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All clues apply to the 2020-21 NBA season unless specified otherwise.

**1. The general manager of this player's team stated that this player has been "absolutely mauled in the paint" following a game in which he injured his ring finger. This player set a new career high with a 39-point and 10-rebound effort and missed only three shots in a loss to the Nuggets in March. This player is the first from his draft class to average (\*) over 20 points per game, the first to have an All-Star appearance, and the fastest to reach 1000 career points since Blake Griffin. For 10 points, name this high-flying power forward for the Pelicans.**  
ANSWER: Zion Williamson [accept either]

**2. This team signed Turkish 7-footer and former Georgetown player Ömer Yurtseven to a non-guaranteed contract to fill their final roster spot in May. One veteran on this team played just one game for this team, in which he played 3 minutes and got ejected after getting into a scuffle with (\*) Dwight Howard. A newly-acquired player played just four games for this team before suffering a season-ending knee injury. For 10 points, name this team that sent Kelly Olynyk and Avery Bradley to the Rockets in exchange for Victor Oladipo.**  
ANSWER: Miami Heat [accept either]

**3. One rookie on this team shot 10-for-16 from the field and put up 32 points to force overtime in a game against the Suns, where this team was outscored 20-4 and lost. This team signed Mfiondu Kabengele to multi-year deal in April, and also signed a (\*) fan-favorite 38-year-old center to two 10-day contracts to close out the season. This team traded Dante Exum and a Bucks first-round pick in a deal that got them Taurean Prince and Jarrett Allen. For 10 points, name this Central Division team that features Isaac Okoro and the "Sexland" backcourt.**  
ANSWER: Cleveland Cavaliers [accept either]

**4. During this event, Oshae Brissett yelled "get these bum asses out of here" after hitting a three. An iteration of this event during the 2019-20 season included a game in which the Trail Blazers defeated the Grizzlies. One player said that "whoever came up with" this event (\*) "needs to be fired"; that player later hit a 30-foot three to defeat the Warriors as part of this event. Jayson Tatum scored 50 points to help the Celtics secure the 7th seed as part of this event. For 10 points, name this four-day event in which teams fight for the 7th and 8th seeds.**  
ANSWER: the play-in tournament [or play-in games, accept any of the specific games]

**5. This team used a 2020 first-round pick on a center from Kansas who played just 57 regular-season minutes for them. One player on this team made his first All-Star appearance this season at the age of 33. This team has finalists for Sixth Man of the Year, Coach of the Year, and (\*) Defensive Player of the Year. Charles Barkley "guarantee"d that this team will advance past the first round, where they will face the Grizzlies. For 10 points, name this team that Donovan Mitchell and Rudy Gobert have led to the NBA's best record.**  
ANSWER: Utah Jazz [accept either]

**6. The player that this team drafted in the lottery in 2020 played just 27 games and averaged 2 points per game. This team acquired Frank Kaminsky after he was waived by the Kings. A third-year player on this team averaged a career-high 14 points on 43% from three. This team traded (\*) Kelly Oubre, Ricky Rubio and other assets to acquire a point guard in the 2020 offseason. For 10 points, name this Western Conference team that traded for Chris Paul and has secured the 2nd seed under coach Monty Williams.**  
ANSWER: Phoenix Suns [accept either]

**7. This player had five games of over 40 points, and set a new career high of 50 with 12 assists in a loss to the Kings. This player hit a step-back mid-range jumper to force overtime against the Mavericks in January. This player blocked (\*) Zion Williamson on a potentially game-tying layup in April; the NBA later ruled that play to be a foul on this player. This player has recorded 60 double-doubles while leading his team to the 3rd seed in the West. For 10 points, name this center for the Denver Nuggets who is expected to win MVP.**

ANSWER: Nikola Jokić

**8. This player declared that his team had a “big 15” in response to a press conference question about the Nets’ big three. This player missed a game-winning mid-range jumper in a game against the 76ers, in which he had earlier hit a tightly-contested corner three to force overtime. This player (\*) improved his three-point percentage from 28% to 41%, doubled his assists average, and went from 19 to 24 points per game, which have made him a favorite for Most Improved Player. For 10 points, name this All-Star power forward for the Knicks.**

ANSWER: Julius Randle

**9. A young center for this team tore his ACL just 10 games into the season. This team beat the Nets after Garrison Matthews stole an inbound pass and another player made a three. This team acquired Daniel Gafford in exchange for Mo Wagner. This team blew out the (\*) Indiana Pacers to secure the 8th seed in the play-in tournament. One player on this team scored 60 in a loss to the 76ers, while another passed Oscar Robertson to take the all-time triple-double record. For 10 points, name this team led by Bradley Beal and Russell Westbrook.**

ANSWER: Washington Wizards [accept either]

**10. One rookie on this team averaged 3 points on 25% shooting in his first 17 games and was sent to the G-league. That player was acquired after being selected with the 17th pick by the Timberwolves. A third-year guard on this team was averaging 24 points per game before going out for two months with a (\*) foot injury. This team went 2-23 to end the season after deciding to sit Al Horford. Young players such as Aleksej Pokusevski, Moses Brown, and Darius Bazley have shone for, for 10 points, what rebuilding Western Conference team?**

ANSWER: Oklahoma City Thunder [accept either, or OKC]

**11. Through the first half of the season, this player shot 37% from the field and 30% from three. This player scored 42 points twice; the second time he shot 17-for-22 and hit 8 of 9 threes. This player admitted “I don’t know who that is” about new franchise owner (\*) Alex Rodriguez. This player declared that Popeyes fries are “top 4” in a post-game interview. After side-stepping DeAndre Bembry, this player rose up over Yuta Watanabe for a dunk. For 10 points, name this rookie guard who the Timberwolves selected with the first pick in the 2020 Draft.**

ANSWER: Anthony Edwards [accept Ant]

**12. One player on this team, Jay Scrubb, was the first player to be drafted out of junior college since 2004. After he was waived by the Rockets, DeMarcus Cousins signed with this team. In one game, this team trailed the Dallas Mavericks 77-27 at halftime, an NBA record. This team traded (\*) Lou Williams to the Hawks for Rajon Rondo. This team dropped its last two games of the season to fall to the fourth seed and will face the Mavericks in the first round. For 10 points, name this L.A. team that features Paul George and Kawhi Leonard.**

ANSWER: Los Angeles Clippers [prompt on L.A]

**13. It’s not the 2013 draft, but one lottery pick from this draft class was traded to the Magic in exchange for Nikola Vucevic. Another player from this draft class was traded to the Raptors for Norman Powell, while another posterized (\*) Clint Capela in a dunk that Steven A. Smith called “the dunk of the year”. Another player from this draft class scored 20 straight points and 42 total to defeat the Nets in double overtime. For 10 points, name this draft class that produced Wendell Carter Jr., Gary Trent Jr., Miles Bridges, and Collin Sexton.**

ANSWER: 2018 NBA Draft

**14. This player smiled after a teammate heaved a 40-foot shot with 7 seconds on the clock to try to tie a game against the Spurs. That same player bricked an open floater in overtime of another loss, where this player scored 39 points, but had 7 of his team's 21 turnovers. This player scored (\*) 62 points on 31 shots in the 6th game of the season. This player lifted up his shirt after scoring 46 in the last game of the season to secure the scoring title. For 10 points, name this MVP candidate who carried the Golden State Warriors to the play-in tournament.**

ANSWER: Stephen Curry

**15. One player on this team set a franchise record with 9 steals in the first half of a game against the Cavaliers. Another player on this team played just four games before being ruled out for the season with a fracture in his foot. This team hired former Raptors assistant (\*) Nate Bjorkgren before the start of the season. A MRI of one player on this team revealed renal cell carcinoma, which may have saved his life. For 10 points, name this team for which T.J. McConnell, T.J. Warren, and Caris LeVert play.**

ANSWER: Indiana Pacers [accept either]

**16. In one game on this day, Khris Middleton scored 31 points as the Bucks defeated the Warriors by 39 points. Jayson Tatum slapped Kyrie Irving on the butt after hitting a turnaround three in one game on this day. In another game on this day, Serge Ibaka elbowed (\*) Kawhi Leonard in the mouth while going up for a rebound. Duncan Robinson set a record for the most made threes in a half on this day with 6 in a win against the Pelicans. For 10 points, name this holiday on which five nationally-televised games were played.**

ANSWER: Christmas Day [accept December 25th]

**17. A center on this team was the only player to surpass 16 technical fouls this season, and served a one-game suspension in result. This team drafted a guard from Kentucky with the 21st pick in the draft; that player scored 39 points in his first start. This team's other bench guards include (\*) George Hill, who was acquired in a trade with the Thunder. Another guard on this team was named an All-Star despite attempting just 10 threes in the season. For 10 points, name this team of Ben Simmons, which holds the 1st seed in the Eastern Conference.**

ANSWER: Philadelphia 76ers [accept either]

**18. In the first game of the season, this player scored a career high 44 points in a loss to the Spurs. This player missed eight games between December and January due to an ankle sprain caused by landing on Timoth   Luwawu-Cabarrot's foot. This player called (\*) Dillon Brooks an "assassin" after Brooks scored 31 points in a win. This player scored 35 points, hit five threes, and made two clutch floaters to defeat the Warriors and take the 8th seed. For 10 points, name this sophomore point guard on the Grizzlies.**

ANSWER: Temetrius Jamel "Ja" Morant [accept either]

**19. One player on this team, Nate Darling, was dared to shoot a three from the bench by LeBron James, which he nearly airballed. This team's home games are commentated by Eric Collins. Another player on this team was ruled out for the remainder of the season after suffering a (\*) right wrist injury in March, but came back for the last ten games. That player, who went scoreless in his debut, was the leading candidate for Rookie of the Year before his injury. For 10 points, name this team that features LaMelo Ball.**

ANSWER: Charlotte Hornets [accept either]

**20. In an interview on the Rich Eisen show, this man said that the NBA title race is "as wide open as I've ever seen". While he has never played in this NBA, this man will be inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in August. Walt Frazier said "you must be hungry, bro" after this man accidentally called (\*) Tacko Fall "Taco Bell". This man notably did not use his catchphrase after a LeBron game-winner, but instead said "Oh, its good!". For 10 points, name this TV commentator for MSG and ESPN networks, who is known for saying "BANG!"**

ANSWER: Mike Breen