

TOSSUPS

1. **This NBA player called himself “doo-doo” after a 4-of-15 shooting performance in an NBA finals game. This man scored 2 points in 40 minutes on 1-for-9 shooting against a mediocre Toronto Raptors team. In 2002, this man averaged 23 points per game on the second-worst effective field goal percentage in the league; he’d later be fired from his position as president of that team. After calling a previous loss a “bump in the road,” this man missed a game winning shot in Game 4 of the 1998 (*) Eastern Conference Finals against the Indiana Pacers. This man continues to hold the worst record in a 3-point contest, going 5-for-30 in 1990. A team currently owned by this man won 7 out of 66 games in 2012; that team is the Charlotte Bobcats. For ten points, name this player who was carried to six rings by Phil Jackson and Scottie Pippen.**

ANSWER: Michael **Jordan** (prompt on nicknames)

2. **Orlando Woolridge wore a jersey with this number on it for six different teams. In his debut game on November 3, 1996, Kobe Bryant scored this many points. Despite being a Hall-of-Famer, Toni Kukoč only made the all-star team this many times. This number is the number of games that A C Green missed from November 1986 to April 2001. A player known as (*) “Agent [this number]” was a 3-time All Star for the Washington Wizards; that player, who wore this number, is Gilbert Arenas. While I was writing this tossup, the Cleveland Cavaliers announced that they will be the first team ever to retire this number, in honor of Kevin Love. This number is the number of MVPs that Jerry West has, and it’s also the number of championships that John Stockton and Karl Malone have won. For ten points, name this number that resembles the character on Damian Lillard’s jersey, which is actually a big “O” for Oakland, Ogden and Oregon.**

ANSWER: **0** (Zero)

3. **Tim Kawakami coined a name for a group resulting from this event, based on their meeting in eastern Long Island. A 9-year, \$24 billion deal that will end in 2025 between the NBA and ESPN and Turner Sports allowed this event to occur. The group that was created from this event sank to rock-bottom in 2020 after a quad injury, lower leg injury, ACL tear, and fractured left hand by four of its players. After referring to himself several times in the third person on Twitter, the key person in this event admitted that he had used several (*) burner accounts to defend this action. This event created the so-called Hamptons Five, which outscored its opponents by 64 points per 100 possessions in the 2016-17 season. For ten points, name this event where, in 2016, an OKC Thunder star joined forces with Draymond Green, Klay Thompson, and Stephen Curry in the Bay Area.**

ANSWER: Kevin **Durant** signing with the **Golden State Warriors** (answer must include KD and the GSW in some capacity)

4. **A tactic based on an opponent player doing this thing a lot was popularized by Don Nelson, and he wore a clown nose to a game after criticisms of that tactic. That tactic based on this thing occurring once garnered two big thumbs up from Gregg Popovich. The record high for doing this thing in a game by one player is 23 in a 2016 Pistons-Rockets game. Kawhi Leonard did this thing in the closing seconds of Game 6 in the 2013 Finals, leaving just enough space for Ray (*) Allen to make a game-tying three-pointer. Nick Anderson did this thing four times in a row near the end of Game 1 of the 1995 Finals, even after collecting his own rebound after the second attempt. Doing this thing very sparingly is necessary for the “90” in a 50-40-90 season. For ten points, name this thing that Shaq did about half the time he attempted a free throw.**

ANSWER: **Missing a free throw** [both parts required]

5. In the first-ever EuroBasket, this country lost one basketball game 123-10; this country is also the home of the youngest ever EuroBasket MVP. To celebrate 70 years of basketball in this country, it held a competition featuring Belarus, Finland, Latvia, and Illinois State University. The national team of this country was featured in the 2012 documentary *The Other Dream Team*. Šarūnas (*) Jasikevičius [Sharunas Yeah-sih-cavi-chus] was the EuroBasket MVP in this country's only championship in 2003. In the 1992 Olympics, this country lost to the U.S. by 51 points in the semi-finals. In the following bronze-medal match, this country's team somehow beat a team consisting of nearly the entire former Soviet Union minus Estonia, Latvia, and itself. For ten points, name this country, the home state of Arvydas Sabonis and Zydrunas Ilgauskas, whose LKL is headquartered in Vilnius.

ANSWER: **Lithuania** [prompt on the **Soviet Union** or equivalents]

BONUSES

1. For ten points each, name some diseases from Futurama.

[10] This disease lay dormant in Fry until he went on a fishing trip. This 21st century disease, which had been eradicated since the 25th century, causes flu-like symptoms throughout Manhattan.

ANSWER: the common **cold**

[10] This disease, which may also lay dormant for years, is quite similar to Yetiism. It causes “fever, spasms, insanity, coma, and death.” Professor Farnsworth is mistakenly believed to have this disease.

ANSWER: Tritonian **Hyper-Malaria**

[10] Steve Castle travels from the 1980’s to the 31st century to find a cure for this disease, which apparently consists of an “inflammation of the bones.”

ANSWER: **Boneitis**

2. Name some shit about a thing I like. For ten points each:

[10] This genre of fiction focuses on hypothetical changes to life in the distant future, and is a form of fictional biology.

ANSWER: **Speculative Evolution** (accept **Spec Evo**, accept **speculative biology** or **speculative zoology**.) *Note to players: How am I supposed to describe spec evo without saying “speculative” or “evolution?”*

[10] Deep evolution of this species is portrayed in C. M. Kösemen’s speculative evolution work *All Tomorrows*. The evolution of this species is also portrayed in *The Time Machine* by H. G. Wells and *Galápagos* by Kurt Vonnegut.

ANSWER: **Homo sapiens** (or **humans**, or anything else that refers to humanity)

[10] This subgenre of speculative evolution involves putting existing species on a habitable world and letting them speciate. A famous work in this subgenre is *Serina* by Dylan Bajda.

ANSWER: **Seeded Worlds** (accept just “**seed**” if you want)

Moderators note: Do NOT read the following note to the players. This game does not actually exist. Read it as if it is a game that really does exist.

3. In this game, instead of selecting a human astronaut, you can instead select a dog, cat, or 70 kilograms of mystery meat. For ten points each:

[10] Name this 2015 roguelike deckbuilder set on the spacecraft *Ares X* [ten]. It’s known for its extreme customizability in the beginning stages, letting you choose astronauts, abilities, spaceship functionalities, and more.

ANSWER: **100 Million Miles**

[10] The main plot of 100 Million Miles centers around your journey from one planet to another. Name both planets.

ANSWER: **Earth** and **Mars**

[10] This tutorial NPC incessantly pesters you through your first playthrough. This somewhat stereotypical German man is named after a certain low-impulse transfer orbit. However, that orbit is not actually used to travel in-game.

ANSWER: Marcus **Hohmann**

4. I was going to ask about extremely current events, but there isn't anything funny to write about. So, bitter as I am, answer some stuff about extremely noncurrent events, for ten points each:

[10] In about 50,000 years, this geographical feature and tourist destination will have eroded completely into Lake Erie.

ANSWER: **Niagara Falls**

[10] In about 250-300 million years, one of these things is likely to form on Earth. The occurrence of these things usually results in lowered sea levels, increased oxygen levels, and an Ice Age.

ANSWER: a **supercontinent** (reject any specific names for the future continent because that's some nerd shit)

[10] Within the 95% confidence interval, name the number of years that the Standard Model is estimated to last.

ANSWER: **10^{161} years** (accept anything from **10^{65} to 10^{1383} years**, inclusive.)

Note to players: this bonus is DLC content. Please Venmo \$1 to [the reader's Venmo] to access this question.

Proceed after the transaction clears.

5. You fucking idiots, you just got suckered out of \$1. There is no fifth bonus and there never has been.

Note to moderators: It's your choice whether or not to refund the payment afterwards.