loudred, it is revealed to have learned Leaf Blade, its signature move. For ten points, name this Wood Gecko Pokémon owned by the main character of the Pokémon anime.

ANSWER: Ash's Grovyle <JT>

17. A hilarious article on Game Informer revolves around the author trashing the skills of a person with this job in the Kalos region, but nonetheless giving that person 1000 Poké after every interaction. A machine that performs this job is two tiles west of a hidden stash of 100 coins in the Rocket Game Corner, and comes in four different options. One NPC with this profession sometimes mentions his (*) “superhuman ability” to detect things in the player’s PC and can be found wandering the land. That NPC lives in a house at Cianwood City with a relative, though he is never seen there. In *Pokémon GO*, the player can carry out this action during any battle with an infinite-use item. This job must be done in order to complete Professor Oak’s Pokémon Report in a spin-off game. For ten points, name this job that involves taking pictures.

ANSWER: **photography** (accept equivalents) <JP>

18. One meme popular in Pokémon forums is to post pictures of this Pokémon in response to new members who make dumb posts. In *PokéPark 2*, this Pokémon is fought on a railway and attacks by inverting its body into a cannon. Concept art of a hypothetical mega-evolution for this Pokémon often gives it a centurion helmet. Although it is not Machop, it is capable of effectively using Dynamic Punch due to its Hidden Ability (*) No Guard. This Pokémon’s name in Chinese literally translates to “giant mud person.” It has been shown to fly by shooting fire out of all of its appendages, which has drawn comparisons to Gundams and shit of that nature. For ten points, name this Pokémon that is, in fact, based on the Hebrew golem.

ANSWER: **Golurk** <DX>

19. At Rank II, Nobunaga’s Warrior Skill affects multiple Pokémon with this effect. Every type except Fairy has a move with this effect. Another move with this effect is also the signature move of Togedemaru; that move is (*) Zing Zap. In the first two generations, the move Low Kick also had this effect. The ability Inner Focus provides immunity to this condition. One popular strategy involving this condition uses a Togekiss with Serene Grace, and the *Mystery Dungeon* equivalent of this condition is known as “cringing.” Held items that can cause this condition are King’s Rock and Razor Fang, and notable moves that cause this condition are Astonish and Bite. For ten points, name this effect which prevents a Pokémon from making a move for one turn.

ANSWER: **flinching** <LW>

20. In *Pokémon Adventures*, this character uses the Excellent Scope to spy on a battle, only for it to break when the lens falls out. In one game, this man is found lying in the sand and later gives the Audinite, while in another he offers a whopping one million Poké for completing a series of missions. A Croagunk belonging to this man is strongly implied to have been (*) killed when he refuses to battle a member of the Lumiose Gang, and he later holds a sentimental farewell with Emma. His best-known role is probably in *Platinum*, where he meets the player various times in his attempt to apprehend Team Galactic. For ten points, name this codenamed member of the International Police.

ANSWER: **Looker** (or **Handsome**; or **100kr** if they insist) <JP>