1. For 10 points each, answer the following about Miley Cyrus's apparent inability to wear clothing:

[10] In August 2015, Miley posted a nude selfie to this photo-sharing service, on which she has almost 33 million followers.

ANSWER: Instagram

[10] Cyrus briefly exposed herself on live television while she was hosting this award show in 2015.

ANSWER: MTV Video Music Awards [or VMAs; prompt on MTV Awards]

[10] Cyrus has posed in various stages of undress for several magazines, including this one, which prominently did the same for Kim Kardashian in its Winter 2014 issue.

ANSWER: Paper

2. This series came to an end with a two-hour finale titled *Immortality*. For 10 points each: [10] Name this long-running drama series set in Las Vegas, which spawned spin-offs set in several cities.

ANSWER: **CSI**: Crime Scene Investigation

[10] The original *CSI* outlasted its spinoffs set in Miami and New York; however, this other spinoff set in Washington DC and focused on technological crimes is still on the air.

ANSWER: CSI: Cyber

[10] Both CSI and CSI: Cyber have featured this veteran actor as the forensics expert D.B.

Russell.

ANSWER: Ted Danson

3. The "Twitch Plays Pokemon" phenomenon spawned a large amount of unusual imitators. For 10 points each:

[10] One such imitation also played a Pokemon game, but determined all button presses based on one of these creatures' positions in a bowl shown by a separate camera.

ANSWER: **betta fish** [accept either, or **Fish Plays Pokemon**]

[10] Twitch users suffered 904 deaths trying to beat this action role-playing game set in the world of Lordran. This game is the first in a popular series by From Software.

ANSWER: **Dark Souls** 

[10] One of these nearly impossible-to-use "game" devices, sometimes known as "merchandizers" was also re-configured to be manipulated via Twitch, with predictable results.

ANSWER: claw machine [accept crane game anything close to that]

4. In this film, the production of a Baird Whitlock movie is interrupted when Whitlock is kidnapped. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this 2016 film, which fictionalizes Hollywood in the 1950's.

ANSWER: **Hail, Caesar!** 

[10] *Hail, Caesar!* was written and directed by these siblings, who also directed the celebrated adaptation of *No Country for Old Men*.

ANSWER: **Joel** and **Ethan Coen** [or the **Coen brothers** or just **Coens**]

[10] This star of *No Country for Old Men* appears in *Hail, Caesar!* as Eddie Mannix, who has his hands full trying to cover up Whitlock's disappearance.

ANSWER: Josh **Brolin** 

5. For 10 points each, answer the following about soccer teams in the Barclays Premiere League:

[10] Three teams in the league, based in West Ham, Newcastle and Manchester, have names ending in this word, which is sometimes used to indicate a merger of two separate clubs.

ANSWER: <u>United</u> [accept answers that include any of the aforementioned cities]

[10] The defending champion of the league is this London-based team, who fired Jose Mourinho [more-EEN-yo] as its manager after a poor start to the 2015-16 season.

ANSWER: Chelsea F.C.

[10] In the 2015-16 season, this team has stunningly remained near the top of the table in only its second BPL season since 2004. They are led by Jamie Vardy and Riyad Mahrez.

ANSWER: Leicester City F.C. [LES-ter "city"] [or The Foxes]

6. A 2015 advertisement for the BBC featured an abundance of artists, including Stevie Wonder and Dave Grohl, performing this song. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this iconic song by The Beach Boys, which wonders "what I'd be without you."

ANSWER: **God Only Knows** 

[10] Among the other performers in the ad was this Beach Boys frontman, whose brothers Dennis and Carl were also in the group. His life was the subject of the 2015 film *Love & Mercy*. ANSWER: Brian **Wilson** 

[10] This English singer, who fronts a namesake group that released the songs "Shake It Out" and "Dog Days are Over," also appeared in the video.

ANSWER: Florence Welch [accept either, or Florence and the Machine]

7. Wikipedia has a surprisingly detailed article titled "List of fictional ungulates in literature." For 10 points each:

[10] The first animal mentioned on the page is this orphaned deer created by Felix Salten, first introduced in a novel subtitled *A Life in the Woods*.

ANSWER: Bambi

[10] The list also mentions Puzzle, a donkey who poses as a fake Aslan in this final book in a series by C.S. Lewis.

ANSWER: The Last Battle

[10] Since an academic clue was bound to end up in this tournament at some point, the list also mentions this old and wise donkey from *Animal Farm*, who is the farm's eldest animal.

ANSWER: **Benjamin** 

8. For 10 points each, answer the following about a massive basketball fight known as "The Malice at the Palace":

[10] The "Malice at the Palace" is so named because it took place at the Palace of Auburn Hills, the home of this NBA team currently led by Andre Drummond.

ANSWER: **<u>Detroit</u> <u>Pistons</u>** [accept either]

[10] This then-Indiana Pacer, who leapt into the stands to attack a fan during the brawl, was suspended for 86 games. Give either his name at the time or the name he adopted in 2011. ANSWER: Ron **Artest** or Metta **World Peace** [prompt on partial last names in the latter case] [10] This long-time Pistons point guard, who also had two stints with the Nuggets, was suspended for one game for leaving the bench during the brawl.

ANSWER: Chauncey Billups

9. The New York City store Flight Club is a popular destination for these people. For 10 points each:

[10] Give this term for avid enthusiasts and collectors of athletic shoes.

ANSWER: sneakerheads

[10] One shoe line popular among sneakerheads is this collaboration between Nike and a noted rapper. These shoes marked the first partnership between Nike and a non-athlete.

ANSWER: Nike Air Yeezy

[10] This other popular Nike line, whose shoes are characterized by an engraved medallion at the bottom of the laces, is named for a certain American plane.

ANSWER: Nike **Air Force 1** [or **AF1**]

10. For 10 points each, answer the following about TV actress Melissa Benoist [beh-NOYST]: [10] Benoist plays the title superhero in this CBS series, which co-stars Mehcad Brooks as James Olsen.

ANSWER: Supergirl

[10] She also appeared as Marley Rose in the fourth and fifth seasons of this other series, on which she dated Noah Puckerman's half-brother Jake.

ANSWER: Glee

[10] Benoist also played Stacy Moore, a woman who wishes to join a harem in two episodes of this series about CIA officer Carrie Mathison.

ANSWER: **Homeland** 

11. Two songs from Pink Floyd's *Wish You Were Here* bid "Shine On" to this type of "Diamond." For 10 points each:

[10] Name this state of mind. A Paul Simon album title stated he was still this "After All These Years."

ANSWER: crazy

[10] "I remember when I lost my mind" is the opening lyric of "Crazy," a massive hit for this group consisting of Cee-Lo Green and Danger Mouse.

ANSWER: **Gnarls Barkley** 

[10] This Nigerian and British singer had a hit in 1991 with a song that declared "we're never gonna survive unless we get a little crazy."

ANSWER: **Seal** [or Seal **Samuel**]

12. For 10 points each, name these "zomcoms," which are comedic films about zombies: [10] Simon Pegg stars in this first film in the 'Cornetto' trilogy, in which he and his ex-girlfriend Liz escape to a pub during a zombie apocalypse.

ANSWER: Shaun of the Dead

[10] The zombie "R" remembers enough of his former life to fall in love in this 2013 film based on an Isaac Marion novel.

ANSWER: Warm Bodies

[10] A 1950's family adopts a zombie as a servant in this 2006 film. The family's young son gives the zombie his nickname, which is also the film's title.

ANSWER: Fido

13. Relief pitcher Josh Sborz was the most outstanding player of the 2015 iteration of this event. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this championship held annually in Omaha, Nebraska. In 2015, it was won by the University of Virginia.

ANSWER: College World Series [prompt on 'World Series']

[10] Virginia defeated this SEC school that won the 2014 College World Series. This Tennessee school's nickname is the Commodores.

ANSWER: Vanderbilt University

[10] Vanderbilt shortstop Dansby Swanson was taken as the first pick in the MLB draft by this team, whose 98-loss season in 2014 led to the firing of GM Kevin Towers.

ANSWER: **Arizona Diamondbacks** [accept either]

14. A disclaimer shown at the end of this awards show states that a related company is allowed to choose its winners, regardless of the viewers' votes. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this stupid awards show, that "determines" high school-aged people's favorite stars in various categories. It airs on Fox every August.

ANSWER: Teen Choice Awards

[10] Teen Choice Awards winners are given one of these objects as a trophy. These objects have been used professionally by Kelly Slater and Bethany Hamilton.

ANSWER: **surfboard**s [do not accept or prompt on 'surfers']

[10] This popular Vine user, who starred in the 2014 film *Expelled*, drew attention to the awards being fixed, claiming he was told he'd won six days before voting ended.

ANSWER: Cameron Dallas

15. This song solved once and for all the mystery of whether or not Patrick Monahan's chest was untrimmed. For 10 points each:

[10] Name song by Train, whose subject is asked the unusual question "is that Mr. Mister on the radio?"

ANSWER: **Hey, Soul Sister** 

[10] The main riff of "Hey Soul Sister" is played on one of these four-stringed instruments.

ANSWER: ukulele

[10] Patrick Monahan was somehow inspired to write "Hey, Soul Sister" after wondering what this annual Nevada festival was like.

ANSWER: **Burning Man** 

16. Forbes, who is *still* the authority on what people have the most money, also released a list of the world's wealthiest *fictional* characters in 2013. For 10 points each:

[10] This Scottish bird topped the list. Forbes noted he regained the top spot after recovering much of his fortune from Flintheart Glomgold.

ANSWER: Scrooge **McDuck** [prompt on 'Scrooge']

[10] "This resident of The Lonely Mountain finished second on the list. The magazine claimed he obtained his fortune simply from "Marauding."

ANSWER: **Smaug** ["smowg"]

[10] The third place finisher was this long-time doctor and resident of Forks, Washington who earned billions from accruing interest on his savings over 343 years.

ANSWER: Carlisle Cullen [prompt on 'Cullen']

17. This woman fired back at her former co-stars, including Catelynn and Maci, after they called out her promiscuity. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this former reality TV star, who more recently recorded the music album *My Teenage Dream Ended* and deliberately released a sex tape.

ANSWER: Farrah Abraham

[10] Farrah Abraham first gained fame from her appearances on two MTV reality series about young parenthood. Name either series.

ANSWER: 16 and Pregnant OR Teen Mom

[10] Despite ostensibly exhibiting a Hollywood lifestyle, Abraham actually grew up in this midwestern state.

ANSWER: lowa

18. The development of this game was greenlit by Paradox Interactive after a similar 2013 game was poorly received. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this 2015 urban simulation and management game. Its name evokes the view of its creations from a distance.

ANSWER: **Cities: Skylines** [prompt on partial answers]

[10] *Cities: Skylines* is highly influenced by this Will Wright-created series. Its most recent version was criticized for requiring a persistent internet connection.

ANSWER: SimCity

[10] The latest *SimCity* also drew ire for requiring players to play it via this EA distribution service, even if it was purchased elsewhere.

ANSWER: Origin

19. It stars Bill Hader as the villainous Dr. Malocchio, who opposes the title team. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this Hulu animated series about a group of superheroes, including Muscleman and Gadget Gal.

ANSWER: The **Awesomes** 

[10] This creator of *The Awesomes* voices team leader Captain Doctor Awesome. This man replaced Jimmy Fallon as host of NBC's *Late Night* in 2014.

ANSWER: Seth Meyers

[10] Impresario, another member of The Awesomes, is voiced by this actor, who is also the longest-tenured African-American in the history of *Saturday Night Live*.

ANSWER: Kenan **Thompson** 

20. For 10 points each, name these actresses who played British queens:

[10] This actress has played Elizabeth I twice, most recently in *Elizabeth: The Golden Age*. She is better known for playing Galadriel in *The Lord of The Rings* and *The Hobbit*.

ANSWER: Cate Blanchett

[10] This actress has played both Queen Elizabeths on screen, winning an Oscar for playing the second of them in 2007's *The Queen*.

ANSWER: Helen Mirren

[10] This co-star of the action films *Looper* and *Edge of Tomorrow* also played the title royal in *Young Victoria*.

ANSWER: Emily **Blunt**