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1. One of these objects made from discarded dental prosthetics is described in Ed Sheeran's song "Nancy Mulligan." A singer claims "Today I regret the night" she received one of these things after lamenting that a lover "should been home." "ATM machines" and "bottles of bubbles" are among the things lauded in a 2019 hit named for these things loosely based on the song (\*) "My Favorite Things." One variety of these things is how Lorde "cut" her "teeth" according to her hit "Royals." An Ariana Grande song is titled for "7" of, for 10 points, what objects that, according to Beyoncé's "Single Ladies," should be "put" on someone you like?

ANSWER: <u>ring</u>s [accept wedding <u>rings</u> or engagement <u>ring</u>s] <Nelson>

2. Despite never competing in the 1500 meters, this man won the Alabama high school decathlon twice. A famous play in which this player leapt over a defensive line was the decisive play of the 1982 Iron Bowl. After missing the first seven weeks of his first NFL season due to another (\*) commitment, this player quickly supplanted Marcus Allen on his team's depth chart. This man is often called the greatest video game athlete of all time due to his dominance in *Tecmo Bowl*. This man was told that "he don't know diddly" in a Nike advertising campaign claiming that he "knows" various sports. For 10 points, what Raiders running back also played for the Kansas City Royals? ANSWER: Bo Jackson [or Vincent Edward Jackson] <Andert>

3. This man claims listening to Laurence Olivier (oh-LIV-ee-ay) reading the Bible brought him back to religion while playing Olivier in the film *My Week with Marilyn*. This filmmaker cast Colin Morgan as a Protestant radical who threatens a young boy named Buddy in a 2021 film that this director shot in black and white. This unlikely director of the MCU's (\*) *Thor* and director of 2021's *Belfast* will reprise his role as detective Hercule Poirot in the 2022 mystery film *Death on the Nile*. 2017's *Murder on the Orient Express* starred and was directed by, for 10 points, what Irishman noted for his Shakespeare adaptations and for playing Gilderoy Lockhart in the *Harry Potter* films? ANSWER: Kenneth (Charles) **Branagh** (BRAN-uh) <Vopava>

4. A 2006 single by Dem Franchise Boyz commands listeners to first do this action, then "rock wit' it." Rappers often use "drank" or this other simple verb as slang for the drink known as "sizzurp" (SIZ-urp). This title action is mentioned after MØ [muh] sings "Blow a kiss, fire a gun" in the chorus of Major Lazer's biggest hit. A form of this action is paired with "the (\*) rockaway" in a 2004 rap hit by Fat Joe. This action also appears in the title of an enduring 1972 soul hit that claims, "Sometimes in our lives / We all feel pain / We all feel sorrow." For 10 points, name this action that Bill Withers recommends doing "when you're not strong / And I'll be your friend." ANSWER: lean [accept equivalents like leaning or leaning on something; accept "Lean Wit It, Rock Wit

It" or "Lean On" or "Lean Back" or "Lean on Me"] <Vopava>

5. A character on this show claims its male protagonist stared at a Vermeer painting for an entire day during lunch at an Italian villa. Over 100k users follow an Instagram account named for a silver chain worn by a character on this show, who falls into depression after the suicide of his school friend Rob. The first episodes of this series are set in County (\*) Sligo, though its protagonists, played by Paul Mescal and Daisy Edgar-Jones, eventually both attend Trinity College in Dublin as they attempt to understand their relationship. A 2018 novel by Sally Rooney was adapted into, for 10 points, what BBC and Hulu series with ostensibly ordinary characters? ANSWER: <u>Normal People</u> <Shao>

6. The single-player story to one game in this series centers on Nick Mendoza, a detective and immigrant from Cuba. A global blackout due to a mass collision of orbiting satellites forms the backstory of a multiplayer-only entry in this series. Evolving environments in this series were advertised with the term "Levolution." DICE created the (\*) Frostbite engine for an entry in this series centering on soldiers in the "Bad Company" unit. An iconic scene in which a zeppelin is destroyed occurs in the 15th game in this series, which was numbered "1" because it was set during World War I. The year 2042 is the most recent setting of, for 10 points, what EA first-person shooter series? ANSWER: *Battlefield* [accept *Battlefield: Bad Company* or *Battlefield 1 Battlefield: 2042*]

7. Description acceptable. At the end of one film, this character defeats another in a duel set to the clapping portion of Santa Esmeralda's "Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood." This character kills an adversary with a throwing knife after she is shot at through a box of Kaboom cereal. This character uses the "five-point (\*) palm exploding heart technique" to carry out the title action of the film in which she appears. After awaking from a coma, this character tracks down and defeats the other members of the Deadly Viper Assassination Squad, including an assassin played by David Carradine. "Black Mamba" is the codename of, for 10 points, what Uma Thurman-played protagonist of the *Kill Bill* films? ANSWER: **Beatrix Kiddo** or The **Bride** [accept either underlined portion; accept answers like the <u>hero</u>ine of <u>Kill Bill</u> before "protagonist" is read, but still prompt afterwards; accept <u>Black Mamba</u> before "Black" is read] <Weiner>

8. In 2021, this band released a Japan-inspired album *Senjutsu*, whose cover depicts a samurai. This band's vocalist asks "Have you run your fingers down the wall / and have you felt your neck skin crawl?" in the title track of the album *Fear of the Dark*, their last album before singer (\*) Bruce Dickinson went on hiatus. A war-inspired song from this band's album *Piece of Mind* includes the threat "You'll take my life, but I'll take yours too." A skeletal being named Eddie is the mascot of this band, thanks to a 1982 song featuring cries of "six, six, six." "The Trooper" and "Number of the Beast" are by, for 10 points, what English metal band named for a medieval torture device? ANSWER: Iron Maiden <Weiner>

9. In 1998, Nykesha Sales, a player for this school, was allowed to make a staged shot to tie the school record for career points. Khalid El-Amin was a star for this school in a championship run led by Richard Hamilton. By beating 8th seeded Kentucky in the finals, this school won the (\*) 2014 March Madness tournament as a 7th seed under former coach Kevin Ollie; three years earlier, they won a title behind star guard Kemba Walker. Paige Bueckers (BEW-kurz) currently leads this school's women's team, which has won an unmatched 11 National Championships under coach Geno Auriemma. The Huskies are the mascot of, for 10 points, what Big East team based in Storrs, 30 miles from Hartford? ANSWER: University of <u>Connecticut</u> [or <u>UConn</u>; accept <u>Connecticut</u> Huskies or <u>UConn</u> Huskies] <Weiner>

10. An elaborate prank involving dozens of these objects is central to a comedy routine by James Veitch. A Double-A affiliate of the Cleveland Guardians is named for these objects and based in Akron, Ohio. In the film version of *Chamber of Secrets*, Arthur Weasley asks Harry Potter "what exactly is the function" of these objects. Florentijn Hofman designed a six-story, (\*) inflatable example of one of these objects that has visited numerous port cities. A character sings "I'm awfully fond of you" to one of these objects in a song in which he also sings "you're the one." According to *Sesame Street*'s Ernie, bath time is made "lots of fun" by, for 10 points, what yellow floating objects? ANSWER: rubber ducks [or rubber duckies; accept "Rubber Duckie"; prompt on duck(s)] <Nelson>

11. Characters.on this show use "every drug, enhancement, and upgrade we had" to revive and enhance a creature known as "Hail Mary." One episode of this series depicts the Flaxans, a villainous race that retreats after rapidly aging. A mentor on this show is revealed to be working with the (\*) Viltrum Empire and destroys much of Chicago in a battle against his mentee. *The Walking Dead* creator Robert Kirkman created the comic book that was adapted into this show, whose title character is trained by his father, Omni-Man. Steven Yeun voices the blue-and-yellow clad protagonist of, for 10 points, what Amazon Prime superhero series? ANSWER: *Invincible* <Maharjan>

12. Description acceptable. Daniel, played in a cameo by director Wes Anderson, is one of many hopefuls who go unselected for this event. After seeing his son in a TV broadcast of this event, the mobster Big Daddy breaks out of jail to attend it. This event is retooled for the outdoors after tanks of bioluminescent squids break and flood the original venue. The elderly Ms. (\*) Crawly misprints the number 1,000 as 100,000 on posters for this event, which get blown out a window and scattered across the city of Calatonia. This event is devised to save a theater owned by Buster Moon, a koala voiced by Matthew McConaughey. For 10 points, name this event central to a 2016 Illumination animated musical. ANSWER: the singing contest from *Sing* [accept equivalents identifying the competition or showcase or concert from the movie *Sing*; do not accept or prompt answers that identify the movie *Sing* 2] <Vopava>

13. At this team's 1974 home opener, they were told "I've never seen such stupid ballplaying in my life" over their PA system by the team's owner, McDonald's CEO Ray Kroc. Baseball Hall of Famer Dave Winfield began his career with this team, which was the primary team of a reliever who was the *first* pitcher to record 600 saves. The award given to NL (\*) batting champions is named for a man who won that title eight times in his 20 years with this team. Due to its large local military presence, this team originated "military appreciation nights," on which they were a distinct camouflage uniform. Tony Gwynn was a legend with, for 10 points, what team now based at Petco Park in southern California? ANSWER: San Diego Padres [accept either] <Andert>

14. A cover of a song named for this man is the best known work of Finnish metal band Turisas. In the season five premiere of *Legends of Tomorrow*, this figure revives Astra Logue after she is sent to hell by Constantine. The last warmind ("war mind") is given the name of this historical figure in the *Destiny* franchise. Rhys Ifans plays a dueling (\*) ballerina version of this character in a 2021 Mathew Vaughn prequel in which he squares off with the Ralph Fiennes played protagonist. This first act antagonist of *The King's Man* is also the primary antagonist of *Anastasia*. "There lived a certain man in Russia long ago" opens a Boney M. song about, for 10 points, what Russian mystic? ANSWER: Grigori (Yefimovich) **Rasputin** <Weiner>

15. This TV show's title character learned numerous skills from a Cub Scout leader named Mrs. Forgery. Beautiful women on this show are often hit on by Jack Dalton, a pilot prone to get-rich-quick schemes. This show, which follows the actions of the Phoenix Foundation and the Department of External Services, was rebooted by CBS in 2016 with Lucas (\*) Till in its title role. Because his friend died from gun violence, the title character of this show instead uses firearms to fashion improvised tools to escape sticky situations. Richard Dean Anderson starred in, for 10 points, what 1980s action series parodied by the Will Forte show *MacGruber*? ANSWER: <u>MacGyver</u> <Vopava>

16. A 1920s version of this song implies that the title character made a fiddle out of his dead son's coffin and describes a love interest who ran away to Tennessee with the singer. The Chieftains and Ricky Skaggs released a Grammy-nominated version of this song, which had a resurgence after it appeared in *Urban Cowboy*. The title character "came into town like a midwinter storm" in a well-known cover of this song by the Swedish electronic band (\*) Rednex. Were it not for this song's title figure, its singer claims "I'd been married long time ago." For 10 points, name this country folk song whose title character is asked "Where did you come from?" and "Where did you go?" ANSWER: <u>Cotton-Eyed Joe</u> [or <u>Cotton-Eyed Joe</u>] <Andert>

17. In 2009 a visiting team had their team bus fired upon in this country leading to a ten year moratorium on test cricket matches held within this country's borders. This current holder of the ICC Champions Trophy won the 1992 Cricket World Cup following an impressive performance by this country's current (\*) prime minister in the final. At the 2021 T20 Cricket World Cup, this country's national team beat their arch-rival, who were captained by Virat Kohli, in an ICC World Cup match for the first time in history. "Green Shirts" is a nickname of this team that plays home games at Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore. For 10 points, name this South Asian nation, the chief rival of India. ANSWER: <u>Pakistan</u> [or Islamic Republic of <u>Pakistan</u>; or Islami Jumhuriyah <u>Pakistan</u>] <Weiner>

18. A figure with this *two-word* title names the final book in Isobelle Carmody's *Obernetwyn Chronicles* as well as Philippa Gregory's 2010 historical novel about Margaret Beaufort. In X-Men's *Days of Future Past* arc, Psylocke assumed this two-word moniker. This two-word name titles Victoria Aveyard's debut 2015 fantasy novel set in the Kingdom of Norta, the home of the magically-electric Mare Barrow. In (\*) *Through the Looking-Glass*, Alice meets an extremely fast-running monarch with this two-word name who is essentially an angry, living chess piece. For 10 points, give this colorful, regal name for the nemesis of the White Queen.

ANSWER: (The) Red Queen [prompt on partial answers] <Vopava>

19. Drew Drechsel is best known for his appearances on multiple seasons of this show, one of which featured extensive crossover with the *Angry Birds Movie 2*. The ATS Team creates the numerous sets for this show, new ones of which included "Eyeglass Alley." In this show's most recent season, fifteen-year old Kaden Lebsack became the youngest person to clear its (\*) Stage 3. The Las Vegas strip hosts the final rounds of this series, which is based on the Japanese series *Sasuke*. Recurring challenges like the "Salmon Ladder" and "Warped Wall" appear on, for 10 points, what reality show whose contestants traverse obstacle courses?

ANSWER: American Ninja Warrior [prompt on partial answers] < Maharjan>

20. In response to the question "What's my destiny?", an idiom involving this object is offered by a woman who "got the cancer and died on a Tuesday." An item within this object is offered to a disinterested woman reading a *People* magazine, who refuses them and is then asked about her comfortable white shoes. One of these objects, wrapped in orange ribbon, is seen resting on the (\*) lap of a man from Alabama who spends hours sitting on a bench and waiting for a bus while telling his life story. This object is compared to life itself because "you never know what you're gonna get." According to Forrest Gump, "Mama always said, 'life was like,'" for 10 points, what assortment of sweets? ANSWER: a box of chocolates [or chocolate box; accept descriptive answers like the chocolates from *Forrest Gump* or *Forrest's chocolates*; prompt on "box" or "chocolate(s)" by themselves] <Vopava>

1. Up through the 1970s, collectible "cards" named for and displayed in this location showed promo stills from a movie currently playing. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this portion of a movie theater. In an oft-referenced ad from the 1950s, various snack foods sing a ditty telling patrons, "let's all go to" this place "to get ourselves a treat."

ANSWER: **lobby** [or **lobbies**; accept **lobby** card(s) or "Let's All Go to the **Lobby**"; do not accept or prompt on putative synonyms of "lobby"]

[10] A herd of cows moos in the movie theater lobby where Hedley Lamarr demands a box of Raisinets during the climax of this 1973 western spoof film.

### ANSWER: Blazing Saddles

[10] In a standout scene from this film, one of the few pure comedies to win Best Picture, Alvy and the title woman get stuck in line in a movie theater lobby in front of an insufferable man loudly discussing Italian art films.

ANSWER: <u>Annie Hall</u> <Vopava>

2. A bassist played by this comedian improvises bizarre lyrics about skeletons who use bones *and* worms for money during a session at a recording studio. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this comedian, whose surreal sketch show *I Think You Should Leave* also features plumbers who yell "it's turbo time!" and a game show host baffled by a mysterious, point-taking "Chunky."

#### ANSWER: Tim Robinson

[10] Most of *I Think You Should Leave*'s cast are sketch comedy veterans, including this comic who made several Adult Swim classics with his longtime comedy partner Eric Wareheim; we can accept just his first name.

ANSWER: <u>Tim Heidecker</u> [accept either underlined portion; accept Timothy Richard <u>Heidecker</u> or <u>Tim</u> <u>& Eric</u>]

[10] *I Think You Should Leave*'s first season was co-directed by Akiva Schaffer, who forms the comedy trio The Lonely Island with Jorma Taccone and this star of *Brooklyn Nine-Nine*. ANSWER: Andy <u>Samberg</u> <Vopava>

3. For 10 points each, answer the following about attacks involving warthogs:

[10] In 2021 this singer of "Hips Don't Lie" claimed to have survived such an attack while walking in a park in Barcelona.

ANSWER: Shakira [or Shakira Isabel Mebarak Ripoll]

[10] In the 2019 remake of *The Lion King*, the warthog Pumbaa attacks a group of these animals, including one voiced by Eric André, after they call him "chubby."

ANSWER: hyenas [or laughing hyenas]

[10] An armored vehicle known as a "warthog" was used in numerous attacks during an ongoing conflict in this long-running web series by RoosterTeeth.

ANSWER: <u>Red vs. Blue</u> <Nelson>

4. A man in this song flings open the back of a moving truck to reveal workers inside playing timpani, flute, and other instruments. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this song that begins with a woman stuck in traffic humming to a piano riff before singing, "I think about that day / I left him at a Greyhound station west of Santa Fé."

#### ANSWER: "Another Day of Sun"

[10] Despite being the opening number of this 2016 movie musical, "Another Day of Sun" features neither Seb nor Mia, the leads played by Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone.

### ANSWER: <u>La La Land</u>

[10] The "Another Day of Sun" scene takes place on the same freeway overpass that, in 1995, was still under construction when it figured in a key scene in this thriller starring Sandra Bullock. ANSWER: <u>Speed</u> <Vopava>

5. For 10 points each, name these athletes who completed streaks that were both very impressive and extremely specific:

[10] This man, known as "The Great One" and widely considered the best player in NHL history, recorded at least one assist in 23 straight games in 1991.

ANSWER: Wayne (Douglas) Gretzky

[10] In January 2022 this Cameroonian basketball player, nicknamed "The Process," remarkably scored exactly 31 points in five straight games.

ANSWER: Joel (Hans) **Embiid** (joh-EL em-BEED)

[10] Even more remarkably, this baseball player had four straight *seasons* with a batting average of exactly .247 ("two forty seven") from 2015 to 2018. He spent three of the four seasons with the Oakland A's, and should not be confused with a long-time Orioles slugger with a similar name.

ANSWER: Khris Davis [or Khristopher Adrian Davis] <Nelson>

6. This song catapulted in popularity upon being remixed by the Bayside Boys, whose version adds the lyric "they all want me, they can't have me." For 10 points each:

[10] Name this 1990s Latin song. Its namesake dance requires placing one's arms in front of them, then on their head, then on their hips, one after the other.

### ANSWER: "Macarena" (mah-kah-RAY-nah)

[10] Although this duo's song "Sevilla Tiene un Color Especial" (say-VEE-ah tee-EN-ay oon koh-LOR ess-pesh-YALL) gained popularity after it was featured in the movie *Spanish Affair*, they are significantly more famous for recording "Macarena."

### ANSWER: Los del Rio

[10] Los del Rio make a cameo in the music video of this rapper's song "Ayy Macarena." This artist also rapped "Rack City" and "Taste," and was in a questionably legal relationship with Kylie Jenner. ANSWER: <u>Tyga</u> [or Micheal Ray <u>Stevenson</u>] <Andert>

7. In *Family Guy*'s parody of the Ashlee Simpson lip-sync fiasco, Simpson's backing track starts playing this humorously unsuitable song. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this number from the musical *Show Boat* sung in a deep bass register by Joe, a Black dockworker who says this song's subject "just keeps rollin' along."

ANSWER: "Ol' Man River" [accept "Old Man River"]

[10] An auditioning girl singing "Ol' Man River" is upstaged by a croaking frog on an episode of the 1970s variety show featuring these characters, including host Kermit the Frog.

ANSWER: The Muppets [accept The Muppet Show]

[10] This Hollywood icon delivered a legendary version of "Ol' Man River" on the premiere of her short-lived 1963 variety show. This actress originated the song "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" in the 1945 musical *Meet Me in St. Louis*.

ANSWER: Judy <u>Garland</u> [or Frances Ethel <u>Gumm</u>] <Vopava>

8. A trend in early popular literature was the use of "optography," in which taking an image of a dead person's eyes would reveal the last thing they saw. For 10 points each:

[10] The title men in this author's novel *The Kip Brothers* are found to be murderers by way of optography. The book was part of a series that also included *Journey to the Center of the Earth*.

ANSWER: Jules (Gabriel) Verne

[10] Jack the Ripper may have inspired this man's story "At the End of the Passage," which also depicts optography. He is better known for, among other things, his poem "If-."

ANSWER: Rudyard Kipling

[10] In H.P. Lovecraft's "Out of the Aeons," optography is used to obtain an image of Ghatanothoa (gah-tah-noh-THOH-uh), an ancient and evil being known by this three-word term. Cthulhu (kuh-THOO-loo) is another one of these beings.

ANSWER: Great Old Ones <Nelson>

9. The sleeve for this song's single release was designed to make it look like a floppy disk. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this 1983 song by New Order that asks the listener "How does it feel / When you treat me like you do?"

ANSWER: "Blue Monday" [accept "Blue Monday 88"]

[10] "Blue Monday" is the best-selling 12-inch single of all time, a feat lessened by the fact that most vinyl singles are released on records of this other, smaller number of inches.

ANSWER: 7 inches [accept answers like 7-inch]

[10] Despite its success, "Blue Monday" did not qualify for one of these record certifications because their label was not associated with the British Phonographic Industry. In the U.S., a record with 500,000 sales earns this certification.

ANSWER: gold record [or gold disc] <Weiner>

10. Even if a dog dies in a movie, Hollywood will still find a way to churn out a sequel. For 10 points each:[10] *The Puppy Years* was a direct-to-DVD follow-up to this 2008 film starring Owen Wilson and Jennifer Aniston. The title dog is euthanized at the end of this film due to an intestinal disorder.

ANSWER: Marley & Me [accept Marley & Me: The Puppy Years

[10] The 1974 adaptation of this Wilson Rawls novel about the hunting dogs Little Ann and Old Dan received a sequel despite both dogs dying at the end.

ANSWER: Where the Red Fern Grows [accept Where the Red Fern Grows 2: The Homecoming]

[10] *A Dog's Purpose* and its sequel *A Dog's Journey* are built around a dog protagonist constantly dying and being reincarnated; the dog is originally owned by a guy played by this star of *The Rookie* who also played a scientist in *The Day After Tomorrow*.

ANSWER: Dennis William Quaid [prompt on Quaid] <Weiner>

11. This school's women's basketball team has lost just twice at its home arena, the Ferrell Center, since 2014. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this school, which won the men's 2021 NCAA Men's Basketball Championship with players like Davion Mitchell and Jared Butler. They beat in-state rival Houston to reach the championship game.

ANSWER: **<u>Baylor</u>** University [prompt on, but DO NOT otherwise reveal, <u>Bears</u>]

[10] Baylor won the 2012 Women's Final Four behind the leadership of this 6-foot-9 WNBA star, who forms a tandem with Diana Taurasi.

ANSWER: Brittney (Yevette) Griner

[10] Baylor's athletic teams are nicknamed for this animal. UC Berkeley's mascot is a "Golden" variety of these animals.

ANSWER: Bears [accept Lady Bears or Golden Bears] <Andert>

12. Sometimes it's hard to remember whether a brand's name does or does not have an "apostrophe-*S*" on the end. For 10 points each:

[10] The name of this largest U.S. bookstore chain does not end in a possessive S, despite sometimes being pronounced that way by people who insist on being wrong.

ANSWER: **Barnes & Noble** (Booksellers)

[10] Just like the Rolling Stones song it is named for, there is no "apostrophe-S" in the name of this nationwide casual dining chain noted for its burgers and salad bar.

ANSWER: **<u>Ruby Tuesday</u>** [begrudgingly accept "Ruby Tuesday's"]

[10] Facebook mom Sharon Weiss went viral in 2021 for utterly charring her Thanksgiving pumpkin pie and blaming it on this frozen food brand, both misspelling this brand's name and leaving out the "apostrophe-*S*" that *does* appear in it.

ANSWER: Marie Callender's [begrudgingly accept "Marie Callender"] <Vopava>

13. In this man's most popular video, students playing chess make fun of their autistic classmate, then "Instantly Regret It." For 10 points each:

[10] Name this YouTuber of Indian ancestry, who uses phrases like "What Happens Next Is Shocking" to end the titles of his scripted videos with simplistic moral lessons.

#### ANSWER: Dhar Mann (dahr "man") [or Dharminder Mann; accept Dhar Mann Studios]

[10] Many critics put Dhar Mann videos into this category of internet content that is designed to attract web traffic through sensationalism or nostalgia despite being of low quality.

#### ANSWER: <u>clickbait</u>

[10] Cody Ko analyzed Dhar Mann videos in his YouTube series titled for this adjective, which is typically applied to content that evokes second-hand embarrassment.

ANSWER: cringe [accept THAT'S CRINGE] <Vopava>

14. For 10 points each, name these English rock bands who have sung about plastic plants:

[10] This English rock band included "Fake Plastic Trees" on their second album *The Bends*. Two years later, this Thom Yorke-fronted band released the album *OK Computer*.

#### ANSWER: Radiohead

[10] "Watering plants in the hope that they will grow" is undertaken by a love interest in "Turn," a song by this English indie rock band behind the singles "Greek Tragedy," "Let's Dance to Joy Division," and "Jump Into the Fog."

#### ANSWER: The **Wombats**

[10] The title man is said to have "Plastic flowers growing up the walls" in "Plastic Man," a song by this band, who may be better known for a song whose verses spell out both "cola" and the name of the song's title figure.

ANSWER: The Kinks [That song is "Lola."] <Weiner>

15. The Las Vegas Raiders and Los Angeles Chargers had an opportunity to both make the playoffs in 2022 if their Week 18 game against each other ended in this specific manner. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this outcome, which can only occur in NFL games after 70 full minutes of gameplay.

ANSWER: a <u>tie</u> [accept a <u>draw</u> or similar]

[10] This team, which plays in the NFL's oldest stadium, has played in 42 ties, the most of any franchise in NFL history. 31 of those ties occurred under this team's first head coach, George Halas, and it had an NFL-record 6 ties in its 1932 season.

### ANSWER: Chicago Bears [prompt on Decatur and/or Staleys]

[10] After a 2008 tie between the Eagles and Bengals, this longtime Eagles quarterback claimed "I never even knew that was in the rulebook". At Syracuse, he was both the starting quarterback and a walk-on basketball player.

ANSWER: Donovan (Jamal) McNabb <Andert>

16. The *Ars Technica* video series "War Stories" chronicles video game developers who overcame technical hurdles and other issues while developing classic titles. For 10 points each:

[10] The Apple II's memory limit nearly kept Jordan Mechner from including the elaborate animations of the first game in this platforming series, whose games include one subtitled *Sands of Time*.

#### ANSWER: Prince of Persia

[10] Sid Meier spoke of the "valley of despair" he felt while making the first entry in this series. Pericles, Moctezuma, and Gandhi are among this strategy series' playable leaders.

#### ANSWER: <u>*Civ</u>ilization*</u>

[10] Poor enemy AI nearly derailed the initial entry in this series, subtitled *The Dark Project*. Its protagonist is Garrett, a former member of the Keepers, a secret intellectual society.

ANSWER: *Thief* [accept *Thief*: The Dark Project] < Maharjan>

17. Mr. Groff is fired as head teacher of this school just as his troublemaking son Adam is coming to terms with his bisexuality. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this private English high school that Adam Groff attends and is briefly expelled from on a Netflix teen comedy-drama.

#### ANSWER: Moordale School [or Moordale Secondary School]

[10] This show is set at Moordale School, where an incident with Adam convinces Otis Milburn and Maeve Wiley to run the secret title "class," in which they dispense relationship advice to their classmates.

#### ANSWER: Sex Education

[10] Asa Butterfield, one of the stars of *Sex Education*, previously appeard as Mordred on this short-lived TV series named for an Arthurian wizard.

ANSWER: <u>Merlin</u> <Vopava>

18. These law enforcement units were created after a team of Nexus 6 robots went rogue in an off-world colony. For 10 points each:

[10] Name these special police squads, or the officers in those squads, who title a 1982 film and its 2017 sequel. They are tasked with hunting down and killing any android found on Earth.

#### ANSWER: Blade Runners

[10] In the *Blade Runner* universe, the convincingly human-like androids hunted by Blade Runners are properly known by this term.

#### ANSWER: Replicants

[10] Rick Deckard, the protagonist of *Blade Runner*, is confirmed to actually be a Replicant in *Blade Runner* 2049, the sequel that stars this handsome blond star of *Drive* and *The Nice Guys*. ANSWER: Ryan (Thomas) **Gosling** <Vopava>

19. Despite drafting him 10th overall in the 2021 draft, this team decided not to offer a contract to college pitcher Kumar Rocker. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this team, which opted to not sign Rocker after reviewing his medical information. Their current pitching talent includes Taijuan **(TY-wahn)** Walker and Jacob deGrom.

ANSWER: New York Mets [prompt on New York]

[10] After not signing with the Mets, there was speculation that Rocker would return to this Nashville university whose mascot is the Commodores. Despite being the SEC's laughing stock in most sports, this school won the 2019 College World Series.

ANSWER: Vanderbilt University [accept Vanderbilt Commodores or Vandy]

[10] Jack, a member of this family, was also drafted out of Vanderbilt with the second overall pick. His father Al pitched for 19 years in the majors, including six years with the Mets from 1998 to 2004.

ANSWER: Leiter ("lighter") [accept Leiter Family or Jack Leiter or Al Leiter] <Weiner>

20. For 10 points each, answer the following about the Puerto Rican rapper Farruko (fah-ROO-koh): [10] Farruko hit #1 on the *Billboard* Hot Latin Songs chart with this 2021 song, whose title is a word meaning "pills." In its intro, Farruko sings "it doesn't matter what they say about me." ANSWER: "Pepas" (PAY-pahss)

[10] Farruko released a remix of "Calma", a Pedro Capó (kah-POH) song about going to this location "to heal your soul." In "That's What I Like," Bruno Mars sings that he'll rent a house by this location in Miami. ANSWER: the <u>beach</u> [accept "la <u>playa</u>"]

[10] Farruko collaborated with this "Prince of Reggaeton" on the single "6 AM." This artist released "Mi Gente" (mee HEN-tay) with Willy William, "X" with Nicky Jam, and guested on Cardi B's "I Like It." ANSWER: <u>J Balvin</u> [or José Alvaro Osorio <u>Balvín</u>] <Andert>