1. For 10 points each, answer the following about Saruman [SAHR-oo-mahn]:

[10] Saruman ultimately served this Dark Lord, though he initially did so with the intention of betraying him.

ANSWER: **Sauron**

[10] Saruman lives in Orthanc, a massive structure that towers over this walled section of Gondor.

ANSWER: <u>Isengard</u> ["EYE-sen-"guard", accept <u>Angrenost</u>]

[10] During the War of the Ring, Saruman manipulated this other wizard into luring Gandalf to his capture at Orthanc. This wizard was primarily concerned with Middle Earth's flora and fauna.

ANSWER: **Radagast**

2. For 10 points each, name these American punk rock bands:

[10] Joey, Johnny and Dee Dee were among the namesake members of this pioneering New York band behind "I Wanna Be Sedated" and "Blitzkrieg Bop."

ANSWER: The Ramones

[10] "Holiday in Cambodia" was by this controversial group, who were sometimes called the DK's due to their name's reference to a presidential assassination.

ANSWER: **Dead Kennedys**

[10] Greg Ginn has reunited this band numerous times, usually without former member Henry Rollins. This group gets their name from a common symbol of anarchism.

ANSWER: **Black Flag**

3. 2015 was apparently the year where video games started using pre-filmed full motion video again. For 10 points each:

[10] One example of the trend was a new game in this rhythm game series, in which players play a certain instrument to "real" crowds who cheer or boo based on performance.

ANSWER: **Guitar Hero** [accept **Guitar Hero Live**]

[10] This racing franchise rebooted in 2015 after the underwhelming 2013 installment *Rivals*. The new version features amusingly cheesy full-motion video story sequences.

ANSWER: **Need for Speed**

[10] This highly regarded "interactive movie" tasks players with watching police videos concerning Hannah Smith and her murdered husband Simon.

ANSWER: Her Story

4. Areas in this game include the Cakeway and Gumball Gorge. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this video game whose characters include Candlehead and Minty Sakura.

ANSWER: Sugar Rush

[10] Sugar Rush also features this character, whose special ability allows her to glitch through obstacles.

ANSWER: **Vanellope von Schweetz** [accept either]

[10] Vanellope von Schweetz appears in this film, whose title character is a video game villain who just wants to be a "good guy."

ANSWER: Wreck-It Ralph

5. He recruited Paul Giamatti to voice Teddy Roosevelt in his series *The Roosevelts: An Intimate History*. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this documentarian of Jazz and The Civil War.

ANSWER: Ken Burns

[10] Ken Burns also created a documentary series about these places, which he dubbed "America's Best Idea." Its first episode is titled "The Scripture of Nature."

ANSWER: national parks [or The National Parks: America's Best Idea]

[10] Burns released a follow-up to his 9-part series *Baseball* with this appropriate name. It covered more recent developments, including the then-recent steroid scandals.

ANSWER: The **Tenth Inning**

6. ESPN's networks have greatly embraced programming in which people with stupid opinions yell at each other. For 10 points each:

[10] Perhaps the greatest example of the trend is this ESPN2 morning show, which co-stars Skip Bayless and Stephen A. Smith.

ANSWER: ESPN First Take

[10] After this Oklahoma City Thunder forward accused Stephen A. Smith of "making up stories" about him, Smith threatened him by saying "you do not want to make an enemy out of me."

ANSWER: Kevin **Durant**

[10] First Take is followed each morning by this similarly structured show. Its title is a reference to hosts Michael Smith and Jemele [juh-MELL] Hill's genders.

ANSWER: His & Hers

7. The stars of the 1995 film *Clueless* have led newsworthy lives since the film's release. For 10 points each:

[10] Description acceptable. Its star Alicia Silverstone was seen in a video feeding her son Bear in this manner, a method also used by avians to feed their children.

ANSWER: **birding**, or she **pre-chewed the food** and delivered it **mouth-to-mouth** [accept any equivalent of any underlined part of this and hopefully move on as quickly as possible]

[10] On a sadder note, this other *Clueless* star, who later appeared in 8 *Mile* and *Uptown Girls*, died in 2010 of pneumonia and drug intoxication.

ANSWER: Brittany Murphy [or Brittany Anne Bertolotti]

[10] This African-American co-star of the film has since become a Fox News contributor, who was criticized in 2016 for calling for an end to Black History Month.

ANSWER: Stacey Dash

8. For 10 points each, answer the following about Indian food, which is the best food:

[10] Indian food is often cooked in a certain type of clay oven common in western Asia. Give either the name of that oven or the adjective that describes such food.

ANSWER: tandoor or tandoori

[10] Many Indian dishes are served with basmati rice and/or this leavened flatbread. Wikipedia claims that KFC restaurants in India serve burgers with this bread as a bun.

ANSWER: naan [nahn]

[10] Palak paneer, a vegetarian dish, consists of a spinach sauce and chunks of this other food item.

ANSWER: **cheese** [indignantly prompt on 'paneer']

9. This actor played detective Elliot Stabler on *Law & Order: SVU* for twelve seasons. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this actor, who also portrayed the vampire Roman on *True Blood*.

ANSWER: Christopher Meloni

[10] In more comedic roles, Christopher Meloni played bit parts in two films about these two stoners, including one that depicts their arduous journey to White Castle.

ANSWER: <u>Harold</u> and <u>Kumar</u> [accept answers in either order; accept <u>Harold & Kumar Go to</u> White Castle]

[10] Meloni also appears as Gene, a flashback-prone veteran in this comedy set at a children's camp. A 2015 Netflix series served as a prequel to the film.

ANSWER: Wet Hot American Summer [accept Wet Hot American Summer: First Day of Camp]

10. Two recurring characters on this show are valets who are overly enthusiastic about celebrities, who they usually name in plural. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this sketch show starring two African-American comedians. Its final episode aired on Comedy Central in 2015.

ANSWER: **Key & Peele**

[10] Before *Key & Peele*, its stars Keegan-Michael Key and Jordan Peele spent five years together as cast members on this sketch show, which was cancelled in 2009.

ANSWER: Mad TV

[10] This fictional football game, whose lineups are presented in a series of *Key & Peele* sketches, features players such as D'Glester Hardunkichud and Bismo Funyuns.

ANSWER: **East/West Bowl**

11. Advertisements for this entity star puppets made from paper bags. For 10 points each: [10] Name this company that sells movie tickets. It shares its name with a style of folk music.

ANSWER: **Fandango**

[10] "Will you do the fandango?" is asked to Scaramouche in this song by British rock band Queen.

ANSWER: **Bohemian Rhapsody**

[10] *Grim Fandango*, an adventure game designed by Tim Schafer, was remastered in 2015 by this developer. Other games released by this studio include *Brutal Legend* and *Costume Quest*. ANSWER: **Double Fine** Productions

12. Each member of this band was responsible for one half of their album *Speakerboxxx/The Love Below*, the latter half of which contained the hit "Hey Ya!" For 10 points each:

[10] Name this Atlanta rap duo composed of Big Boi and Andre 3000.

ANSWER: OutKast

[10] This song from the *Speakerboxxx* half of the album has a chorus in which Sleepy Brown sings "I Like" the title action. In it, Big Boi also claims "OutKast is everlasting."

ANSWER: The Way You Move

[10] The group's song "B.O.B." was named the best song of the 2000's by Pitchfork. In the song, "B.O.B." stands for this phrase, a reference to the 1998 military action Operation Desert Fox.

ANSWER: **Bombs Over Baghdad**

13. This vessel is shaped like a running shoe and is propulsed by an Infinite Improbability Drive. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this stolen spaceship, used to reach the planet Magrathea [MAG-ruh-THEE-uh].

ANSWER: Heart of Gold

[10] The Heart of Gold was stolen by Zaphod Beeblebrox [ZAY-fod BEE-bul-brocks], a character created by this British author.

ANSWER: Douglas Adams

[10] Douglas Adams introduced Zaphod and the Heart of Gold in this comedic science fiction book, whose title encyclopedia warns "Don't Panic!"

ANSWER: The **Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy**

14. In 2015, he made his first career start on his 25th birthday after his team's regular starter went down with a bout of plantar fasciitis [FASH-ee-EYE-tiss]. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this backup quarterback for the Denver Broncos, whose team won that game 17-15.

ANSWER: Brock **Osweiler** [OSS-"why"-lur]

[10] Brock Osweiler started in place of this man, who was also benched after throwing four interceptions against the Chiefs a week earlier.

ANSWER: Peyton Manning

[10] On his first offensive drive, Osweiler threw a touchdown pass to this star wide receiver, who the Broncos drafted out of Georgia Tech in 2010.

ANSWER: Demaryius **Thomas**

15. Many business owners have appeared in advertisements for their own products. For 10 points each:

[10] This namesake of a pizza franchise has frequently appeared in his own ads, in which he often touts his company's use of "better ingredients."

ANSWER: **Papa John**'s [or John **Schnatter**]

[10] This restauranteur developed his now-ubiquitous image as a means of cheap advertising. A fictional version of him, sometimes played by Norm Macdonald, currently appears on TV.

ANSWER: Colonel Harland Sanders [prompt on 'colonel']

[10] George Zimmer, the founder of this clothing retailer, "guaranteed" customer satisfaction in a series of ads. In 2013, he was unceremoniously fired by his own board of directors.

ANSWER: The Men's Wearhouse

16. For 10 points each, answer the following about the use of exclamation points in video games:

[10] Exclamation points, accompanied with an iconic sound effect, appear above the heads of enemies who discover this character, the protagonist of *Metal Gear Solid*.

ANSWER: Solid Snake

[10] In multiple games featuring Mario, a green block with an exclamation point on it will give the player this physical property.

ANSWER: Metal [or Metallic; accept Metal Mario]

[10] A green exclamation point appears above the player's head when using a radio command in this team-based shooter series developed by Valve.

ANSWER: Counter-Strike

17. In the penultimate episode of *Avatar: The Last Airbender*, its characters watch a play depicting their previous adventures, a send-up of this type of episode. For 10 points each: [10] Name this much-maligned kind of TV episode which usually does little more than show

highlights from previous episodes.

ANSWER: **clip show**s [or **cheater**s]

[10] One series to parody the clip show format is this former NBC series set at an institution in Greendale, Colorado, which presented new footage as if it was actually old.

ANSWER: **Community**

[10] A short-lived animated series based on this black-and-white Kevin Smith film amusingly used the format in its second episode, using clips from the only previous episode and from itself.

ANSWER: Clerks [or Clerks: The Animated Series]

18. Some sources claim that the Baseball Hall of Fame may allow this player's plaque to depict him with his hat on backwards. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this second-generation baseball outfielder. Nicknamed "The Kid," he was inducted to the hall in 2016 after being on a record 99.3% of the ballots.

ANSWER: Ken **Griffey**, Jr. [or George Kenneth **Griffey** Jr.]

[10] Griffey began and ended his career with the Mariners, and also spent over 8 seasons with this National League team in Griffey's home town.

ANSWER: Cincinnati Reds [accept either]

[10] Near the end of his career, Griffey made headlines when he was not used in a pinch-hitting situation, allegedly because he was doing this in his team's dugout.

ANSWER: he was **sleep**ing [accept equivalents like **nap**ping]

19. For 10 points each, answer the following about film scenes that occurred during or after a movie's end credits:

[10] This actor provides an extended version of his death scene after the end of *Zombieland*. He plays himself in that film, and also starred in *Lost in Translation*.

ANSWER: Bill Murray

[10] This 1980 comedy begins with a taxi driver leaving his passenger in a cab and then getting on a flight he later has to land. At the end of the credits, the passenger is seen still in the cab.

ANSWER: Airplane!

[10] The first film of this Jason Statham and Amy Smart action series has a post-credits sequence in which the film's events are recreated as an 8-bit video game.

ANSWER: Crank

20. In 2009 this singer admitted his attempt to record one album about each of the 50 U.S. states was just a "promotional gimmick." For 10 points each:

[10] "Name this singer-songwriter whose incredibly depressing 2015 album *Carrie & Lowell* includes the song "Should've Known Better."

ANSWER: Sufjan [SOOF-yahn] Stevens

[10] This other Stevens album, part of the alleged "50 states" series, pays tribute to its title state on songs like "Casimir Pulaski Day" and "Chicago."

ANSWER: <u>Illinois</u> [accept Sufjan Stevens Invites You To: Come On Feel The <u>Illinoise</u>] [10] Another song on *Illinois* concerns this serial killer, who dressed as a clown at children's birthday parties before his crimes were discovered.

ANSWER: John Wayne Gacy, Jr.