

TOEJAM - Round 1

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1. While other versions do not, the *red* version of the Dyclops can provide players with this ability. In some instances, damage can be dealt via a small popping bubble that appears when using this ability. A full moveset centered around this ability, which includes the move "Burst Bubble" and lets the player slowly regain health, was introduced in a game subtitled *Battle Royale*. This ability can be acquired in, but not taken out of, a museum in Grape Gardens. In the *Smash Bros.* series, Jigglypuff's (*) green outfit has a component that references this ability, which is ostensibly seen being used in numerous "Game Over" screens. A lethargic enemy named "Noddy" can bestow this ability. Flavor text like "just five more minutes" often accompanies, for 10 points, what generally useless copy ability that makes Kirby wear a nightcap?

ANSWER: Sleep [accept answers like Kirby's sleep ability or Kirby sleeping]

2. A 2007 game centered on these objects was the only American DS game to be recalled, which occurred due to an unavoidable crash that made the game unbeatable. The use of these objects is central to the PS Vita game *Fight for Fortune*, a spinoff of the *Uncharted* series. Magical versions of these objects known as "Magnus" are central to an RPG series by the makers of the *Xenosaga* games. The first crossover game between (*) SNK and Capcom was centered around these objects. These objects are accumulated as part of the central mechanic of the *Culdcept* series, as well as to *The Eye of Judgment*, a game that uses the PlayStation Eye. Courts, shoes, and players are represented with these objects in the MyTeam mode of the *NBA 2K* series. For 10 points, name these objects that are accumulated in various *Yu-Gi-Oh!* games.

ANSWER: trading cards [or collectible cards or TCG cards or similar]

3. After *Kitchen Carnage*, a game based on this sport was the second game to star the Annoying Orange. Markus Heinsohn created an incredibly detailed, mostly text-based game series based on this sport. An activity related to this sport is central to an incredibly difficult 2008 Flash game that went viral years after its release and co-starred Winnie the Pooh. The Sirloins and Beewolves are among the teams in a Metalhead Software series titled for a (*) "Super Mega" version of this sport. A 1991 game published by EA suggests that this sport will feature jet packs and robots in the year 2020. The only game in the "Cyber Stadium Series" also depicts robots in this sport, which is also central to the flagship games by SIE San Diego and OOTP Developments. For 10 points, name this sport central to *MLB: The Show*.

ANSWER: baseball

4. A trick in the secret area of *Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 3*'s Canada level references the "Obligatory" nature of this type of video game level. In Disney's officially licensed 1996 *Pinocchio* game, Pinocchio drops from a balloon into one of these levels in the second Pleasure Island sequence. The *DuckTales* "Moon" theme plays over this genre of level in *I Wanna Be the Guy*, in which it directly precedes the Guy's Castle. Chomping black smoke-ghosts and blinking lights complicate a late level with this format in (*) *Pitfall: The Mayan Adventure*. A notorious level of this kind early in *Donkey Kong Country* is titled for its namesake "Madness." For 10 points, name this kind of obstacle-dodging level in which players ride in a certain uncontrollable vehicle.

ANSWER: mine cart level [accept answers describing fast-paced levels in which the player navigates a mine cart or a rail car on a track; prompt on mine or mine level or answers like a level on rails]

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5. In a 2007 game, this character ostensibly dies after vanishing into a white light, causing an aspiring soccer player and prodigy violinist to cry uncontrollably. Teenagers named Claris and Elliot are aided by this character, whose rivals include their sibling Reala. This character helps retrieve an item missing from Twin Seeds in a two-level promotional game set on Christmas. A large red gem typically glows in this character's chest. (*) An unusually round "3D" controller was bundled with a game starring this canonically genderless character, who performs "paraloops" and other acrobatic movements while flying through colorful environments. The human unconscious is the ostensible setting of a series starring, for 10 points, what purple Sonic Team character who, in a Sega Saturn game, goes "into Dreams"?

ANSWER: Nights [accept Nights into Dreams or Christmas Nights or Nights: Journey of Dreams]

6. In *The Forest*, this non-weapon item becomes much better when it gets splattered with blood, and it can only be found in caves. Weirdly, this item only works if the Northern Lights are active in the Wintermute campaign in *The Long Dark*. In a 2009 puzzle game set in a high school, Jake pretty much only carries this item, which can be restored by wagging the (*) Wii Remote. In *P.T.*, players automatically equip this item upon finding it in the bathroom. Gordon should focus on using this item in *Half Life: Episode 1s* "Lowlife" level so that Alex can shoot incoming enemies. Teammates with any version of this item in *Phasmophobia* can toggle it by pressing T. In *Alan Wake*, the most basic item for making the Taken vulnerable is, for 10 points, what battery-powered household object?

ANSWER: flashlight [prompt on "torch" or "light"]

7. The arcade flyer for this game's release claims that its protagonist can not die, but instead "dramatically swoons and falls." Early issues over the rights to this game prevented it from being released in Japan in any way until a unique Atari Lynx port was released in 1990. In 2019, retro hardware developer AtGames became entangled in a lawsuit over the rights to this game, and allegedly bought the rights improperly from Bally Midway. While advising the design of this game's protagonist, (*) Masaya Nakamura insisted "Love the concept, get rid of the hair." The General Computer Corporation developed this game as an unlicensed mod titled *Crazy Otto*. A stork delivers a baby in the last of this game's cutscenes. The enemy "Clyde" is renamed "Sue" in, for 10 points, what maze game with a female protagonist?

ANSWER: Ms. Pac-Man

8. In a non-playable appearance, this character handily defeats Sodom, who attempts to recruit him to revive the Mad Gear gang. After learning his fellow athletes were being given biomedical drugs, this man sought to investigate the Shadaloo organization. Hakan, a Turkish oil wrestler, is a close friend of this man, who is largely motivated by a desire to prove the legitimacy of his preferred (*) sport. This character is depicted as a member of a news crew in a 1994 film, in which he is played by Navy Tuiasosopo. This character, whose identity is apparently kept under wraps by his kabuki makeup somehow, has a range of attacks that includes a "Salt Toss" and the Hundred Hand Slap. A colorful bath house is owned by, for 10 points, what sumo wrestler from the *Street Fighter* series?

ANSWER: E. Honda [or Edmund Honda]

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9. The player must make one of these objects copy the "Doo-Wop" singing of another in a challenge from *Rhythm Heaven*. At 4,000 points, this object is twice as valuable as the Crown and is the rarest treasure in *Castlevania*. The *StarTropics* boss Broken Joe resembles one of these objects that shoots gray squiggles. A race of creatures that resemble these objects in *Super Mario Odyssey* linger around a (*) poisoned oasis in the Tostarena Desert, where they sport pink sunglasses that reveal hidden bridges and paths. For some reason, a surprising number of Konami games frequently include or reference these objects. In *Civilization V*, these objects increase culture and gold on coastal tiles and are a tile improvement unique to Polynesia. For 10 points, name these stone statues built by the Rapa Nui people.

ANSWER: moai or Easter Island heads [accept answers identifying the stone heads on Easter Island; accept Moai Doo-Wop or Moe-Eye]

10. A 1998 adventure game concerns this character's significant other, who participates in a disappearing magic trick and then never returns. An unreleased game in which this character vacations in Wyoming was set to be part of the "Sega Club" series. A Wii shovelware release based on a 2009 movie paired this character with the Three Musketeers. A game that IGN once called "the best *Metal Gear* knock-off the GBA has at the moment" stars this character re-imagined as a (*) "Secret Agent." An NES game starring this character depicts her collecting gold records in a soda shop and pearls after somehow transforming into a mermaid. *Mystery Ride* and *Riding Camp* are among the releases in a series depicting this character's "Horse Adventures." Games subtitled "Beach Vacation" and "Super Mode;" feature, for 10 points, what Mattel doll?

ANSWER: Barbie [accept Secret Agent Barbie or Barbie Horse Adventures]

11. In a move criticized as akin to the Fyre Festival, Arturo Castro invited 100 social media influencers to play this game just prior to its release and then incessantly hype it during halftime of Super Bowl 53. The route to acquire a unique eagle-headed axe in this game prompted massive fan backlash, since it was only available during this game's *Iron Crown* event and players essentially had to (*) pay \$170 for lootboxes to get it. This game's lore is detailed in the video series "Stories from the Outlands." Each round in this game designates a random squad member as "Jumpmaster." This game is set in the same universe as Respawn Entertainment's other flagship game, *Titanfall*. The bulky tank Gibraltar and the zipline-shooting android Pathfinder are choosable heroes in, for 10 points, what free-to-play 2019 battle royale shooter?

ANSWER: Apex Legends

12. In a 2007 game, this villain attempts to corrupt an island using a substance called "mojo," which is prevented with an act amusingly known as "jacking." After killing his family and living in a bean factory, this character spent two years attending Oliver North High School before blowing it up. One game creates a weird ambiguity over whether a bionic arm-wielding goth girl is this man's daughter or niece, though it turns out to be the latter. His subordinates include the Komodo Brothers and a character named (*) "Crunch," who was created as an evil version of this man's nemesis. This character uses an "Evolvo-Ray" to mutate various animals with the help of his assistant Brio, including an unassuming marsupial who becomes his chief rival. A large 'N' appropriately appears on the enormous forehead of, for 10 points, what nemesis of Crash Bandicoot?

ANSWER: Neo Cortex [accept either]

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13. A recurring enemy in this series known only as "Signal" is often seen running straight forward with a knife. The most recent game in this series was published by Dotemu, who also released the remake *Wonder Boy, The Dragon's Trap*. That game introduced Floyd Iraia, a Maori construction worker with robotic hands made by this series' recurring character Dr. Zan. An underpowered character in this series, the rollerblading Eddie Hunter, is more commonly known as (*) "Skate." A blonde protagonist of this series is seen with a beard and is noticeably out of shape in a 2020 game in this series, which was its first iteration in 26 years and the fourth in the series overall. A boxing marsupial known as Roo, as well as the more generic brawlers Axel Stone and Blaze Fielding all appear in, for 10 points, what Sega beat-em-up series?

ANSWER: *Streets of Rage*

14. The first 4-player game to be released for the N64 was shamelessly re-skinned to be set during one of these events; that re-skinned game was the first game to ever receive a zero from IGN. A release by Tiertex, which was the first game to officially depict one of these events, features an incredible amount of tacky Coca-Cola product placement. The lead-up to one of these events is central to a major expansion to the 2017 game *Steep*. Several items central to this event are stolen at the start of a mediocre 16-bit platformer starring weird blue (*) thing with lightning bolts for eyebrows. A 2007 game set during one of these events marked the first time two major gaming franchises appeared together. For 10 points, name these quadrennial events central to several recent "Mario and Sonic" games.

ANSWER: Olympic Games [or Olympics; accept Summer Olympics or Winter Olympics]

15. During this sequence, a character wonders if "juniperberries" are still part of an old recipe after recalling "I used to be sweet on a girl from here." A pathetic man in this scene is told to mind his manners after learning the identity of a nearby man whose mouth has been bound shut. The first person to speak in this scene looks identical to the default first-choice model in the (*) character creation sequence that immediately follows this scene. A soldier informs General Tullius that "the headsman is waiting" in this scene just as a wagon passes through the gates of Helgen. A Nord asks "You were trying to cross the border, right?" after remarking "Hey, you, you're finally awake" to begin, for 10 points, what cutscene from the fifth *Elder Scrolls* game?

ANSWER: the opening cutscene of *Skyrim* [accept answers identifying the very start of *Skyrim*, such as the opening carriage ride or wagon scene or prisoner caravan from *Skyrim*]

16. A glitch in early versions of this game let players get free credits based on the last two digits of the player's final score. The *second* sequel to this game was exclusive to the VM Labs console Nuon. Jeff Minter designed both an acclaimed sequel to this game and the very similar indie release *Space Giraffe*. A high score in this game is a major plot point in the film *Night of the Comet*. This game introduced "SkillStep," a design feature that allowed the player to choose their starting (*) level. While moving from one level to the next in this game, players occasionally need to avoid long spikes. A "superzapper" weapon will destroy every enemy on the screen in this game, including hourglass-shaped "flippers" that can invade the player's moving space. A C-shaped ship traverses the outer boundary of various tunnels in, for 10 points, what Atari vector shooter?

ANSWER: *Tempest*

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17. An NES game titled for one of these beings features an item called the "Spectre's Fingernail," which increases jumping ability somehow. A MOBA character who is one of these beings protects the city of Demacia and is quoted as saying "You may not have noticed, but I'm very large." A pair of these are fought to acquire one of the Bells of Awakening in *Dark Souls*. The demon Phalanx is the nemesis of a being of this type in a 1994 Capcom platformer; that creature, "Firebrand," is the protagonist of (*) *Demon's Crest*, a spinoff of *Ghosts 'n' Goblins*. Several of these beings, including Goliath, appear in a game adaptation of a 1990s Disney animated series. The stealth modes in the *Batman Arkham* series often require watching and/or hanging from, for 10 points, what winged stone beings?

ANSWER: gargoyles [accept Gargoyle's Quest II]

18. Like *Killer Instinct*, this game's arcade release was advertised as using Ultra 64 hardware, but unlike *Killer Instinct*, that was a lie, and it ran on Midway V instead. Winners of this game are treated with seeing Bill Clinton in a hot tub in the back of a pick-up truck parked on top of the White House. Though her name isn't mentioned, porn star Shyla Foxx presented trophies in this game, whose (*) Chicago level is infamously infuriating for its many El-train support pillars, which cause players to stop altogether and then bounce backwards. The N64 version of this game removed its original version's ability to run over animals and pedestrians. Games subtitled *Exotica* and *World* were follow-ups to, for 10 points, what 1994 arcade staple in which players race around America?

ANSWER: Cruis'n USA [prompt on Cruis'n]

19. Dennis Ritchie called this game the "biggest waste of CPU cycles in history" due to its popularity among college students. Because it used the "curses" programming library, the first versions of this game debuted on various versions of BSD, an early distribution of Unix; both the library and this game were co-designed by Ken Arnold. If not customized, the player's name in most versions of this game will be set to Rodney, a nod to the game's most sought after item, the (*) Amulet of Yendor. Because it would show where the player was "at," the '@' symbol represents the player character in this game, whose designers made it delete a player's save file every time the game was loaded to force the concept of "permadeath." *Hack* was a major successor of, for 10 points, what 1980 dungeon crawler, which inspired a namesake genre?

ANSWER: Rogue

20. An upgrade to this item can be earned by defeating Mogenar and causes it to constantly emit energy. In one game, this item is awarded after defeating the Arachnus X. A trick partially titled "Mock" allows players to maintain running speed while using this item. A "spider" upgrade to this item allows for movement along specially marked tracks in various places on (*) Tallon IV. "Maru Mari" is an alternate name for this item, which can be combined with a namesake "spring" that lets the player jump while using it. In its first appearance, the player must immediately move to the left upon starting the game in Brinstar to retrieve this item, which must be in use when laying bombs. Small corridors are made accessible with, for 10 points, what item that allows Samus to roll?

ANSWER: Morph Ball [or Morphing Ball; accept Maru Mari before mention]