

POP 2

a second packet for popheads written by Kevin Kodama

Tossups

1. Palmistry discussed this project with the artist on the radio show *The Candy Shop*. A song from this project that goes “blue summers sitting high in the window” repeats the same word 96 times. Another song from this project kicks off with the words “I’m so bored” and describes the artist’s lazy routine. A single from this album features ^{<1>} synthesizers that sound like crashing waves alongside lyrics like “I know in the future / We won’t see each other”. This album’s lead single is a glitch-pop ballad called “forever”, and its cover art shows the artist lying on a bed holding a camera. ^{<2>} For ten points, name this quarantine concept album that was created in six weeks by Charli XCX.

ANSWER: **how i’m feeling now**

2. This song’s (A-A-F) (A-A-E) (A-A-D) [read separately] bass line is briefly played by a sawtooth wave synthesizer right before its second chorus. The music video for this song is based on a Venn diagram in which four concepts intersect to form an orgasm, and it shows the singer ripping out an animated heart ^{<1>}. A Persian flute sample opens this track, and its singer references “the simulation we’re dreaming in”. This track repeatedly shouts “Come on!” and asks “who needs to go to sleep when I’ve got you next to me?”. ^{<2>} For ten points, name this second single from Dua Lipa’s sophomore album *Future Nostalgia*.

ANSWER: **Physical**

3. After some high notes on a synthesizer, this artist sings “자꾸만 느껴져” [jak-ku-man new-KYO-juh] in a song addressed to the title “John Doe”. That song is featured on the same album as the gated reverb-heavy “Rewind”, which this artist co-produced after returning to a certain group. In a duet with her frequent collaborator JYP, this artist spells the letters “D-I-S-C-O”. In another track, this artist sings a synth-heavy “nanana nana na” post-chorus after saying the title purple phrase. After this artist’s group Wonder Girls disbanded ^{<1>}, she released a music video that shows her jumping into a hallway filled with laundry. For ten points, name this k-pop artist behind “pporappippam” and “Gashina”. ^{<2>}

ANSWER: Lee **SUNMI**

4. This is the first object in the title of a song that goes “Joe Exotic is a thug”, which is a Todrick Hall self parody of “Nails, Hair, Hips, Heels”. ^{<1>} In a song from her *Choke* EP, Poppy spells out the name of these objects in a cult-like chant about a “Scary” one of these objects. In “IPHONE”, Rico Nasty talks about “smoking so much gas” that she forgot to use ^{<2>} one of these objects. An artist who screams “FUCKED UP” 22 times is named for a “Slump God” related to one of these objects. A song titled for one of these objects repeats “Percocet, molly Percocet”. That Future song is titled after taking one of these things off. For ten points, name these objects worn to slow the spread of coronavirus.

ANSWER: **masks**

5. None of PC Music affiliate SOPHIE’s demos made it onto this album despite her early involvement. ^{<1>} This album asks “Does it matter? You had the gun” in a song about PTSD. A video from this album shows the POV of a dude rhythmically slamming his head on a pillow after an orchestral interlude. ^{<2>} This album’s lead single met the same fate as the earlier “Aura” when its demo leaked in January 2020. Rosé sings “Ask me to be nice and then I’ll do it extra mean” in this album’s BLACKPINK feature. Ariana Grande sings “I can feel it on my skin” in a duet from this album about a weather phenomenon. For ten points, name this album that contains “Stupid Love” and “Rain On Me”, the sixth album by Lady Gaga.

ANSWER: **Chromatica**

6. In one video, this artist appears in both a circular and a square mirror mounted on a cliffside. One of this artist's prechoruses ends with the words "no, tranqui", and this artist dances in a red vinyl drag outfit in the music video for that song. This artist wears a Carlos Beltran jersey ^{<1>} while he delivers the second verse of a song that heavily samples a Pete Rodriguez hit. This artist sang his song "Callaita" ^{<2>} in a medley with Shakira during Super Bowl LIV. This artist's album *YHLQMDLG* reached #2 on the Billboard 200, the highest for an all-Spanish album ever. For ten points, name this reggaeton artist who was featured alongside J Balvin on "I Like It" with Cardi B.

ANSWER: **Bad Bunny**

7. This song's bass line is almost the same as that of Kim Petras's "I Don't Want It At All", since both songs were produced by Dr. Luke. This song's video has a cameo from choreographer Haley Sharpe, who does her signature "hand push". ^{<1>} Indonesian singer Rainych created a viral Japanese cover of this song. A remix of this song dueled with the Beyoncé remix of "Savage" for #1 ^{<2>} on the Billboard Hot 100. The rap section in this song rhymes "like it, love it, need it, bad" with "take it, own it, steal it, fast". This song's chorus croons "Didn't even notice, no punches left to roll with" and it was the fifth single off the album *Hot Pink*. For ten points, name this first #1 hit by Doja Cat.

ANSWER: **"Say So"**

8. This project's middle track cuts off a choir who sings the repeated lyric "if love is the answer you're home". The final song from this project samples audio about an object "certainly rotating in a very rhythmic fashion" and gets higher in pitch before dissolving into distorted noise. Julian Casablancas sings "So I chained myself to a friend" in a heavily autotuned section ^{<1>} from this album. ^{<2>} A song from this album that invokes "the legend of the phoenix" was produced by Nile Rodgers. This album contains "Instant Crush", as well as a song that goes "we're up all night to get some". For ten points, name this album about robots trying to be human by Daft Punk, which contains "Get Lucky".

ANSWER: **Random Access Memories**

9. Tik Tok user @emmuhlu led a movement to align these people with the 2020 Bernie Sanders campaign. Lil Nas X denied ^{<1>} being one of these people ^{<2>} to avoid being outed as gay. These people doxxed and threatened writer Wanna Thompson after a tweet claiming "She's touching 40 soon, a new direction is needed". The name of these people comes from a Harajuku-inspired alter-ego that raps on songs like "Monster" by Kanye West. These fans were thwarted by the Swifties when "Shake It Off" blocked a song about a "boy toy named Troy" from going #1. For ten points, name these zealous fans of the singer of "Super Bass" and "Anaconda".

ANSWER: **Barbz** (accept **Nicki Minaj** stans and reasonable equivalents)

10. One song by this group starts with a sample of a Great Starts Breakfast ad, while another transforms into a bass-driven Little Dragon ballad halfway through. This group's song "Empire Ants" ^{<1>} is on an album that also contains a song about "looking out on the day" from the title sad location. One song by this group mentions "sunshine in a bag" ^{<2>} and explores the possession of its member Russel. A music video by these creators of "Clint Eastwood" shows their member 2D longing for a peaceful windmill island before giant video screens blast him into submission. For ten points, name this virtual band that included "Feel Good, Inc." on their album *Demon Days*.

ANSWER: **Gorillaz**

11. The creator of this song named "Jesse's Bridge" from the *Bridge to Terabithia* soundtrack and Kavinsky's "Nightcall" as two of the five songs that inspired it. Lyrics from this song title the 2021 Netflix

documentary “The World’s a Little Blurry”. This song is named after a puzzle game ^{<1>} in which the player unites two separated companions. The words “hurry” and “worried” in this song are drawn out and distorted. The beat of this song sounds a bit like footsteps, and it was teased at the end of another song that repeats “I wanna end me”. The chorus of this song goes “So tell me you’ll come home / Even if it’s a lie”. For ten points, name this Billie Eilish song that follows “bury a friend”.

ANSWER: “**ilomilo**”

12. In one song from this project, the artist spells out “OLD MAN” while comparing the addressee to a certain creature. A song from this project that confusingly says to “zip your lips like a padlock” has a pointless ^{<1>} 3OH!3 feature. A verse from this album rhymes “junk” with “crunk” and “drunk”. One song from this album mentions a place that’s a “hole in the wall” and a “dirty free for all”, ^{<2>} while in another the artist talks about her plans to “brush my teeth with a bottle of jack”. This album was followed by *Cannibal*, and it was famous for its gratuitous use of autotune. For ten points, name this album that contains “Take It Off”, “Blah Blah Blah” and “Tik Tok”, the debut album by Kesha.

ANSWER: **Animal**

13. This artist sings “Pick up when I hit your line” in a summery duet with Jason Derulo. This artist says “Boy, I’ll be your blessing, shining knight” on a track that vows to take its addressee to a certain location. Every single by this artist was produced by Cirkut, including one that goes “I wanna stay, wanna walk out the door” and another where she sings “if you get too close you’ll get a loyalty high” before an electric guitar solo. This artist’s “Torn” is the metaphorical “Purgatory” of her debut album *Heaven & Hell*, which includes “Kings and Queens”. For ten points, name this artist who sings “at night she’s screaming ‘Tm-ma-ma-ma out of my mind” ^{<1>} in her hit ^{<2>} “Sweet But Psycho”.

ANSWER: Ava **Max** (accept Amanda **Koci**)

14. One performance at this venue began with “Acid Dare”, a remix of a Namasenda track. A concert at this venue had a set modeled after the Brooklyn bar Elsewhere and was headlined by Anamaguchi and American Football. Locations temporarily built inside this venue include GFOTYBUCKS and Dylan’s Stem Farm. ^{<1>} One performance at this venue ^{<2>} began with a mashup of “Crank That” and “Vroom Vroom”, and it teased the release of *1000 gecs and the Tree of Clues*. Open Pit organizes many events in this venue, including Lavapalooza and Square Garden. For ten points, name this virtual venue that hosted events like Nether Meant in response to the pandemic.

ANSWER: **Minecraft**

15. This group repeats “a kid in a candy store” over and over at the end of one of their tracks. One of this group’s songs features a lover who assumes the role of a workout instructor to describe the failure of a relationship. One song by this group accompanies the words “we’re fated to pretend” with a distinctive high-pitched ^{<1>} synthesizer motif. A song by this group that goes “the stereo sounds strange” is the title track of their album *Little Dark Age*. A song by this group repeats “take only what you need from it” over a heavy sawtooth wave synthesizer. For ten points, name this synthpop group whose album *Oracular Spectacular* ^{<2>} contains “Kids” and “Electric Feel”.

ANSWER: **MGMT**

16. Two members of BIG BANG make an appearance in this video, where they are dressed as elderly chess players. This video begins with the artist sitting at what is revealed to be a playground ^{<1>} under a beach umbrella. ^{<2>} This video shows the artist screaming at a girl’s butt while she does yoga after an axial cut. The artist is pelted by pieces of trash in this video as he walks through a parking garage, where he has a dance duel with a man in a flashy yellow suit. This video, which was followed up by “Gentleman” one year

later, features a signature “invisible horse dance”. For ten points, name this first video to hit a billion views on YouTube, a song by Psy.

ANSWER: “**Gangnam Style**”

17. One track from this project begins “I wanna smash your fears / And get drunken off your tears” while a note is repeated on a synthesizer. Another track from this project features background vocals that echo “my confession” and “feel the tension”. One song from this album goes “Freaked out dropped my phone in the pool again”, <1> and it followed the *Curiosity* EP <2> in its artist’s discography. The video for this album’s most popular song ends with a tattooed neighbor turning out to be gay. This album featuring “Good Time” contains another song that asks the addressee “where you think you’re going baby?” For ten points, name this second studio album by Carly Rae Jepsen, featuring “Call Me Maybe”.

ANSWER: **Kiss**

18. This is the first word that Taylor Swift says in the 1989 song “Style”. <1><2> The hook from Madonna’s “Hung Up” is sampled from a song subtitled “A Man After” this word. This is the adjective in the title of a song that goes “you should know right now that I never stay put in one place”, and it’s the first word in the title of the best-selling One Direction album. That Miley Cyrus song goes “I was born to run” and is titled for a “Sky” described by this word. This is the adjective in the title of a song that describes “waiting for a ride in the dark” over waves of synthesizers, which is from the album *Hurry Up, We’re Dreaming*. For ten points, give this word that describes a “City” in a song by M83.

ANSWER: **midnight** (other works mentioned were “Gimme! Gimme! Gimme!” and *Midnight Memories*)

19. Emile Haynie recalls that this song was converted from his beat into a complete form in almost four minutes. In *Westworld*, this song plays as Dolores flashes back to the first time she saw skyscrapers. A verse from this song compares a relationship to “Ichabod Crane with that motherfucking top off”. <1><2> This song resumes “Never was much of a romantic” after a rap verse by Pusha T. A vocoder makes the final three minutes of this “toast for the douchebags” unintelligible. This song begins with a repeated E5 note on the piano, after which the words “look at ya” pan around the listener. For ten points, name this song that serves as the climax of *My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy* by Kanye West.

ANSWER: “**Runaway**”

20. One song with this title features the lyrics “we’ve been dancing to this song all of our lives” and ends by <1> repeating this phrase over pulsing synths. In addition to naming a song from *What’s Your Pleasure?* by Jessie Ware, this title names a song that asks “Is the world still spinning around?”. That song with this title goes “I’ve been watching you lately / I want to make it with you” and follows “Come Into My World” in the tracklist of *Fever* by Kylie Minogue. A song by this name goes “I see there’s something burning inside you”, and its video shows a girl dancing with a decapitated head during its sax solo. <2> For ten points, give this title of the final single from *After Hours* by the Weeknd.

ANSWER: “**In Your Eyes**”

TB. This song was written by the same David Stewart-led duo that wrote “What a Man Gotta Do” by the Jonas Brothers. Remixes of this song were released on “Day” and “Night” themed EPs. This was the first song that its creators performed during their week-long stint on the Tonight Show. One line from this song is “I got the medicine so you should keep ya eyes on the ball”. A Taio Cruz hit shares its title with this song and goes “I throw my hands up in the air sometimes / sayin’ ayo”. This song goes “Shining through the city with a little funk and soul” before promising to “light it up” like the title concept. For ten points, name this first BTS song to go #1 and first song fully in English.

ANSWER: “**Dynamite**”