

Trash Bowl Alabama

“...fuck”

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Packet 5

1. One person questions whether u (“ooo”) can bleed while having this condition and another with a normal (“NO-mul”) circle questions how this condition is caused. It is also questioned whether the action that caused this condition can be classified as dangerous (“danger AHPS”) and whether it can hurt the top of someone else’s head. Someone in Marriage & Divorce questions if a 20-foot water slide can be (*) downed with this condition and someone else creepily asks if a nine-year-old can have this condition. One man questions whether starch masks are indicative of someone previously having this condition. Following many similar questions about this condition, one user asks, “Can you burn a Luigi board?” For 10 points, name this condition, the subject of a J.T. Sexkik video, which is misspelled by many would-be parents.

ANSWER: **Pregnant** [the following is just for the memes, accept anything that sounds at all like “pregnant” or alternate word forms; also accept **pragnent, pargant, gregnant, pegnate, pegrent, pregegnant, pregonate, prengan, prregnant, pregante, pergert, pegnate, pragnet, pergenat, prangnet, pragnan, pregnart, bregant, pregarnt, pregat, fregnant, pargnet, peegnant, pergnut, pgrenant, praganant, prangent, prefnat, preganant, pregernt, prengt, prognant, or pretnet**] <Internet Culture> [BJ]

1. Some things just aren’t what they claim to be, and a disproportionate number of those things seem to come from China. For 10 points each, answer the following about bootlegs:

a. One viral image shows a bootleg backpack with an image of Sonic the Hedgehog labeled both with “Harry Potter” and this man’s name. A meme that exploded in 2019 involved the search for this man’s last name.

ANSWER: Barack Hussein “**Obama**” ??? II

b. Another famous bootleg is the packaged action figures for “SENSE OF RIGHT ALLIANCE,” which, in most incarnations, include Shrek, a Power Ranger, Superman, Batman, Spiderman, and this Rusteze-branded protagonist of a Pixar trilogy.

ANSWER: **Lightning McQueen** [accept either underlined portion]

c. That’s rather fitting, given that NASCAR’s origins can be traced back to real-life “bootlegging,” the practice of illegally transporting and distributing this substance, which gained prominence in the US after a national ban in the 20th Century.

ANSWER: **Alcohol** [accept specific kinds of alcoholic beverage; accept **rum, hooch, white lightning, “the good stuff,” liquor, booze, Mr. Booze, ethanol, chug-a-lug, firewater**, “drawings of bottles labeled ‘XX,’” or “a tutting noise accompanied by a gesture in which the thumb and pinky are extended, the thumb placed near the lips, and the hand turned such that the pinky rises”]

<Miscellaneous> [MS]

2. When one female lead in this TV show meets her idol Melvin Sternley, their chemistry is real, as the man playing her idol is her real-life husband. When the main cast was first announced, two of the three female leads were immediately worried that one of them would end up leaving the show early on, as they were both (*) Latina while the third female lead is white. There is a debate in one episode of this show whether or not “Kelly” is one of the character’s wife or dog. That same character is also known for his operatic voice, which he uses at their boss’s birthday party, where he and his best friend are mistaken for a gay couple. For 10 points, name this TV show revolving around detectives at the namesake precinct in New York City.

ANSWER: Brooklyn Nine-Nine

<TV> [LT]

2. For 10 points each, answer the following about the history of basketball:

a. This demarcation that was permanently added to the NBA in 1984 has seen varying definitions in terms of its placement over the years. In the NBA today, this demarcation is shaped in a way that leaves 3 feet of space between it and the sidelines.

ANSWER: Three-point line

b. The three-point line was first introduced in the ABA by this commissioner. This Hall of Famer had earlier narrowly lost the 1956 election for Minnesota’s 3rd congressional district against Democratic incumbent Roy Wier.

ANSWER: George Lawrence Mikan (“MIGH-kin”) Jr. [prompt on Mr. Basketball]

c. Multiple national leagues and alternative forms of scoring were certainly not on this man’s mind when he invented basketball in 1891.

ANSWER: James Naismith

<Sports> [BJ]

3. A poem published during this event by the Philadelphia Bulletin says, “To each near or distant nation / Whereon shines the sporting sun” before a quickly disproven statement. This event succeeded largely due to the absence of Red Faber who had the flu. Arnold Rothstein kept in contact with the people responsible for this event through a middleman who testified for the prosecution in the resulting trial who was named “Sleepy” Bill Burns. The signal that this event would proceed was when (*) Eddie Cicotte hit Morrie Rath in the back. This event led to the appointment of Kenesaw Mountain Landis as commissioner who would go on to ban “Lefty” Williams, “Buck” Weaver, “Shoeless” Joe Jackson, and five other players for their roles in this event. For 10 points, name this event in which eight members of a Chicago baseball team rigged the outcome of a championship series.

ANSWER: Black Sox Scandal [accept descriptions that indicate “the rigging of the 1919 World Series,” “the purposeful loss by the Chicago White Sox in the World Series,” or clear knowledge equivalents]

<Sports> [MP]

3. The Nintendo 64 is a goldmine of iconic games like *Super Mario 64* and *Majora’s Mask*. For 10 points each, answer the following about some lesser-known N64 games:

a. One of the later releases on the N64 is *The World is Not Enough*, a shooting game based on a film about this character. A more well-known N64 game about this character is the video game adaptation of his seventeenth film *GoldenEye*.

ANSWER: James Bond [also accept 007 or Bond, James Bond because someone’s gonna make that joke]

b. The N64 is known for its popular 3D platformers but one of the more obscure on the system is a game where the player controls one of these objects that must maneuver a ball to the end of the stage by slapping and pushing it. That player character that is one of these objects is repeatedly confronted by his evil version Cross-Stitch.

ANSWER: **Gloves** [also accept *Glover*; prompt on hands]

c. In this Imagineer RPG, the player controls the apprentice mage Brian who wields a staff against the enemies of Celtland. This game is unique for lacking notable RPG conventions like experience points and money and by having battles take place on the overworld.

ANSWER: **Quest 64** [also accept *Holy Magic Century* or *Eltale Monsters*]

<Video Games> [BJ]

4. DESCRIPTION ACCEPTABLE. **One tool for performing this activity usually consists of three flat rods—two outer rods which are affixed and a central one which slides between them. Although this activity can be performed with inks or paints, a tool more commonly used for this activity is composed of two pieces of wood, glued together around a central, conductive core. A “3B” variety of that tool contains less clay in its core than an “F” or “H,” which contain more (*) graphite.** A much older tool for this activity uses rows of beads to store values; although use of that tool in Europe would, ironically, decline after works like *Liber Abaci* promoted the algoristic use of Arabic symbols relating to this activity. Pencil and paper ready—for $3*3+(3/3)$ (“3 times 3 plus 3-over-3”) points, give this activity whose computational form is essentially absent from collegiate Quiz Bowl.

ANSWER: Computational **Mathematics** [accept **computation**, **calculation**, **arithmetic** and similar answers]

<Academic> [MS]

4. For a certain number of points, answer the following questions about nontraditional scoring structures for Quiz Bowl bonus sets. You will be given 15 seconds for each part. Pencil and paper ready:

a. Suppose that any given Quiz Bowl bonus set must have a total value of 30 points, and that each of the three bonus questions must be worth a positive integer multiple of five points. How many different permutations of point values are there?

ANSWER: **10** [the permutations are: 5-5-20, 5-20-5, 20-5-5, 5-10-15, 10-5-15, 10-15-5, 15-10-5, 5-15-10, 15-5-10, and 10-10-10]

b. Suppose that the writer of this question has a crippling gambling addiction and wishes to randomly determine the number of points that a bonus question has, so they roll a four-sided die and a twelve-sided die. Out of the 48 possible results for such a roll, how many sum to a multiple of five?

ANSWER: **10** [they are 1-4, 2-3, 3-2, 4-1, 1-9, 2-8, 3-7, 4-6, 3-12, 4-11]

c. Now, given the assumptions about Quiz Bowl bonus sets in part 1, suppose that the correct answers for the previous two parts are also their point values. How many points must this part be worth?

ANSWER: **10**

<Academic> [MS]

5. DESCRIPTION ACCEPTABLE. **This sequence was originally going to have a running joke where one character punches another repeatedly before eventually giving a feeble slap, but it was removed for being too violent. One character in this sequence takes his arm off of a cart to pet a parrot and is later seen hiding plane tickets in a basket. A shot in this sequence that shows a cloud shaped like a winged elephant is soon followed by a shot of many (*) baby-shaped clouds.** In this sequence, a wife fastens many ties for her husband before eventually falling to her knees while walking to a picnic on top of a hill. This sequence begins with a camera flash at a wedding and ends with a man walking home from a funeral while holding a balloon. For 10 points, what wordless sequence details the relationship between two characters at the beginning of a Pixar film?

ANSWER: “**Married Life**” [accept anything about *Up’s opening sequence*, **first 5-15 minutes of *Up***, **Carl** and **Ellie**’s marriage, or any clear knowledge equivalents]

<Film> [BJ]

5. Incest is... wincest...? For 10 points each:

a. Let's get the easy one out of the way. The first episode of *Game of Thrones* ends with a child being thrown out of a window by a member of this house after that child caught a man having sex with his twin sister. This house has a lion crest, always pays its debts, and was responsible for the famous Red Wedding incident.

ANSWER: Lannister

b. In this show that got Netflix revivals in 2013 and 2018, George Michael is attracted to the oddly named, Maeby ("Maybe") who turns out to be his cousin. He later takes her to a French movie about two cousins in love, *Les Cousins Dangereux*.

ANSWER: Arrested Development

c. In this series Bill has sex with a woman who turns out to be his great-great granddaughter, and despite the woman's strange, nonchalant reaction, he is disgusted. This HBO series also features the incestuous clan of were-panthers in Hotshot and focuses on the life of a small-town Louisiana waitress in a world with vampires.

ANSWER: True Blood

<TV> [BM]

6. The first line of this work sets up "A hard, howling, tossing water scene," and the title figure is only referenced by name once, with the second-to-last line stating that "George can't lose war with's hands in." The event referenced in this work's title takes place on December 25th, as said in the line "O Silent night shows war ace danger!" The title of this poem actually refers to an 1851 painting of this event in which two horses in a boat can be seen in the background and a (*) soldier kicking a chunk of ice can be found in the foreground. The title of this sonnet, which is arranged in seven couplets, comes from that Emmanuel Leutze painting. For 10 points, name this 1936 David Shulman poem, in which each line is an anagram of the title event from the Revolutionary War.

ANSWER: "Washington Crossing the Delaware"

<Literature> [MS]

6. Are we all living in a simulation? Who knows? Well, some people do, since you can simulate the darndest things. For 10 points each:

a. This successful indie game has the player taking control of an animal in an intentionally glitchy and odd environment. It often parodies other games with expansions such as "Waste of Space."

ANSWER: Goat Simulator

b. This game has an unexpectedly competitive eSports scene, with teams like Trelleborg, Krone, and John Deere competing for fame(?) and fortune(?).

ANSWER: Farming Simulator

c. A more recent development is this game, which has the player dragging cards representing everything from their disciples to summoned monsters onto verbs like "Dream," "Work," and "Study."

ANSWER: Cultist Simulator

<Video Games> [MS]

7. DESCRIPTION ACCEPTABLE. The most widely accepted definition for this property was proposed by Jacques Gauthier, however other, broader definitions for this property exist; despite this, it is universally agreed that crocodilians do not have this property. In one anime, a floating cat-like being expresses a desire to attain this property; in another, an android questions whether an (*) insect has this property. In *The Mike Tyson*

Mysteries, one character is cursed by a witch with this property and, in a book series, a character named Tobias permanently possesses this property after two hours. In “A Song about [things with this property],” the singer first proposes that the ibis has this property, before later recanting that view, insisting that ibises are “feathered bin-rats.” For 10 points, what property is possessed by penguins, puffins, and pigeons?

ANSWER: Being a **bird** [accept being **avian** or any other response that is clearly about the state of being a bird; accept specific birds]

<Miscellaneous> [MS]

7. For 10 points each, answer the following about popes with short reigns:

a. This pope preceded one of the same name and was the first pope to have been born in the 20th century. His reign lasted thirty-three days and resulted in the first year of three popes since 1605.

ANSWER: **John Paul I** [prompt on **John Paul**; accept Albino **Luciani**]

b. Pope John XVII (“17”) is the shortest-reigning Pope to make an appearance on this famous Wikipedia list, although his seven-month papacy is the longest for this bonus set.

ANSWER: **List of sexually active popes** [accept clear knowledge equivalents]

c. The Catholics aren’t the only Christian denomination led by a pope. The shortest-reigning Coptic Pope was Achillas the Great who, despite being “the Great,” is probably best known today for lifting the initial excommunication of this man, whose namesake heresy led to the First Council of Nicaea.

ANSWER: **Arius** [or **Áreios**]

<Academic> [MS]

8. **One OVA (“O-V-A”) for this show reveals that the Curtis couple met when one of them ran into the other while carrying a bear. One character in this show who was originally known as #23, grew up as a slave in the advanced country of Xerxes. That character from this show befriended one of his master’s experiments, leading to the destruction of that country and the immortality of that character. The villains in this show include (*) Homunculi (“huh-MUNK-yoo-LAI”) like Father, Wrath, Lust, and Envy. The two main characters of this show attempt to revive their dead mother using the title art, resulting in one character losing an arm and a leg and the other’s soul being sealed in a suit of armor. For 10 points, give the name of this anime about the Elric brothers, Edward and Alphonse, not to be confused with the early 2000s version.**

ANSWER: **Fullmetal Alchemist: Brotherhood** [accept **FMA B**; prompt on *Fullmetal Alchemist* or **FMA**]

<TV> [BJ]

8. Hi-diddle-dee-day, an actor’s life is gay. Answer these questions about gay men in the acting profession. For 10 points each:

a. This British actor appeared on HBO’s *Looking* about the lives of gay men in San Francisco as the protagonist’s boss and in the original *Being Human* as the werewolf George. This star of *The Pass* said his father suggested that he would’ve had him take medical treatment to “fix the problem” when he came out at 18.

ANSWER: Russell George **Tovey**

b. This man was acquaintances with then-First Lady Nancy Reagan when he was diagnosed with HIV. He was also friends with, and appeared in *Giant* with, Elizabeth Taylor who founded the National AIDS Research Foundation after he announced his HIV positive status.

ANSWER: Rock **Hudson** [or Roy Harold **Scherer** Jr.]

c. This actor was the subject of a Jeffrey Schwarz documentary based on his 2005 autobiography focusing on his life as a gay actor in the 50s and 60s. He had a secret relationship with Anthony Perkins during the filming of *Psycho* and went on to become partners with film producer Allan Glaser in 1983.

ANSWER: Tab **Hunter** [or Arthur Andrew **Kelm**]

<Film> [BM]

9. These items are the subject of fierce linguistic debate in George and Ira Gershwin's song "Let's Call the Whole Thing Off" which compares the difference between British and American accents. One SCP article features these items with low-grade sentience that punish poor attempts at humor, reaching Mach speeds while doing so. One tumblr post talks about how "fucked up" it would be to jump in a ball pit with painted versions of these items replacing the plastic balls. The Broadway logo of Shakespeare musical (*) *Something Rotten* features one of these items as if it had been thrown at the logo. They're NOT poisonous, despite what some Europeans thought for a while and their relation to nightshade. For 10 points, give the name of this fruit supposedly thrown at poor stage performances.

ANSWER: Tomatoes

<Internet Culture> [BM]

9. Nickelodeon's two major preschool-targeted brands, Noggin and Nick Jr., are two of the largest entertainment channels in that demographic, in both the television and streaming markets. For 10 points each, name the Noggin/Nick Jr. program from its description:

a. Most episodes of this show, that features a guinea pig, turtle, and duckling, open with the theme song lyric "The phone! The phone is ringing."

ANSWER: Wonder Pets!

b. This show introduced viewers to elements of Chinese language and culture. With themes of compromise and friendship, the show features a collection of animal characters as well as the eponymous 7-year-old girl, who ends each episode with the catchphrase "You make my heart feel super happy!"

ANSWER: Ni Hao, Kai-Lan

c. Did you know that Noggin was originally aimed at a teenage audience? This *Phred On Your Head Show*-spinoff reality program in which two people from different backgrounds would switch lives for a day is known for dealing with serious topics like homelessness, pregnancy, Hurricane Katrina, and HIV/AIDS.

ANSWER: A Walk In Your Shoes

<TV> [JC]

10. The original name of this game means "sparrow" in the language of its country of origin. Points in this game are referred to as faan value. Various superstitions exist about how to hold the pieces or where to sit in this game, most of which stem from Feng Shui. It's not Uno, but winning this game requires a pair of eyes and is indicated by either calling the name of the game or saying (*) "hu." The one of sticks in this game is represented by a bird. Melding sets of three in this game is usually accompanied by either "chow" or "pong." Some of the 144 pieces in this game are named after the cardinal directions, flowers, and dragons. For 10 points, the Qing Dynasty-originated name of what Rummy-style East Asian game also refers to a single-player tile matching game?

ANSWER: Mahjong

<Activities> [JC]

10. This two-word term was first used in a 1958 Johnny Mathis album which was on the album chart for 490 weeks. For 10 points each:

a. Give this term that adorns uncountably many albums by various artists. The first word in this term is a superlative meaning unparalleled in quality and the second word is, itself, a term for successful products.

ANSWER: Greatest Hits

b. Greatest hits albums are an example of a compilation album, which is also exemplified by this long-running series of albums featuring various artists' hits. The US version of this series most recently released its 77th edition in January and the UK version released its 108th in March.

ANSWER: *Now That's What I Call Music!* [also accept *Now!*]

c. In 1999, *Now That's What I Call Music!* UK released 20 albums under this name, one for each year since 1980. This name is also the collective name of a series of novels by Stieg Larsson.

ANSWER: *The Millennium Series* [prompt on Millennium]

<Music> [BJ]

11. In a BBC sci-fi series, one of these creatures escapes into a bowling alley and the opening scene shows an employee being dragged down the lane while he claws to escape. The model for this creature was later reused in the Series Seven *Doctor Who* episode featuring Rupert Graves titled for the larger group this creature belongs to. In *Runaways*, one of the protagonists has one of these creatures, named (*) Old Lace, as a pet. The *Rick and Morty* episode “Total Rickall” features a “photography” version of one of these creatures. A philosophy version of one of these creatures was popular in early meme culture. They’re compared to turkeys in an early scene in what is probably their most famous pop culture appearance, though these creatures lack the feathers they should have had. For 10 points, give the name of this clever girl.

ANSWER: Velociraptors [prompt on dinosaurs]

<Film, TV> [BM]

11. Named after a famous Oakland Raiders wide receiver, the Fred Biletnikoff Award was created in 1994 by the Tallahassee Quarterback Club Foundation to award the outstanding receiver of a given year. For 10 points each, name some previous winners:

a. He is the most recent University of Alabama wide receiver to win the Biletnikoff Award in 2018. He was drafted 15th overall in the 2020 draft by the Denver Broncos.

ANSWER: Jerry Davarus Jeddy

b. Coming out of Marshall University, this wide receiver had 96 receptions and 1,820 receiving yards during the 1997 season—the year he won the award. Behind Don Hutson and Jerry Rice, he is the third most-frequent receiving touchdown leader having led the league five times.

ANSWER: Randy Moss [or Randy Gene Moss; prompt on Moss]

c. This wide receiver, who won the award in 2003 at Pittsburgh, has played 17 years in the NFL and is considered by many to be one of the greatest wide receivers to ever play the game. He is second in career receiving yards, second in career receptions, and sixth in receiving touchdowns.

ANSWER: Larry Darnell Fitzgerald Jr.

<Sports> [MP]

12. A parody of this song with a culinary theme was the 2018 Christmas number one song in the UK. One segment in the music video for this song features a Lincoln Memorial impersonator lip syncing to part of the chorus, while another features a crowd running from a massive, rolling die. The spoken-word interlude in this song is performed by Les Garland, a former (*) DJ from San Francisco. During this song's chorus, one line references both the inventor of the radio and the world's deadliest serpent, although the latter may be a malapropism. In recent years, this song has developed a negative reputation for its apparent hypocrisy and has, at times, been rated the worst song of all time. For 10 points, name this 1985 hit by Starship which insists that the title action was performed “on rock and roll.”

ANSWER: “We Built this City”

<Music> [MS]

12. Answer these questions about the world of magic, for 10 points each:

a. This stage magic illusion, resulting in numerous deaths from as far back as the eighteenth century, was notably performed by Coulew of Lorraine. A version of this trick in which the title action is performed with the magician's mouth has been done by Dorothy Dietrich, David Blaine, and Criss Angel.

ANSWER: **Bullet Catch** [accept descriptions involving the performer catching a bullet]

b. The bullet catch is a staple of this magic duo. One is a six-foot-six former carnival performer while the other never speaks.

ANSWER: **Penn** Jillette & **Teller** [either order]

c. Many magicians got their start on Penn and Teller's show *Fool Us*, but this Canadian-American's three appearances are made even more impressive because of his late switch to magic after he quit playing piano due to carpal tunnel syndrome.

ANSWER: Shin **Lim** [or Liang-Shun **Lim**]

<Miscellaneous> [JC]

13. While helping the protagonist access this object, a supporting character asks if he can “marry [his] brain.” While alluding to a future event involving this object, a man downs a full glass of champagne after toasting to “the men who did what was considered wrong for what they knew was right.” Later, someone else holds on to this object while hanging from the door of a truck. A riddle that points to this object's importance is found on a ship in the arctic and ends by saying “55 in iron (*) pen, Mr. Matlack can't offend.” Lemon juice and a special pair of glasses each show clues written on the back of this object that point to the Silence Dogood letters and Trinity Church, respectively. For 10 points, name this historical item that Benjamin Franklin Gates steals from the National Archives in *National Treasure*.

ANSWER: The United States **Declaration of Independence**

<Film> [BJ]

13. *Godzilla vs. Kong* was a movie that happened, so for 10 points each, answer the following about giant monsters:

a. Godzilla and King Kong each fall into this group of fictional creatures that literally means “strange beast.” Monsters described by this Japanese term are often metaphorical in nature, such as Godzilla's symbolism of post-World War II fears of nuclear weapons.

ANSWER: **Kaiju**

b. This kaiju is typically depicted as an armless bipedal dragon-like creature with three heads and gravitational powers. In its depiction in *Godzilla: King of the Monsters*, this kaiju is referred to as Monster Zero and, prior to being freed, it is frozen in Antarctica after coming from another world.

ANSWER: King **Ghidorah**

c. Though Ghidorah may be the most well-known reptilian enemy of Godzilla, the first was this kaiju who first appeared in the second film: *Godzilla Raids Again*. This kaiju resembles an especially spiky ankylosaurus and its latest major film appearance was in *Godzilla: Final Wars*, where it teamed up with King Caesar and Rodan to defeat Godzilla at Mt. Fuji.

ANSWER: **Anguirus** (“ahn-GEAR-us”)

<Film> [BJ]

14. This character is the star of a Japanese-only light novel series by Mie Takase whose most-recent edition was released in March 2021 and is subtitled “The Destined Rivals!!” An “Anti-” version of this character appears as a cameo in Eagle's Tower in a game in an unrelated series by the same developer. Early ideas of names for this character included Gasper and Popopo, but the final name may be based off of a lawyer who successfully defended this character's creator's company in an earlier lawsuit. This character's

creator feuded with (*) Shigeru Miyamoto over whether this character would be yellow or his current color. In one game starring this character, the player can also play as Bandana Waddle Dee, Meta Knight, and King Dedede (“DEE-dee-dee”). For 10 points, give the name of this pink puffball whose copy ability lets him inhale and absorb the powers of his enemies.

ANSWER: **Kirby** [the light novel series is called *Hoshi no Kirby* or *Kirby of the Stars*; Anti-Kirbies are enemies in *Link’s Awakening*]

<Video Games> [BJ]

14. Remember those Math Limerick bonuses from the last two packets? If you don’t remember, don’t worry because we love limericks here, for some reason. Take an Agatha Christie Limerick bonus on-the-house. For 10 points each:

a. There once was a ride from the East / Where a man was maimed like a beast / A dozen wounds / And so many clues / and the reason that Ratchett’s deceased.

ANSWER: **Murder on the Orient Express**

b. This man on that murderous train / Has earned himself “Christie-an” fame / With his “little grey cells” / Who worked in Brussels (“bruh-SELLS”) / And a limp from his leg briefly lame.

ANSWER: Hercule **Poirot** (“PWAH-roh”)

c. The last with Hercule Poirot / was this book with his final foe / Five murders by X / and none know who’s next / they needed Shakespeare’s *Othello*.

ANSWER: **Curtain**

<Literature> [LT]

15. In one song, someone states that this singer looks like the genetic product of a giraffe and Ellen DeGeneres. In that same song, he keeps prolonged eye-contact with another person for thirty seconds before performing a fake magic trick. During another song that parodies a Kanye West auto-tuned speech, this singer complains about a bad Chipotle burrito and not being able to fit his hand in a Pringles can before honestly stating that his biggest problem is trying to (*) please his audience. In another song by this singer, he tells the audience to “book a therapy session, talk about your depression,” and later spews a list of items including “sky-dive attached to a fridge, drink a Haitian guy’s blood.” For 10 points, give the name of this singer who, in addition to singing songs such as “Can’t Handle This” and “Kill Yourself,” directed the 2018 movie *Eighth Grade*.

ANSWER: Bo **Burnham** [or Robert Pickering “Bo” **Burnham**]

<Music> [BJ]

15. For 10 points each, answer the following about things that are each called “the game of kings:”

a. This “game of kings,” a descendant of the game Shatranj along with makruk, shatar, and janggi, is regulated by the FIDE.

ANSWER: **Chess** [also accept **Mad Queen’s Game** but tell them the 1400s called and they want their phraseology back]

b. The forward to “Little Wars,” a book by H.G. Wells that pioneered this sort of game, calls the title version “the game of kings—for players in an inferior social position.” The “king” of this field is probably the *Warhammer* series of games.

ANSWER: **Miniature Wargaming** [accept alternate word forms; prompt on partial answers]

c. This game, called by some the “game of kings,” was banned by one king of Scotland in 1457, and unbanned by another in 1502. It can also be miniature and often involves windmills when it is.

ANSWER: **Golf**

<Activities> [MS]

16. Up until April 2015, it was legal to kill Basque people in this country. That law from this country was traced back to the year 1615 and the Slaying of the Spaniards, where people from this country killed and mutilated thirty-two shipwrecked Basques for stealing dried fish. In another incident, Barbary pirates enslaved roughly 1% of this country's population, known as this country's Turkish Raid. According to the (*) Landnámabók ("LANT-nuh-muh-bohk"), this country's founder and first permanent settler threw two pillars into the sea as he prepared to come aground and vowed to settle wherever they landed. This country, that was not settled until the mid-9th century, holds the oldest parliament in the world, called the Althing ("AL-ting"). For 10 points, give the name of this country—Europe's least densely populated country with a capital at Reykjavik ("RAY-kyah-veek").

ANSWER: **Iceland**

<Academic> [BJ]

16. For 10 points each, answer the following about *Gunfighter Ballads and Trail Songs*:

a. *Gunfighter Ballads and Trail Songs* is an album by this man, whose pose on the cover of that album has become a meme in its own right.

ANSWER: Marty **Robbins** [or Martin "Marty" David **Robinson**]

b. This "gunfighter ballad" is about an Arizona ranger who carries the titular object on his hip, while chasing an outlaw named Texas Red.

ANSWER: "**Big Iron**"

c. In contrast, this song—one of the "trail songs"—is about the titular substance, the illusory appearance of which is attributed to "a devil, not a man."

ANSWER: "**Cool, Clear Water**"

<Music> [MS]

17. One 2019 game on this platform is among the largest downloadable video games of all time, at a whopping 121 gigabytes. That game, which has been praised for its immersive Norse-based combat system, is *Asgard's Wrath*. A black and white game for this system produced by Twisted Pixel features voice actors Peter Weller and Rosario Dawson. Despite explicit promises to the contrary, in October 2020 this platform was folded in with Portal and Spark AR, and new accounts on this platform became tied to its parent company's accounts. Exclusives on this system include (*) *The Climb*, *Robo Recall*, and *Lone Echo*. The company of the same name that produces this system is named after the Latin word for eye. For 10 points, what virtual reality system now owned by Facebook competes with Valve Index and the HTC Vive?

ANSWER: **Oculus** [accept specific Oculus consoles like **Oculus** Rift, **Oculus** Quest (2), **Oculus** Rift S, or **Oculus** Go; prompt on CV1; prompt on VR or Virtual Reality with "what specific system?"]

<Video Games> [JC]

17. For 10 points each, answer the following about West Virginian Podcaster Justin McElroy ("MAC-uhl-roy"):

a. Justin appears on the podcast *Sawbones* where he and his wife, Dr. Sydnee McElroy, discuss the history of medicine. The first episode of the podcast focused on this medical practice which has a modern usage and is sometimes necessary despite an idiom saying the contrary, evidence of which goes back to 6500 BCE.

ANSWER: **Trepanning** [also accept **trepanation** or **trephination**; prompt on descriptions such as "drilling a hole in the skull"]

b. An oft repeated mantra of the show is used whenever the list of supposed benefits of a treatment get especially long or varied. The mantra says that substances with this property "cure nothing."

ANSWERS: **Cure-all**s [also accept **panaceas**]

c. Justin also appears on *The Adventure Zone*, a *Dungeons & Dragons* podcast with his father and two brothers. In the Balance arc, he played this gay elf wizard on a quest to invent the food he shares a name with. His catchphrase is “Abrakafuck you!”

ANSWER: **Taako** (“taco”)

<Internet Culture> [BM]

18. This YouTuber uses a cast of outrageous characters in pseudo-Socratic dialogues, including Lady Foppington, a 18th century aesthete (“ATH-steet”), Tabby, an anarchist catgirl, and Justine, a centrist who hosts the Freedom Report. She has stated that the best line she has written is “We must stand as erect as Odin’s spear in defiance of the (*) gay agenda.” This Youtuber invited controversy when she released merch with a reptilian person in a suit on it saying, “David Icke was Right.” Some of her most popular videos include ones on incels, TERFs, and one on Jordan Peterson where she calls him “daddy” and pours milk over a mannequin with a picture of his face on it. For 10 points, name this non-PhilosophyTube YouTuber who started to make videos when she was a Philosophy TA while she presented as a man.

ANSWER: **ContraPoints** [or Natalie **Wynn**]

<Internet Culture> [BM]

18. Every masochist loves a good question where all of the answers are musical instruments. Let’s make it more fun by looking into some stranger ones. For 10 points each:

a. This Japanese electronic synthesizer is shaped like an eighth note or a tadpole and has a face. This instrument is played by placing one’s fingers on a ribbon on the neck to control the pitch and by squeezing the head to make the mouth open and produce a nasal sound.

ANSWER: **Otamotone**

b. This instrument’s sound is typically associated with spooky things like aliens or ghosts, possibly due to its wavering noise. This instrument is played by moving one’s hands near two antennae to determine the frequency and volume of the sound.

ANSWER: **Theremin** [also accept **Aetherphone**, **Thereminophone**, **Termenvox**, or **Thereminvox**]

c. This instrument is better known as “that one instrument that every horror movie uses for its sound effects.” The instrument consists of many bronze rods of variable length and diameter sitting in a stainless-steel bowl that is filled with fluid. It is played by drumming the bowl or by running a bow along the rods, producing a dissonant and echoey noise.

ANSWER: AquaSonic **Waterphone** [also accept **Ocean Harp**]

<Academic> [BJ]

19. One consistent rule of this sport is that players are not allowed to question the use of masks and organized play of this sport existed at Washington University in St. Louis as late as 2010. Journalists have occasionally brought attention to this sport, although its name often takes on a negative connotation when applied to politics. In one instance, a game of this sport began after a football player was revealed to be a badminton player in disguise. In another instance, a player is denied passage to Wicket Five due to this game’s (*) “only permanent” rule, causing the score to remain at Q to 12. The first appearance of this game includes the declaration that “no sport is less organized than” it and this game’s inventor sings a song claiming that “you know it’s great, ‘cause it’s named after me!” For 10 points, what sport with constantly changing rules appears in a comic strip drawn by Bill Watterson?

ANSWER: **Calvinball**

<Literature> [MS]

19. Brian David Gilbert was the host of Polygon's show *Unraveled*, in which he lost his mind over rationalizing video game minutiae. For 10 points each:

a. In preparation for one video, he spent a year reading the 28 novels associated with this Microsoft game series. Highlighted in the video is an oddly prescient quote seemingly about *Unraveled* from this series's book *Mortal Dictata*.

ANSWER: Halo

b. In another video, BDG and Adam Moussa cook every recipe in this game under the same limitations given in the source material and rate them according to taste and how much health that they would heal. The top-rated recipe from this game ended up being fried bread which they rated fifteen hearts.

ANSWER: *The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild* [prompt on *The Legend of Zelda*]

c. In yet another video, he attempts to fix the soundtrack of the *Fallout* universe by analyzing the purposes that music should fulfill. In the end, he accidentally invents the fourth wave of this pre-existing genre of music.

ANSWER: Ska

<Internet Culture> [BJ]

20. An Amiga game titled for these animals was followed by three sequels subtitled *Insult to Injury*, *Evolution – Lost in Time*, and *Meet the Ancestors!* A mediocre XBOX 360 game titled for these animals features the fight between the robotic Children of Ymir and the cybernetically enhanced Norse Gods. Another game titled for these animals was developed by the Lithuanian studio No Brakes Games and tasks white, (*) featureless versions of these animals with solving various physics-based puzzles. In an open-world action-adventure game series that is titled for these animals, these animals' brain stems are harvested for cloning purposes by the vulgar alien Crypto. A David Cage game named for these animals follows the androids Kara, Markus, and Connor. For 10 points, name these animals which are in the titles of games such as *Destroy All [these animals]!* and *Detroit: Become [this animal]*.

ANSWER: Humans [also accept *The Humans*, *Too Human*, *Human: Fall Flat*, *Destroy All Humans!*, or *Detroit: Become Human*]

<Video Games> [BJ]

20. Is there anything more indicative of shallow celebrity culture than intense analysis of their children's strange names and their relationships? However, being the quintessential Trash Tournament, we do not get to ignore such prime bonus material. For 10 points each:

a. This actress has received flak for many products associated with her lifestyle brand Goop, like healing stickers and strange-scented candles, but she also named her daughter, with Coldplay's Chris Martin, Apple.

ANSWER: Gwyneth Kate Paltrow

b. This actress's daughter with fashion designer Arpad Busson is named Rosalind Arusha Arkadina Altalune Florence which somehow shortens to Luna. This former partner of Ethan Hawke's is the subject of a popular 2015 song.

ANSWER: Uma Karuna Thurman

c. Nicholas Cage and Alice Kim christened their son with this name because it is something that "stands for good, [is] unique, and American." This name originated as the birth name of a popular character portrayed by actors such as Brandon Routh, Christopher Reeve, and Henry Cavill.

ANSWER: Kal-El

<Film> [BJ]

