

1. **This band's lead singer holds the track record for the Chevrolet Lacetti on the *Top Gear* segment "Star in a Reasonably Priced Car". In one music video by this band, a movie theater is flooded and damaged by the 1998 Roland Emmerich film version of *Godzilla*. After Pedro forgets to prepare a skit for class president election day, Napoleon Dynamite saves the day by spontaneously dancing to one of this band's songs. When Babs goes out shopping, Carter Pewterschmidt dances, walks, and (*) rearranges furniture before letting the bird out of the cage in a *Family Guy* parody of a music video by this band. "Canned Heat" and "Virtual Insanity" are songs by, for ten points, what English acid jazz group fronted by Jay Kay whose name is a portmanteau of a word meaning "to improvise music" and a Native American confederacy?**

ANSWER: **Jamiroquai** (The first music video is "Deeper Underground".)

<II - The High Priestess>

2. **Description acceptable. During this artist's "Blue Period," this artist would cover their body in blue paint and run into a large canvas formerly painted using Jackson Pollock's drip technique. After catching a top competitor cheating, this athlete nearly collides with a baby carriage during a confrontation while racewalking. This talk show host uses the pseudonym "Kid-Charlemagne" while operating a (*) pirate radio station in violation of FCC guidelines. In one cold open, this father clumsily mixes up his toothbrush and razor in the shower and spills coffee on himself thinking he is late for work, providing schadenfreude for his children Reese, Dewey, and the title savant of the show this character appears on. For ten points, name this father of the Wilkerson family portrayed by Bryan Cranston on a 2000s TV sitcom whose title son is *In The Middle*.**

ANSWER: **Hal** Wilkerson [accept **Malcolm's father** or word equivalents of the **father from *Malcolm in the Middle***; prompt on **Wilkerson**]

<V - The Hierophant>

3. **This director created a film that recorded art critics' live reactions to said movie titled *The Joke*. In a film by this director, a duel between the Medusa and the Odalisque causes a live audience to turn to stone. This late director, who died microwaving his head, casted Joelle van Dyne in a magnum opus work with a Hamlet-inspired name sought by the (*) Quebecois Wheelchair Assassins. For ten points, name this former Headmaster of the Enfield Tennis Academy, whose lethal final directorial work shares its name with the 1996 David Foster Wallace novel it appears in, *Infinite Jest*?**

ANSWER: **James** Orin Incandenza (or **J.O.I.** or **J. O. Incandenza** or **Himself** or **The Mad Stork** or **The Sad Stork**; prompt on **Incandenza**)

<American Long Fiction, Nolan>

4. **In the film *Amélie*, Brétodeau remembers a humiliating day in his childhood involving this game after discovering his childhood trinkets in a phone booth. This game is lost voluntarily by a young woman previously convicted of murdering her stepfather so a North Korean refugee can win in a (*) 2021 Netflix series. Ali is killed when Sang-woo replaces Ali's bag with rocks in, for ten points, what children's game depicted in an episode of *Squid Game* involving flicking the title objects with the thumb?**

ANSWER: **marbles** (or **guseul**; prompt on ***Squid Game*** until read with "what specific children's game within the show?")

<Pop Culture, Nolan>

5. In this film, the titular character holds his own hands while watching the musical Hello, Dolly! In the climax of this film, the Captain of the Axiom spaceship stands up to fight the HAL-inspired robot AUTO. In this film, AUTO sabotages the delivery of a (*) plant that would send the Axiom back to Earth. In this film, the cleaning robot M-O (moe) becomes increasingly frustrated cleaning dirty tracks left behind by the titular character. For ten points, name this 2008 film about a trash compactor that befriends the robot EVE.

Answer: Wall-E <Trash, Nolan J.>

6. In this film, lye is poured on characters' hands in order for them to reach "one step closer to rock bottom." After a former bodybuilder in this film is shot while destroying corporate art, men cultishly repeat the phrase "his name is Robert Paulson." That character, Bob, attends Remaining Men Together, a testicular cancer support group also attended by the "tourist" (*) Marla. In this film's ending, the protagonist shoots himself in the mouth before Project Mayhem's explosives destroy multiple corporate buildings, causing the death of his alter ego, Tyler Durden. For ten points, name this 1999 film starring Edward Norton and Brad Pitt whose titular group's first and second rules are not to talk about the titular group.

ANSWER: Fight Club <Old Movies, Nolan>

7. In this film, the main character repeats the phrase "Remember Sammy Jankis" to remind himself of a man who accidentally killed his wife via insulin overdose. This film begins with the murder of Teddy, and moves backward chronologically in the scenes in color in this film. In the climax of this movie, the main character realizes that John G. did not (*) murder his wife. For ten points, name this 2000 movie starring Guy Pearce as Leonard Shelby, a man suffering from anterograde amnesia that tattoos his body with clues to find "John G.", the man who raped and murdered his wife.

Answer: Memento <Trash, Nolan J.>

8. The name of this band was inspired by Arthur Janov's primal scream therapy. In one song by this band, the listener is asked to "let it all out" after doing the title action. In an episode of the TV show "Psych", Shawn Spencer dresses up as one member of this band while covering that song: (*) "Shout". In another song by this band, "familiar faces, worn out places, worn out faces" are all around the singer. That song is "Mad World". For ten points, name this musical duo of Roland Orzabal (OR-zuh-bal) and Curt Smith, most known for their song "Everybody Wants to Rule the World."

Answer: Tears for Fears <Trash, Nolan J.>

9. In this TV show, the main character befriends Mr. Shaibel (SHY-bul), the janitor of Methuen Home for Girls, following a car accident. In this TV show, Harry Beltik surprises the main character with news that he became an assistant manager of a grocery store. After refusing to give a speech for the Christian Crusade, the main character of this TV show takes a loan from Jolene to fund her trip to (*) Moscow. In the climax of this TV show, the main character defeats Vasily Borgov at the 1968 Moscow Invitational, surprising him with the titular opening. For ten points, name this 2020 Netflix miniseries about Beth Harmon, an orphan who becomes a chess prodigy.

Answer: The Queen's Gambit <Trash, Nolan J.>

10. After fainting, this story's main character realizes he incorrectly misgauged the length of the room when a sulfurous light illuminates the room. This story has been criticized for its lack of historical authenticity, as its only named character was not in command of the capture of Toledo. That character, whose outstretched arm catches the main character as he falls, is (*) General Lasalle. In this story, the main character saves himself by having rats eat restraints covered in meat, exclaiming "Free! -- and in the grasp of the Inquisition!" after the escape. For ten points, name this Edgar Allan Poe story about the titular Spanish Inquisition torture devices.

Answer: The Pit and the Pendulum <American Lit., Nolan J.>

11. After noticing a character's raised pulse while playing cards, this man brags "Swahili, Indian, English Lit., I speak them all" before finishing "All's well that is well in the end." In one scene, this character recalls the deaths of Latimer and Nicolas Ridley at the stake after an old woman quotes their final words. When a Green Bullet falls from the ear of a character while responding to an (*) Alarm, this man threatens to trace it to Professor Faber, quoting Brutus before receiving "one continuous pulse of liquid fire." For ten points, name this fire captain burned alive by Guy Montag with a flamethrower, the main antagonist of Fahrenheit 451.

Answer: Captain Beatty <American Lit., Nolan J.>

12. In the novel The Man in the Iron Mask, Aramis plans to put one of these people on the throne of France in order to become a cardinal. Leonardo DiCaprio plays one of these people in a Steven Spielberg movie where he is tracked down by FBI agent Carl Hanratty. In Kanye West's song "Skit 4," he arranges a meeting because there is one of these people. A (*) syndrome named for these people causes doubt of individual skills and talents. For ten points, name these people who are "sus" and kill crewmates in the game Among Us.

Answer: impostors (accept twin or brother before "DiCaprio"; prompt on fraudster or pretender before "Kanye West")

13. In one of this director's films, a character is off put by a polyester carpet before the room is overrun by protestors. That Ken Watanabe character asks the main character to "take a leap of faith" or "become an old man, filled with regret" while recruiting him for a mission to complete the titular concept on a dead billionaire's wealthy son. In another of this director's films, the "temporal pincer movement" is used to simultaneously attack the troops of Russian oligarch Andrei Sator, who is killed by Kat on a (*) yacht in Vietnam. In that film, "inverted entropy" allows for objects passed through turnstiles to move backwards through time. For ten points, name this English director behind the mind-bending films Inception and Tenet.

ANSWER: Christopher Nolan <Recent Movies, Nolan>

14. This NBA player jokingly referred to a push-off before a 1998 playoff game-winning shot as “just a light shove.” That shot in Game 4 led to this player’s team becoming one of only two teams to take Michael Jordan’s championship Bulls to a Game 7. In a Wendy’s commercial, this player is unable to stop bragging about one feat he accomplished against the Knicks in a 1995 playoff game. That feat was scoring (*) eight points in nine seconds. This former leader of career three pointers made gave a choking sign at Spike Lee in the middle of a fierce rivalry that earned this player the nickname “Knick Killer.” For ten points, name this former NBA player widely considered the best Indiana Pacer of all time who casts basketball games with Kevin Harlan on TNT.

ANSWER: Reggie Miller (prompt on Knick Killer before mention) <Basketball, Nolan>

15. In one game of this video game franchise, an assassination attempt in Chernobyl goes wrong when a sniper fails to kill the intended target, instead causing the target’s left arm to be blown off. In one installment of this franchise, Task Force 141 travels to a gulag in Petropavlovsk to rescue Prisoner 627. In that game of this video game franchise, the player is given the option to not play the first mission involving a mass shooting at a (*) Russian airport. In that installment of this franchise, a twenty five killstreak grants the player use of the elusive tactical nuke, a weapon that effectively wins the game for the player’s team. For ten points, name this Call of Duty video game series, whose most recent installment is a battle royale game called Warzone.

ANSWER: Modern Warfare (accept Call of Duty 4: Modern Warfare, Modern Warfare 2, Modern Warfare 3; prompt on Call of Duty before mention; prompt on MW, MW2, or MW3; do not accept or prompt any answer mentioning Black Ops) <Video Games, Nolan>

16. In this show, drug crews are rounded up and sent to deal drugs in a “free zone” which they mishear as “Hamsterdam.” In this show, two rivaling leaders betray each other in hopes of leading their organization, leading to one being arrested and the other being shot by Brother Mouzone and a stick-up man. That whistling stick-up man on this show, who kills Stinkum before shooting Wee-Bey in the leg and says “You come at the king, you best not miss,” is (*) Omar Little. In this show, Detective Jimmy McNulty presses an investigation into the Barksdale organization after D’Angelo Barksdale’s acquittal of murder caused by the Idris Elba-played Stringer Bell. For ten points, name this HBO series centered about Baltimore crime whose title alludes to a means of police surveillance.

ANSWER: The Wire <Old Small Screen, Nolan>

17. A character in this collection drops a poetry collection named “Sonnets” in a bathtub and says “I hate you” to her husband when he plans on disposing of a plaster Virgin Mary. A landlady notes “There is an American flag on the moon” and has her tenant yell “Splendid!” before calling her tenant’s wife a “perfect lady” in this collection’s final story. In another story in this collection, the title word is whispered in a Christian Science center (*) Mapparium to Miranda, who wears a silver dress for a kid she babysits and learns the word means “loving someone you don’t know” in the story “Sexy.” Mrs. Das admits her infidelity to the tour guide Mr. Kapasi in the title story of, for ten points, what collection of short stories by Jhumpa Lahiri?

ANSWER: Interpreter of Maladies <British Lit., Nolan J.>

18. Description acceptable. April Fools jokes from this channel include this channel being “LeVar Burton-ized” and a one-take shot of characters walking for an hour culminating when Ryan Higa reveals their package contains two bricks. In another series from this channel, a wheelchair-bound character is shoved into a pool, causing his friend’s death by electrocution by revealing he survived by holding his breath. That “pink frosted sprinkled donuts” eating character from this channel has to accomplish everyday tasks from a catalogue to beat his best friend in the series (*) Food Battle. Intros to videos on this channel feature a logo being spray-painted on cardboard, ending with a man yelling “SHUT UP!” Ian Hecox and Anthony Padilla created, for ten points, what formerly most subscribed YouTube channel known for its short comedy sketches.

ANSWER: **Smosh** (accept answers that acknowledge **Smosh** is a **YouTube channel**; accept **EISmosh**, **Smosh France**; anti-prompt on **Smosh Pit**, **Smosh Games**)

19. After being forced to consume alcohol by henchmen, this film’s protagonist narrowly survives a staged drunk driving accident, upon which he is unable to prove his innocence for driving under the influence. This film’s ending sees a dangling woman being pulled up from a mountain that cuts into a scene of a married version of her being pulled into the upper berth of a train. That mountain from this film, where two henchmen fall to their deaths and the Professor arrests Phillip Vandamm, is Mount (*) Rushmore. In this film, Roger Thornhill is mistaken by kidnappers as the nonexistent George Kaplan, who is framed for murdering Lester Townsend when a spy throws a knife into Townsend’s back. A Cary Grant played fugitive is chased by a flying crop duster in, for ten points, what 1959 thriller by Alfred Hitchcock?

ANSWER: **North by Northwest** <Older Movies, Nolan>

20. In the closing refrain to a bossa nova-inspired track on this album, sound engineer Roy Halee shouts “So long already!” to one band member, foreshadowing the group’s eventual disbandment following the release of this album. After getting up to wash their face, the singer finds that someone has taken their place in bed on this album’s third track. Despite their anger and shame, the singer notes “But the fighter still remains” in a “poor boy” who repeats the phrase (*) “lie-la-lie” on this album’s track “The Boxer”. For ten points, name this final Simon & Garfunkel album, whose title opening track features Paul Simon promising “I will lay me down” like the title structure.

ANSWER: **Bridge Over Troubled Water** (The first song is “So Long, Frank Lloyd Wright”).
<XV - The Devil>

1. In a season finale, Jules abandons this character at a train station. For ten points each:

[h] Name this narrator of the HBO show *Euphoria*. In *The Hunger Games*, a District 11 female tribute that shares a first name with this character allies with Katniss Everdeen.

ANSWER: **Rue Bennett** (accept either underlined portion)

[m] Rue Bennett is portrayed by this actress who, in another appearance, plays an MIT admittee whose memories of her superhero boyfriend are erased at the end of a 2021 Marvel film.

ANSWER: **Zendaya** (or Zendaya **Coleman**)

[e] In that film titled for this superhero, two past versions of this superhero portrayed by Tobey Maguire and Andrew Garfield defeat villains from other cinematic universes like Green Goblin and Doctor Octopus.

ANSWER: **Spider-Man** (or **Peter Parker**; accept any underlined portion)

<Pop Culture, Nolan>

2. After Myrtle is fatally struck by this character's "big yellow car," this character is shot in a pool by Myrtle's husband. For ten points each:

[m] Name this West Egg resident, who reaches out for a "green light" at the end of a dock representing Daisy Buchanan.

ANSWER: **Jay Gatsby** (accept **The Great Gatsby**)

[e] The affluent party lifestyle of Jay Gatsby is chronicled in *The Great Gatsby*, a novel by this American author.

ANSWER: F. Scott **Fitzgerald** (or Francis Scott Key **Fitzgerald**)

[h] In a short story by Fitzgerald, this title character ages in reverse after being born elderly in a Baltimore hospital. A crowd follows and mocks this character after he fails an entrance interview with Yale University.

ANSWER: **Benjamin Button** (accept "**The Curious Case of Benjamin Button**")

<American Long Fiction, Nolan>

3. In January 2022, this athlete's Australian visa was revoked following his refusal of the COVID-19 vaccine. For ten points each:

[h] Name this Serbian tennis star who, along with Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal, is a member of the Big Three tennis greats.

ANSWER: Novak **Djokovic**

[m] After failing to defend his 2021 Australian Open and French Open titles, Djokovic won his twenty-first Grand Slam at this grass court Grand Slam tournament held in London.

ANSWER: **Wimbledon** (or The **Wimbledon** Championships)

[e] After Wimbledon, the fourth and last Grand Slam of each year is held in this home country of Venus and Serena Williams.

ANSWER: **United States** of America (or **USA** or **America**; accept **US Open**)

<Sports, Nolan>

4. A New York teen recently created the greatest song of all time in celebration of the COVID-19 vaccine. For ten points each:

[e] The song orders this immunologist and Chief Medical Advisor to the President to “Give us vaccines,” later asking this man to “Promise us, please / Give us a cure that can fight off this disease.”

ANSWER: Dr. Anthony **Fauci**

[m] The Dr. Fauci song parodies this song by The Chordettes, which asks the title person to “bring me a dream / Make him the cutest that I’ve ever seen.” Another song titled for this person by Metallica ends with the repeated line “We’re off to Never Neverland.”

ANSWER: “**Mr. Sandman**” (accept “**Enter Sandman**”)

[h] In the Dr. Fauci parody, this is the last action requested of Dr. Fauci. A Simple Minds song that requests this action plays during the credits of *The Breakfast Club*.

ANSWER: **don’t forget me** (accept “**Dr. Fauci, don’t forget me!**” or “**Don’t You (Forget About Me)**”)

<Other Music, Nolan>

5. Description acceptable. In this location, eight men dance near hot pink pillars while the artist sings, “I got what they waiting for.” For ten points each:

[h] Name this location. Listeners were trolled by an “uncensored” version of a music video that pretends to buffer as this location is about to be shown.

ANSWER: the **showers** from the “**Industry Baby**” music video (or the **Montero State Prison showers**; prompt on partial answer)

[e] Those showers appear in “Industry Baby,” a recent hit for this artist behind the other hits “Montero (Call Me By Your Name)” and “Old Town Road.”

ANSWER: **Lil Nas X**

[m] In the beginning of the “Industry Baby” music video, Lil Nas X hangs upside down from the ceiling of his jail cell, a reference to this rapper’s “In Da Club” music video, where he proclaims, “Go shorty / It’s your birthday.”

ANSWER: **50 Cent** (accept Curtis **Jackson**)

<Rap, Nolan>

6. Answer some things about the revitalized Chicago Bulls following the 2021 Free Agency. For ten points each:

[e] In a sign-and-trade, the Bulls received Lonzo, a member of this basketball family. Another member of this family named LaMelo won the 2021 Rookie of the Year Award with the Charlotte Hornets.

ANSWER: **Ball** Family (accept **Ball** Brothers)

[m] After a tumultuous period as a San Antonio Spur, this guard agreed to a three-year sign-and-trade with the Bulls. This guard was shipped to San Antonio by Toronto for Kawhi Leonard, much to the dismay of his best friend, Kyle Lowry.

ANSWER: DeMar **DeRozan**

[h] After being traded to the Bulls by the Celtics in a March 2020 three-team trade, this German center joined the Rockets in a four-year sign-and-trade that gave the Bulls “cash considerations.”

ANSWER: Daniel **Theis** [“tice”]

<Basketball, Nolan>

7. Here's a bonus in honor of the late comedian Trevor Moore. For ten points each:

[h] Moore was part of this comedy sketch troupe, which consisted of five guys acting in multiple skits involving dark humor. In one sketch by this troupe, Moore convinces a jury that it is Opposite Day.

ANSWER: *The Whitest Kids U' Know* (accept **WKUK**)

[e] In a famous *Whitest Kids U' Know* skit, Moore plays a character who is berated by this historical figure while watching the play *Our American Cousin* in Ford's Theatre.

ANSWER: Abraham **Lincoln**

[m] In another skit, Moore tries to replicate this documentary, but drinks whiskey for 30 days instead of eating fast food, with mixed results.

ANSWER: ***Super Size Me*** (accept ***Super Size Me with Whiskey***)

<Older Small Screen, Nolan>

8. HBO made some pretty good TV shows in the 2000s. For ten points each:

[h] This television drama followed the fundamentalist Mormon polygamist Bill Henrickson and his family life in the sphere of Salt Lake City.

ANSWER: ***Big Love***

[m] This show, starring Sarah Jessica Parker as the protagonist Carrie Bradshaw, followed a group of four women in New York City as they explored metropolitan social life.

ANSWER: ***Sex and the City***

[e] The second and third seasons of *Da Ali G Show* were aired on HBO, which featured this actor in the roles of the gangster Ali G, the gay fashion enthusiast Brüno Gehard, and the Kazakh reporter Borat Sagdiyev.

ANSWER: Sacha Baron **Cohen**

<Older Small Screen, Nolan>

9. In the beginning of the 2021 NBA season, this player's teammate, Kyrie Irving, claimed that "[he] was the best option on every team [he] played for down the stretch." For ten points each:

[m] Name this player, who became the highest-scoring player in a Game 7 with 48 points against the Bucks in the 2021 Eastern Conference Semifinals.

ANSWER: Kevin **Durant** (or **KD**)

[e] Durant is a player for this Eastern Conference team, who became in-city rivals with the New York Knicks.

ANSWER: ***Brooklyn Nets*** (accept either underlined portion)

[h] Durant and the Nets lost Game 7 in overtime after Durant airballed a field goal attempt while being defended by this Bucks player. The Bucks acquired this guard from the Pelicans at the start of the 2021 season by trading away Eric Bledsoe, George Hill, and multiple first-round picks.

ANSWER: Jrue **Holiday**

<Basketball, Nolan>

10. This city's main enemies are the Vox Populi, a militant group led by Daisy Fitzroy. For ten points each:

[h] Name this city founded by Zachary Hale Comstock, which contains a "Hall of Heroes" detailing its victories at Wounded Knee and Peking. Rosalind Lutece's discovery of "quantum levitation" enables this city's unique setting.

ANSWER: ***Columbia***

[m] Columbia is the floating city central to the third installment in this video game franchise. In this video game franchise's first installment, Jack travels to the underwater city of Rapture and fights enemies called Big Daddies.

ANSWER: ***BioShock*** (or ***BioShock 2*** or ***BioShock Infinite***)

[e] The *BioShock* games were produced by this video game company, whose other titles include yearly installments of NBA games under this title.

ANSWER: **2K Games** (or **2K Sports**; accept ***NBA 2K***)

<Video Games, Nolan>

11. Answer some questions about a certain besieged city. For ten points each:

[h] Name this city besieged by Uruk-Hai and Orcs led by Saruman. After a day of fighting in this city, Rohirrim riders led by Éomer and a White Wizard relieve forces defending this city.

ANSWER: **Helm's Deep** (or **The Hornburg**; accept answers mentioning the battle or siege of **Helm's Deep** or **The Hornburg**)

[m] The battle of Helm's Deep is depicted in this film. Other key moments in this film focus on Merry and Pippin convincing Ent to take them to Mordor, which contains one of this film's title structures, Barad-dûr.

ANSWER: **The Two Towers** (accept but do NOT otherwise reveal **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers**)

[e] *The Two Towers* is the second installment in this film franchise centering on the hobbit Frodo Baggins' quest in destroying a powerful object belonging to this title character, the Dark Lord Sauron.

ANSWER: **The Lord of the Rings** (do NOT accept or prompt on "The Hobbit")

<Older Movies, Nolan>

12. Answer some questions about the latest card released in a mobile card game. For ten points each:

[h] Name this four-elixir building card that, along with the Miner, is the only card that can dig underground. This card expels three of its namesake creatures upon death.

ANSWER: **Goblin Drill**

[m] The Goblin Drill and the Miner are two cards in this Supercell mobile card game. The main objective of this card game is to destroy opponents' princess and king towers, with destroying all towers being a "three-crown" victory.

ANSWER: **Clash Royale** (prompt on Clash)

[e] A famous *Clash Royale* YouTuber that analyzes *Clash Royale* card metas goes by this beverage for their name. On an unrelated note, a Heisman trophy winner with this nickname murdered his ex-wife Nicole Brown.

ANSWER: **Orange Juice** (accept **OJ**, O.J. **Simpson**, or Orenthal James **Simpson**)

<Video Games, Nolan>

13. For ten points each, answer some questions about Curt Smith's cameos on the TV show *Psych*.

[h] Curt Smith's most famous musical act is this British pop rock duo, where he plays alongside Roland Orzabal. In a famous song by this duo, the singer exclaims, "I never find out 'til I'm head over heels."

ANSWER: **Tears for Fears**

[m] In an episode of *Psych*, Smith is ordered by a millionaire to begin playing this Tears for Fears song, which begins, "All around me are familiar faces / Worn out places, worn out faces."

ANSWER: "**Mad World**"

[e] In another episode, Shawn and Gus enter a talent show and perform this other Tears for Fears song, singing, "let it all out / These are the things I can do without." In an early song by The Beatles, the listener is asked to "Twist and" do this other title action.

ANSWER: "**Shout**" (accept "**Twist And Shout**")

<Rock, Nolan>

14. For ten points each, answer some questions about one of the most prolific music artists during the early 80s, Vince Clarke.

[m] Clarke helped form this band, whose name is derived from a French fashion magazine. This band asks the listener to “Reach out, touch faith” in their 1989 hit “Personal Jesus.”

ANSWER: **Depeche Mode**

[h] After leaving Depeche Mode and being involved in numerous projects, Clarke formed this duo with singer Andy Bell. The singer “tried to discover a little something to make me sweeter” in this duo’s hit “A Little Respect.”

ANSWER: **Erasure**

[e] Erasure and Depeche Mode are bands from this country, whose synth-pop sound was inspired by a second namesake “Invasion” of American pop music.

ANSWER: **United Kingdom** (or **Britain** or **UK** or **United Kingdom** of Great Britain and Northern Island; accept Second **British** Invasion)

<Pop, Nolan>

15. After failing to get a random person to approve a sketchy email for delivery, this person is introduced to his new identity in a display on Times Square. For ten points each:

[h] Name this newest cast member on a hidden camera prank TV show, who formerly was embarrassed in a White Castle by an “Employee of the Month” photo which depicts this man looking into a camera while drunk.

ANSWER: **Prince Herb** (or **Sal Vulcano**; accept any underlined portion)

[m] Prince Herb, formerly Sal, stars alongside Joe, Q, and Murr on this TruTV show, which involves the four competing in embarrassing challenges.

ANSWER: **Impractical Jokers**

[e] Completing the least amount of challenges in an episode of *Impractical Jokers* makes one of the Jokers this type of person. In an NBC reality show with this title, obese contestants compete for cash prizes by burning weight.

ANSWER: tonight’s big **loser** (accept *The Biggest Loser*)

<Small Screen (TV 2010-Present), Nolan>

16. *Moderator note: do NOT reveal the prompts or rejected answers for the first question.* After being drugged by Jackie Treehorn, this character confesses, “All [this character] ever wanted was his rug back. Not greedy.” For ten points each:

[h] Name this avid bowler and frequent slacker that drinks a White Russian. This character’s namesake religion is best described as a modern form of Taoism and has an estimated 450,000 priests.

ANSWER: The **Dude** (accept **Dudeism** or The Church of the Latter-Day **Dude**; prompt on Jeffrey Lebowski; do NOT accept “*The Big Lebowski*”)

[m] A staged kidnapping and a money drop gone bad are at the center of this 1998 Coen Brothers film starring Jeff Bridges as The Dude. In this film, Vietnam veteran Walter Sobchak pulls a gun on Smokey in a bowling alley to enforce the rules of a “league game.”

ANSWER: **The Big Lebowski**

[e] After portraying Walter Sobchak in *The Big Lebowski*, John Goodman went on to voice the blue furry behemoth Sulley in this 2001 Pixar movie about the title characters scaring children to generate power.

ANSWER: **Monsters Inc.**

<Older Movies, Nolan>

17. During an introduction for his martial arts class, this character boasts, “Do you think I got where I am today because I dress like Peter Pan here?” while pointing at a potential customer. For ten points each:

[h] Name this local dojo owner from Preston, Idaho who embarrasses two brothers while advertising an eight-week program for his namesake martial art.

ANSWER: **Rex** (accept **Rex Kwon Do**)

[m] Rex embarrasses Kip and the socially awkward title character of this 2004 indie comedy film starring Jon Heder. In this film, the title character dances to Jamiroquai’s “Canned Heat” in a skit to convince classmates to “Vote for Pedro.”

ANSWER: ***Napoleon Dynamite***

[e] While Deb is selling glamor shots and handicrafts, Kip rudely yells, “[this person] goes to college!”, causing Deb to run off. Other jokes about this person typically involve her being “so fat” or “so stupid.”

ANSWER: ***your mom***

<Older Movies, Nolan>

18. During the song “Aal Izz Well,” this character fixes a drone built by fellow student Joy Lobo, only to discover that Joy committed suicide due to the stresses of college life. For ten points each:

[h] Name this schoolteacher from Ladakh that signs a “Declaration of Defeat,” only to reveal that he is an acclaimed scientist.

ANSWER: **Ranchoddas Shamaldas Chanchad** (or Phunsukh **Wangdu** or **Chhote**; accept any underlined portion)

[m] Rancho, Farhan, and Raju are the title group in this 2009 film starring Aamir Khan, whose antics at the Imperial College of Engineering result in many confrontations with their college’s director, Dr. Virus.

ANSWER: ***3 Idiots***

[e] After his daughter is aided in giving birth through a storm, Dr. Virus tearfully gives Rancho a pen designed for people in this profession. People in this profession fit square filters into a round receptacle in the 1995 film Apollo 13.

ANSWER: ***astronauts***

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19. During an ambush, this character fails to kill Baron Vladimir Harkonnen [“har-CONE-in”] using a poisoned tooth given to him by the Suk doctor Wellington Yueh. For ten points each:

[h] Name this ruler of Caladan, who is given the planetary fief of a desert planet by Emperor Shaddam IV.

ANSWER: Duke **Leto** Atreides [“uh-TRAY-ih-deez”] (or **Leto the Just** or **Leto Atreides I** or The **Red Duke**; prompt on **Atreides**)

[e] That desert planet, containing sandworms and the spice melange, has this name, the same name as this 2021 sci-fi film starring Timothée Chalamet as Paul Atreides.

ANSWER: ***Dune*** (or **Arrakis**; accept the phrase “**You ever heard of Dune?**”)

[m] In the 2021 Dune film, Duke Leto Atreides is portrayed by this actor, who also portrayed the X-Wing pilot Poe Dameron in the Star Wars sequels.

ANSWER: Oscar **Isaac** (or Óscar Isaac **Hernández** Estrada)

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20. After a staggering defeat at Hoover Dam, Caesar [“KAE-sar”] set this man on fire and threw him into the Grand Canyon. For ten points each:

[h] Name this Mormon missionary from New Canaan, who leads the Dead Horses in expelling the White Legs from Zion Canyon in the Honest Hearts DLC [“D-L-C”].

ANSWER: Joshua **Graham** (accept **Malpais Legate**; prompt on the **Burned Man**)

[m] Joshua Graham was defeated at Hoover Dam by the New California Republic, a faction in this 2010 Obsidian video game. In this video game, Courier Six traverses the Mojave [“moe-ha-vi”] Desert, which has been transformed into a nuclear wasteland.

ANSWER: *Fallout*: **New Vegas** (prompt on **Fallout**)

[e] In the New Vegas Strip, players with a Luck 10 character build can drastically increase their odds of winning this card game, with receiving an ace and a face card representing this card game’s title number.

ANSWER: **21** (or **Blackjack** or **Vingt-Un** or **Pontoon**)

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