

A Mind is a Terrible Thing to...OH! A New Video Game!

TTGT11 VI: Lick My Love Pump

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Subject: Videogames and videogaming in the modern era. If you're waiting for some Atari or Colecovision tossups, you'd be better off waiting for Mario to appear in a game pantsless. This packet, like life, is for the living.

Tossups

1. This company has had a long and successful run since it was first founded as part of a larger multimedia conglomerate. Their most recent release RTX Red Rock has tanked but they have had much more success with movie games in the past. Classic games include Sam and Max Hit the Road, (*) Maniac Mansion, and the comedy classic The Day of the Tentacle. FTP what branch of the George Lucas Empire has created the numerous Indiana Jones and Star Wars games.

Answer: Lucas Arts

2. Trout flavored Yogurt and a man named Mr. Poochyfud are typical encounters in this game titled Mother 2 in Japan. A psychic daycare worker named Paula, a silent boarding school student named Jeff who has a homosexual admirer (*), and a prince called Poo round out your group of friends who are committed to what else than stopping an evil alien invasion from the future. Don't forget to call your Dad so he can wire you money over the ATM and be sure to call your Mom regularly to alleviate homesickness. FTP this describes what classic Super NES RPG, whose hero Ness is most famous for moonlighting in the Smash Bros. games.

Answer: Earthbound (Mother 2) before stated

3. He says he got the idea for Pikmin by looking at his garden and imagining he was an insect. And he confesses he usually would rather play his guitar than play videogames (*). He was unanimously selected as the first man to be honored by the Academy of Interactive Arts and Sciences with a lifetime achievement award. It is in fact impossible to imagine the world of videogames without the contributions made by, FTP, what most prolific game designer of all time who created hits such as Super Mario Bros. and Ocarina of Time.

Answer: Shigeru Miyamoto

4. [WARNING! The answer is not simply 'video games'] Crazy Taxi, Bloodrayne, Metroid, Double Dragon, Resident Evil, Soul Caliber (*), Final Fantasy, Doom, Driv3r, Wing Commander, Resident Evil 3, Street Fighter, Tomb Raider, and Super Mario Bros, FTP all have been adapted to what other medium?

Answer: all have been or are being adapted into Movies (accept equivalents)

5. It would unquestionably be a bad place to live, owing to the appalling small number of restrooms and confusing building layout. It was however well-appointed with a city hall, hospital, university, clock tower, hotel many fine restaurants, and police station that curiously locked its doors with medallions and chess pieces (*). It was a Midwestern city of about a 100,000 people that suffered a devastating outbreak of the T-Virus sometime around Sept. 20th 1998. By Oct. 1 the president had no choice and FTP nuked out of existence this city named a after a nocturnal animal.

Answer: Racoon City

6. This year Sony's display area was the largest, Microsoft's was as usual the loudest (*) but Nintendo had the biggest bombshells to unleash, including the unveiling of a new "grown-up" Link and unveiling of the Nintendo DS. Just another year at the Los Angeles Convention Center, annual home to the largest event in gaming. Only industry insiders are allowed inside to get first looks at upcoming titles and listen to corporate rhetoric. FTP, this is what videogame exposition?

Answer: E3 or Electronic Entertainment Expo

7. This series unintentionally offended in its Fall 2001 release by using for its slogan the phrase "Let's roll" made famous by passengers who defied 9/11 hijackers. The fracas drew attention to what was perhaps the Gamecube's best launch title. The four heroes include banana-loving AiAi (*), his admirer MeeMee, their child from the future known as Baby, and former bad guy GonGon. Together they foil the nefarious schemes of the evil Dr. Badboon. Oh, and its' your job to FTP roll along these simians in their clear balls in what series famous for its myriad of popular party games?

Answer: Super Monkey Ball (1 and 2 are both acceptable)

8. Their threat could no longer be ignored when they destroyed a helpless ship, the *Iason*, carrying orphaned refugees. Their numeric system is based on 8 rather than 10 since they possess 4 claws on each hand. Evolving from predators on the steppes of their homeworld they have always been intensely warlike and expansionist (*). Society revolves around service to one's h'rai or clan and fealty to the Emperor and the God Sivar who annually requires gristly sacrifices. They finally succumbed to the Confederation after more than 40 years of war after the destruction of their homeworld Kilrah. They are FTP what feline alien species, the main adversaries in the Wing Commander series.

Answer: The Kilrathi

9. In this game, someone is monitoring the activities of the town with robotic Bees who naturally give up tokens when smashed. It's up to the Simpson family to get to the bottom of this case (*). Who else is going to, Chief Wiggum? Drive dozens of different authentic Simpsons vehicles from the monorail to Cletus's pickup truck. Visit landmarks like the Springfield Retirement Castle and the Nuclear Power Plant all the while completing Grand Theft Auto style missions for the denizens of Springfield. This is FTP what latest Simpsons driving game.

Answer: Simpsons: Hit and Run

10. This year's inclusion of the patented FielderCam attempted to shift the action into a more intense 3rd person view instead of the traditional detached. Naturally the cover athlete has grossly inflated abilities which still only manage to make him an overpaid B player (*). While holding out for more money, Barry Bonds has refused to include his likeness in the game so he has been replaced with a 39 year-old white guy named Wes Mailman. FTP what baseball sim has the loathsome evil-empire shortstop Derek Jeter as cover athlete this year?

Answer: All Star Baseball 2005

11. Ed Asner lent his voice to portray the wary Master Vrook in this game, set a few years after the Mandalorian War (*). Developed by Bioware it has a distinctly American feel to its RPG conventions like open-ended gameplay and player created characters. Combat looks like a 3rd person adventure game but in fact the game uses the Dungeons and Dragons system to roll dice to determine the outcome of each blaster shot and each lightsaber swing. It is FTP what acclaimed 2003 release set in the Star Wars universe thousands of years before the original trilogy?

Answer: Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic

12. Brainchild of the late Gunpei Yokai it has dominated all competitors in its realm since it debuted in 1989. Challengers included the Wonderswan, the Nomad (*), the Neo Geo Pocket, Tiger Handhelds, the Game Gear and most recently the N-Gage. Success has been attributed to an emphasis on quality games and sustained battery life over flashy graphics. Various profitable incarnations over the years include have all contributed to making it the most sold game system of all time. It is FTP what legendary Nintendo portable gaming system?

Answer: Gameboy

13. In 1988 Akkclaim threatened to pull its advertising because of a bad review of Schwarzenegger's NES turd *Total Recall*. The bluff was called and honest unbiased reviews of Gaming's best and worst continue to this day (*). Mysterious Ninja/Game reviewer Sushi-X has been missing for years but his cohorts can be found weekly on CNN reviewing games. Popular sections include gaming gossip columnist Quarterman, Tip's n' Tricks, the off-kilter hijinks of comic duo Hsu and Chan, and the hilarious Sean Baby who is monthly subjected to the worst games around. It is FTP what most widely circulated and read video game magazine in America?

Answer: EGM or (Electronic Gaming Monthly)

14. One half launched in 2003 with the slogan "watch what you play" and hoped to lure gamers (*) away from their games long enough to be a successful network. Signature shows include, Arena, where teams play against each other for a paltry cash prize, and Judgment Day deals with game reviews a la Siskel and Ebert. In the Summer of 2004 it merged with another network best known for shows like X-Play, and Anime Unleashed. FTP what is the new name of merged gaming networks.

Answer: G4TechTV

15. Prawn Island, Escobar International Airport, Hyman Memorial Stadium, Ocean Beach (*), North Point, Fort Baxter Air Base, Starfish Island, Leaf Links, Star View Heights, Downtown, Little Havana, Westhaven Community Healthcare Center, Washington Beach, Little Haiti. FTP These are all locations in what sun-drenched crime-ridden city?

Answer: Vice City

16. The design team has incorporated 35,000 buildings, 156 square miles of pavement, and an incredibly complex physics system. All manner of weapons are available to the player from handguns to grenade launchers and freedom to accomplish missions in a variety of different ways. Michael Madsen of Kill Bill fame plays the Wheelman, Tanner, (*) who travels from Miami to Nice and Istanbul. FTP, this is what spring 2004 release "the thinking man's Grand Theft Auto" with an absurdly written name.

Answer: Driv3r

17. Developed in the 1980's, ownership rights for the game have since fallen into a protracted legal battle. The copyright has been complicated since the game was developed behind the Iron Curtain for the use (*) of Russian scientists. The game's undisputed creator Alexei Patjinov created it as a brain puzzle to entertain himself and his friends. It achieved unprecedented exposure when bundled in 1989 with the Nintendo GameBoy. It is FTP what classic puzzle game involving arranging falling bricks.

Answer: Tetris

18. **Their only predator is a powerful parasite known only as 'X' which quickly overran the ecosystem of SR-388 once they were all exterminated. They float and propel themselves quickly in jellyfish-like motions (*).** Coming in a variety of forms, they are best defeated by first freezing, then destroying with a barrage of missiles before they can counterattack. Their DNA has been highly sought as a bioweapon, but they are so dangerous that extraction has often proved fatal. The only one capable of handling the menace, as she did on planet Zebes, is bounty hunter Samus Aran who has sworn to stop, FTP, what intergalactic species.

Answer: Metroid(s)

19. **He prides himself on the fanatical secrecy that surrounds each of his big projects. Early titles like Policenauts and Zone of the Enders (*)** have a way of creeping into his later better known works. As research on their subject material he and his design team spent a month living in a military boot camp in the wilderness making themselves intimately familiar with Special Forces weaponry, tactics and lingo. The experience paid off since his high profile series has been lauded for its ultra-realistic graphics and environments even if the closely guarded plots make no sense whatsoever. Who is FTP Konami's chief game designer, the creator of Metal Gear Solid?

Answer: Hideo Kojima

20. **A Goodwill ambassador on a trip from the Beanbean Kingdom turns out to be the diabolical Cackletta who steals Princess Peach's beautiful voice and replaces it with explosive bombs that detonate when she speaks (*).** Bowser is distraught since he cannot kidnap her in this condition. A wary Mario teams up with his old nemesis and brings his reluctant brother along for the adventure. A colorful RPG in the tradition of Paper Mario this game is actually one of the funniest games ever made. FTP, don't be fooled by kiddie look of what Nintendo Gamboy Advance hit.

Answer: Mario and Luigi: Superstar Saga

21. **This game probably has the most famous cast ever. Actors include, Sean Astin, James Woods, Danny DeVito, and the main character Sora is voiced (*)** by Haley Joel Osment before his voice cracked. Rounding out the cast is an all-star assortment of classic Final Fantasy Characters like Cloud Strife, and Squall Leonheart. They are joined by a massive group of Disney characters from Dumbo and Tarzan to Donald Duck and Goofy your main party members. One by one the worlds of Disney are being overrun eradicated by and unstoppable force called the Heartless. It is up to you to wield the legendary Keyblade and rescue King Mickey in FTP what excellent Squaresoft 2002 game.

Kingdom Hearts

22. **He helped found Firaxis games after he and some of his colleagues left Microprose. His first big title was Pirates! which he and his studio are (*)** currently remaking. He found later success with the Civil War in games Gettysburg and Antietam both of which bore his name before the title. He was also the first American to win an Academy of Interactive Arts and Sciences award. However, he is best known for FTP creating the legendary Civilization series.

Answer: Sid Meier

Bonuses

1. Match the flamboyant pretty boy with his respective Final Fantasy FTSNP.
 - a. 5 points: Tidus **Answer: Final Fantasy 10**
 - b. 10 points: Locke **Answer: FF 3 or 6**
 - c. 15 points : Laguna Loire **Answer: FF 8**

2. Metal Gear Solid's FOXHOUND is an elite Special Forces unit; however a requirement for joining is an absurd name, a la Maverick from Top Gun or Buckaroo Bonzai. Identify names True or False as belonging to FOXHOUND members for 5 points each
 - a. Vulcan Raven **Answer: T**
 - b. Revolver Ocelot **Answer: T**
 - c. Sniper Foxman **Answer: F**
 - d. El Panda Loco **Answer: F**
 - e. Cyborg Ninja **Answer: T**
 - f. Decoy Octopus **Answer: T**

3. 30-20-10 Name the game from actors who lent their voices.
 - 30- David Wenham and John Rhys-Davies
 - 20- Billy Boyd, Andy Serkis
 - 10- Elijah Wood and Sean Astin

Answer: Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King or LOTR:ROTK

4. It seems that Videogame music composers are finally earning some respect. (Editors note: Whaaat?) For 15 points each, identify from description the two most famous game composers in history. (Here's a hint, they're both Japanese)
 - a. A L.A. opera house sold out in less than a day for a special performance of his collected works stretching back from Final Fantasy 1 on the NES to FFX on the PS2.

Answer: Nobuo Uematsu (accept approximate pronunciation)
 - b. He famously wrote the music for Mario's original adventures on the NES and his simple songs have burned their way into the memory of most gamers.

Answer: Koji Kondo

5. Name the company from titles they released in 2004 FTPE or for 5 points for a clue.
 - a. 10-Medal of Honor: Rising Sun
5-This is the house that Madden built **Answer: Electronic Arts or EA**
 - b. 10-Star Ocean: Till the End of Time
5-This the house that Final Fantasy built **Answer: SquareEnix**
 - c. 10-Spiderman2
5-This is the house the Tony Hawk built **Answer: Activision**

6. Match the corporate official at the head his respective console maker's game department FTPE
 - a. Kaz Hirai **Answer: Sony**
 - b. Satoru Iwata **Answer: Nintendo**
 - c. Ed Fries **Answer: Microsoft**

7. While it may look like SquareEnix has a stranglehold on the RPG market some intrepid companies dare to release their own series without Final or Fantasy in the title. Identify the long running non-Final Fantasy RPG series from clues FTPE

a. In Capcom's well established series each edition stars a young boy named Ryu who can, what else?, transform into a dragon.

Answer: Breath of Fire

b. Namco's Tales series is known for frenetic combat and lighthearted storylines, what is the name of the newest edition, a Gamecube exclusive?

Answer: Tales of Symphonia

c. Sega's premier long-running Sci-Fi RPG franchise dates back to the 8-bit days but has now become most famous as a modern online pioneer.

Phantasy Star

8. Sonics and Marios don't grow on trees and the gaming populace likes nothing less than an in your face attitude animal trying to establish itself as a corporate mascot in yet another unremarkable platformer. FTPE identify the mascot on the scrap heap of history.

a. Microsoft called him a "Mario-killer" and hoped this feline "janitor of Time" would attract audiences and establish xbox a hit other than Halo. They were wrong.

Answer: Blinx

b. Sony launched him originally as an alternative to Mario 64 and this marsupial with pants was featured in ads making fun of Nintendo and Sega with a loudspeaker. He has actually met with moderate commercial success.

Answer: Crash Bandicoot

c. He was Eidos's biggest star before Lara Croft and he appeared in several forgettable games full of recycled movie parodies like Enter the Gecko.

Answer: Gex

9. 30-20-10 Guess the game from Actors and Actress who lent their voices.

30- John Cleese and Shannon Elizabeth

20- Willem Dafoe and Mya

10- Pierce Brosnan and Judi Dench

Answer: 007: Everything or Nothing

10. A surprising trend has developed in the surprising trend developing among gamers. Dance Dance Revolution song lists are usually populated by Euro dance music and eclectic J-Pop. However, more and more classical works are popping up in remixed forms. Given a composer and artist provide the song in question FTPE.

a. This is a speed rave remix by No.9 of Beethoven's "9th Symphony in D minor".

Answer: End of the Century

b. This is a hot dance remake of Edvard Greig's classic *In the Hall of the Mountain King* by British artist Captain Jack.

Answer: Dream a Dream

c. This dance remake by dj TAKA and NAOKI of Frederic Chopin's enchanting work "*Revolutionary*" has a title that means Revolutionary when translated into English.

Answer: KAKUMEI

11. Why is it that in every World War 2 game you wind up having to personally kill just about every Nazi Soldier ever spawned and claim every beach head by yourself and capture Hitler's Zombie/Robot brain all alone before the war can end. Answer these questions about WW2 shooter action FTPE.
a. The newest iteration of the 3-D classic this game has you step into the boots of G.I. B.J. Blaskowitz as you face the inevitable legions of Nazi Zombies.

Answer: Return to Castle Wolfenstein

b. This game's first level not so faithfully recreates D-Day as you must single handedly remove almost every German foxhole on coast of France.

Answer: Medal of Honor: Frontline

c. This game actually uses large scale multi-vehicular combat with solid online play. Expansion pack Road to Rome has also been a top seller along with the original.

Answer: Battlefield 1942

12. Let's celebrate the 15th birthday of the Gameboy with a question about the various forms it has taken over the years. Arrange the different systems of Gameboy lineage in order of first of appearance from least to most recent from the provided list (read list twice): Gameboy, Gameboy Color, Gameboy SP, Gameboy Advance, Gameboy Pocket, Virtual Boy.

Answer:
Gameboy
Gameboy Pocket
Virtual Boy
Gameboy Color
Gameboy Advance
Gameboy SP

13. Without bad games there wouldn't be good ones so please suffer through this bonus and given a quote from a Seanbaby review provide the shitty-ass game in question 15 points for each correctly identified monstrosity

a. "An expertly calculated attack on happiness" "am I the only one that noticed that Mike Myers in that makeup is a childhood vision of horror? "The word evil doesn't begin to describe it. Neither does the word plorkenborg, but to plorkenborg's credit I just made it up so it wouldn't be fair to judge it by the same descriptive standards as real words."

Answer: The Cat in the Hat

b. "I was surprised to be fighting Eskimos, I think they had freeze rays but aside from that they were ordinary Eskimos. They weren't riding igloo tanks or riding battle walruses or anything." "Although terrible this game gets credit for zero Aquaman sightings-which is the best accolade any superhero game can achieve."

Answer: Justice League Chronicles

14. This year Mega Man celebrates his 15th anniversary making him one of gaming's oldest legends. In honor of the little robot boy with a heart of gold answer these questions about his illustrious past F5PE.

(10) His nickname that makes him sound like an old time Yankee

Answer: The Blue Bomber

(5) Mega's long-haired lightsaber-using compatriot from the X series

Answer: Zero

(5) The name of the nefarious Doctor who wants to rule the world

Answer: Dr. Wiley

(10) Mega Man's name in Japan. (*It goes with his dog's name, 'Roll'*)

Answer: Rockman

15. Capcom's series of Vs. games are very popular and feature an enormous cast of fighters culled from videogames and comics. Given a fighter from a Vs. game identify the videogame series in which they made their first appearance FTPE.

10 points: Morrigan Aensland

Answer: Darkstalkers

10 points: Mai Shiranui

Answer: King of Fighters

10 points: Sagat

Answer: Street Fighter

16. Please decipher these common videogame abbreviations FTSNOP.

a. 10-points: MMORPG

Answer: Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game

b. 10-points each, both meanings of FPS

Answer: First Person Shooter

Frames per Second

17. Mario Bros. 2 is a unique title in Mario history for a number of reasons, please answer these questions about that classic title FTPE.

a. For one the game was not set in the traditional backdrop of the Mushroom Kingdom, instead it took place in this strangely named world that has not been revisited.

Answer: SubCon

b. While it allowed gamers to play as Mario, Luigi, Peach, and Toad the game was curiously missing Bowser who is the final boss in almost all Mario games. Who replaced him instead?

Answer: Wart

c. Truth is that Nintendo was concerned their sequel to Mario Bros. was too difficult for American gamers so they purchased another game and swapped out the original hero, a Middle Eastern prince, for Mario and gang. What was the title of the original game?

Answer: Doki Doki Panic

18. The playful, child friendly, and extremely militant world of Advance Wars is divided into fractured nationalistic warlike states that battle each other for world dominance in adorable military hardware.

Identify if the name of a warring army actually comes from the children's Gameboy Classic. 5 points for each True or False question.

a. White Sun **Answer: F**

b. Green Earth **Answer: T**

c. Black Hole **Answer: T**

d. Yellow Star **Answer: F**

e. Orange Comet **Answer: F**

f. Blue Moon **Answer: T**

19. Given a member of Raccoon City's elite police task force S.T.A.R.S. tell if they have been turned into a zombie as of Resident Evil 3. 5 points for each right answer.

a. Enrico Marini **Answer: not zombie** (*was shot through the heart by his teammate*)

b. Chris Redfield **Answer: not zombie** (*heros never zombify*)

c. Brad Vickers **Answer: zombie** (*even though his head is impaled by a tentacle*)

d. Forest Speyer **Answer: zombie** (*via zombie crows, the lowliest animal in zombiedom*)

e. Joseph Frost **Answer: zombie** (*torn apart by zombie dogs in the first game*)

f. Albert Wesker **Answer: not zombie** (*survived having lungs ripped out via miracle drug*)

20. Chrono Trigger teaches us that if the world needs saving, just give some plucky teenagers a time machine and everything sorts itself out. FFPE, given a member of Crono's party from the game give the appropriate time period he or she originally comes from using this handy list of time periods. I will read the list twice: 65 million B.C.; 12,000 B.C.; 600 A.D.; 1000 A.D.; 1999 A.D.; 2200 A.D. (repeat list)

a. Crono **Answer: 1,000 A.D.**

b. Frog **Answer: 600 A.D.**

c. Ayala **Answer: 65 million B.C.**

d. Magus **Answer: 12,000 B.C.**

e. Robo **Answer: 2200 A.D.**

f. Marle **Answer: 1000 A.D.**