

Super ACRONYM 4 - Round 3

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1. **A special type of salamander is sought by a group of smugglers in this novel due to their ability to create bubbles that neutralize certain characters' powers. One location introduced in this novel names a military campaign that begins with the battle of Sluis Van; that location is Mount Tantiss on the planet Wayland. A smuggler working for Talon Karrde who was introduced in this novel attempts to assassinate her future husband as she believes that he killed the (*) Emperor five years prior. This novel, which was followed by the sequels *Dark Force Rising* and *The Last Command*, depicts the beginning of an uprising against the New Republic. Mara Jade and Grand Admiral Thrawn first appeared in, for 10 points, what 1991 novel by Timothy Zahn, the first book in the original *Star Wars* Expanded Universe?**

ANSWER: *Star Wars: Heir to the Empire* [prompt on Star Wars] <Weiner>

2. **Two answers required. A historic game between these two colleges ended in the first shutout of Shawn Hunwick's career. A December 2022 hockey game between these two schools ended in a line-clearing brawl the moment the final horn sounded. These two teams have easily won the most CCHA tournament titles in conference history, as well as the most wins in the history of the annual (*) Great Lakes Invitational. A 2001 game between these two teams significantly revived interest in outdoor hockey games and was marketed as the "Cold War." The highest attended hockey game in history was played between these two schools, who play in a neutral site game at Little Caesars Arena each year dubbed "The Duel in the D." For 10 points, name these in-state rivals who played in the "Big Chill in the Big House."**

ANSWER: University of Michigan AND Michigan State University [accept answers in either order; accept Michigan Wolverines and Michigan State Spartans; prompt on UM and MSU] <Weiner>

3. **Description acceptable. A constellation representing this character appears in the opening shot of a film before a protagonist is shown flying in "Gamma Quadrant Sector 4." This character uses a cardboard box with an arrow on it to learn the concepts of "Up and Down" and "Surprise" in educational shorts aired on *Sesame Street*. This character appears on the counter of a bike shop in a 1987 film about a (*) unicycle called *Red's Dream*. This character first appeared with a larger version of itself in a 1986 short directed by John Lasseter, in which they play with a yellow and blue rubber ball with a red star. In one appearance, Wall-E arrives to replace the burnt out bulb of, for 10 points, what character who enthusiastically bounces and flattens the "i" in the logo of a Disney-owned animation company?**

ANSWER: Luxo Jr. [accept answers like the Pixar Lamp or the lamp from Pixar or similar] <Shao>

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4. Musical genres that emerged in this city inspired the sound of *Emergency & I*, a seminal album by The Dismemberment Plan. This city was home to 1985's so-called "Revolution Summer," a movement led by bands like Embrace, Rites of Spring, and others on this city's Dischord Records. Chuck Brown is known as the 'godfather' of a style of especially rhythmic funk music associated with this city. Five dollar (*) concert tickets were a major mantra of a group from this city fronted by Ian MacKaye, a leader of the straight edge movement. A former street address--and not a time of day--inspired the name of this city's 9:30 Club. Go-go music, as well as Fugazi and numerous other hardcore punk acts, originated in, for 10 points, what city where pioneering bands regularly played on U Street?

ANSWER: Washington, D.C. [accept either] <Nelson>

5. A boy who harbors a crush for this character sings the song "Vampire Queens Love Pimpernels" to which this character dances with her boyfriend at a Halloween Party. After dumping her gamer boyfriend Johnny, this character begins dating Monty in the episode "Sipping with the Enemy." After asking for one at the age of seven, this character's father finally gives her a Mary McGuffin doll nine years later. In an hour long special, this character threatens an (*) O.W.C.A. agent and his intern Carl by pretending to use a hair dryer as a firearm. Along with the Ashley Tisdale-voiced Candace, this character performs the song "Busted" in an attempt to expose her father's schemes to her mother Charlene. The evil Dr. Heinz Doofenshmirtz is the father of, for 10 points, what love interest of Ferb on *Phineas and Ferb*?

ANSWER: Vanessa Doofenshmirtz [prompt on Doofenshmirtz]

6. A TV series with this name stars Black Veil Brides vocalist Andy Biersack as the frontman of the group The Relentless and is spun off from the film *American Satan*. An island community with this name is the setting of a 2022 film about a missing bounty hunter that reunited *Pulp Fiction* stars John Travolta and Bruce Willis. DJ Atomica runs a radio station in a place with this two-word name that is the setting of the most recent game in the (*) *Burnout* series. An "urchin living under the street" longs for a place with this name in a song that likely equates this name with Los Angeles. A song from the album *Appetite for Destruction* repeats a request to "please take me home" to, for 10 points, what place that Guns N' Roses described as "where the grass is green and the girls are pretty"?

ANSWER: Paradise City [prompt on partial answers] <Nelson>

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7. Gruner, a man with this occupation, is killed by monsters at the end of the 2017 Spanish film *Cold Skin*. The real-life disappearance of several people with this occupation is central to the 2018 film *The Vanishing*, which starred Gerard Butler as one of them. In a film inspired by an unfinished Edgar Allen Poe story, a young man learning to hold this occupation reveals that he assumed the identity of (*) Ephraim Winslow and is later killed by his mentor, Thomas Wake. This occupation is held by Thomas Curry, who rescues and marries a mythical queen at the start of a 2018 DCEU movie. At the end of a 2019 Robert Eggers film, seagulls peck at the body of a man with, for 10 points, what occupation held by men played in that film by Robert Pattinson and Willem Dafoe?

ANSWER: lighthouse keeper [accept lighthouse attendant or lighthouse operator other answers describing working at a lighthouse] <Nelson>

8. According to businessman David Kelley, the design of this thing was inspired by a 230-foot sign that was once the tallest structure in Orange County, as well as by the interior of Virgin Airlines planes. This thing was allegedly envisioned in 2016 by John Rinehart, though it was not formally introduced until years later on "916 Day." In the summer of 2022 the FAA gave approval for the (*) installation of this thing, whose use was enacted by 50 Cent in an informal 2022 ceremony.

Following a nationally televised game, Terence Davis made eager references to this thing, which was last used in late April 2023. Shortly after its introduction, the strength of this thing was enhanced from 1,000 to 1,800 watts by Vivek Ranadive. The top of the Golden 1 Center features, for 10 points, what large purple thing that players "light" after Sacramento Kings wins?

ANSWER: (the Sacramento Kings') beam [accept any answer describing both a beam or light and the Sacramento Kings or the Golden 1 Center; accept "Light the Beam"] <Nelson>

9. A 2023 re-recording of this song contains a re-written bridge that includes the claim "I saw Adam asking Eve for a pardon." While unhappy with an earlier version of this song, Brian Eno added a drum machine beat and a synthesized string intro that appeared in its final version. This song was preceded by a message from then-astronaut Mark Kelly during performances on its band's (*) 360 Tour. A performance of this song opened a Super Bowl Halftime Show held on a heart-shaped stage, which was also used during its band's Elevation tour. A myth about a structure being visible from space likely inspired this song's weird lyric "see China right in front of you." Bono proclaims "The heart is a bloom" in the opening line of, for 10 points, what U2 song whose chorus insists "don't let it get away"?

ANSWER: "Beautiful Day" <Weiner>

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10. **The runner-up on this show's final season, Dr. Rich McCormick, is now a Georgia congressman. A retrospective of this show revealed that one of its creators, John Ferrari, controlled numerous legal rights of co-creator Dann Carr, whom Ferrari refused to discuss. This show originally dressed its judges as hooded medieval executioners during an era when pundits reviled this series as "crash TV." A 2008 revival of this series was presented by Laila (*) Ali and Hulk Hogan, who replaced the original hosts Mike Adamle (AD-um-lee) and Larry Czonka. Long-term injuries and other controversies surrounding this show are examined in the 2023 documentary series *Muscles & Mayhem*. The Eliminator was the final course in episodes of, for 10 points, what flashy, lycra-filled 1990s series that pitted "contenders" against musclebound opponents like Lace and Gemini?**
ANSWER: American Gladiators <Vopava>

11. **While getting dinner with a business associate, a character in this film perfectly recites the order of every card in a shuffled deck. In this film, the murder of a school teacher who was sleeping with both a student and the student's mother is depicted on screen using a video game with a similar appearance to *Virtua Fighter*. At the end of this film, a school child reads a poem that concludes with him saying, "I am old too." A boy in this film takes numerous (*) photographs of the back of people's heads, one of which is used as the cover for this film's Criterion release. This film, whose title means "one by one," stars Wu Nien-jen as NJ, an engineer whose parents and children live together in working-class Taipei. For 10 points, name this 2000 Edward Yang film with a repetitive title.**

ANSWER: Yi Yi [prompt on One One or A One and a Two or similar before "one"] <Weiner>

12. **Former pitcher Roger Craig ended an 18-game personal losing streak in this ballpark, thanks in part to a Jim Hickman home run that grazed an overhang in this stadium's outfield. A team based in this stadium was relocated to Hilltop Park after a version of this venue was destroyed in a fire. The home stadium of Arizona State's baseball team is home to the light poles used at this venue. This park was the site of the Carl Mays pitch that hit and killed Ray Chapman. A (*) staircase named for John T. Brush is the only remaining remnant of this ballpark, whose games were visible from homes on Coogan's Bluff. Vic Wertz hit a ball that immediately preceded a historic play in this venue during the 1954 World Series. Willie Mays made "The Catch" while running towards the deep center field fence of, for 10 points, what bathtub-shaped ballpark built for a sport played on horseback?**
ANSWER: Polo Grounds <Nelson>

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13. In his featured verse in Jay Sean's "Down," Lil Wayne references this concept in a line that's followed by the question "don't it look like baby cupid sendin' arrows from above?" A question exploring this concept appears in the chorus of a song that insists "You know I never wanna hurt you" and describes "I'm out here without a shield, can't go back now." In reference to a song it interpolates, Kiesza claims "both of us" know this concept in the chorus of Pitbull's "We Are (*) Strong." The title single of a 2009 Jordin Sparks album asks "why does" it "always" feel like this concept is true. This concept follows the lines "No Promises, No Demands" in a 1983 song which claims "heartache to heartache, we stand." A hit by Pat Benatar is named after, for 10 points, what concept comparing affection to a war zone?

ANSWER: **love** is a **battlefield** [accept answers clearly linking **love** and a **battlefield** such as "**love** being a **battlefield**" or "**love** feels like a **battlefield**" or "**battlefield** of **love**"; do not accept or prompt on answers giving synonyms] <Maharjan>

14. *Description acceptable.* In 2003, Thomas Rinks and Joseph Shields won a lawsuit over the creation of this character, who they initially pitched as being a "psycho." In his first appearance, this character is shown alongside romantically-framed shots of a potential love interest, who this character then spurns in favor of a guy sitting in front of a barber shop. The portrayer of this character also played the mother of a major character in the film (*) *Legally Blonde 2*. After an attempt to lure what he called a "lizard," this character suggests he may "need a bigger box" in a cross-promotion with the Matthew Broderick *Godzilla* movie. This character was played on screen by a female named Gidget but was voiced by Carlos Alazraqui. "Drop the chalupa" was briefly a catchphrase of, for 10 points, what animal that exclaimed "Yo quiero" regarding a Mexican fast food chain?

ANSWER: the **Taco Bell chihuahua** [accept answers answers like the **Taco Bell dog**; prompt on just dog or **chihuahua** or **Taco Bell mascot**] <Nelson>

15. In December 2022, two of these animals named Kevin and Carol were banned from a bar in Yaraka. Billy Connolly threatened to break the neck of a puppet of one of these animals that repeatedly attacked Michael Parkinson in 1976. At a Florida ranch, Taylor Blake records TikToks with a notoriously angry one of these animals named Emmanuel Todd Lopez. A blue and orange puppet version of these animals was the companion of British comedian (*) Rod Hull. A llama or one of these animals are given as examples of an "exotic pet" in the Barenaked Ladies song "If I Had \$1,000,000." An insurance salesman named Doug accompanies one of these animals in a yellow shirt and blue tie in commercials for Liberty Mutual. For 10 points, a "war" in the Outback targeted what large flightless birds endemic to Australia?

ANSWER: **emus** [accept the **Emu** War] <Evans>

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16. One of these objects features prominently in a 2010 video by Higher Education that parodies Far East Movement's "Like a G6." In 1995, Frank Emmert Jr. specifically praised one of these objects for preventing serious injuries when his private plane crashed. A cardboard creation that Amerik Wojciechowski brought to a White Sox game inspired Rose Bruno to create these objects, the first of which was made from a couch cushion. The anti-Dutch phrase *kaaslop* is the possible origin of the (*) nickname that these objects apply in a literal manner. In 2023, Foamation Inc, the company that makes these objects, was acquired by a publicly owned organization with over half a million stockholders. For 10 points, identify these wedge-shaped, yellow objects often worn by fans at Lambeau Field.

ANSWER: cheesehead hats [accept any answer referring to the cheese hats worn by Packers fans; prompt on partial answers] <Maharjan>

17. Characters in this series obtain a rare flower for a grandmother, who then uses the flower in a drink to kill herself. After a brief argument in an Omaha diner, two characters in this show awkwardly have sex in a ball pit. A woman in this series vocally criticizes a performance at a casino after previously being thought to be mute; that character, "Quiet," is played by *Brooklyn Nine-Nine's* (*) Stephanie Beatriz. This show's protagonist, the unhelpfully named John Doe, is stricken with amnesia and tasked with delivering a package with unknown contents. Pro wrestler Samoa Joe plays the visual portion of a character in this series, whose voice is provided by Will Arnett. A guy played by Anthony Mackey is pursued by the evil clown Sweet Tooth in, for 10 points, what Peacock show based on a classic car combat video game series?

ANSWER: Twisted Metal <Nelson>

18. This song was its lead performer's first since the *Who's The Man?* soundtrack single "Party and Bullshit," which he performed under a different name. The mother of this song's performer was a Jehovah's Witness, which may explain its lyric "birthdays was the worst days." The chorus of J. Cole's "Villuminati" samples this song, whose lyrics also provided the title of his album *Born Sinner*. The girl group Total sings the reassurance "You know very well who you are" in this song's chorus. Each verse of this song ends with the oft-repeated phrase (*) "and if you don't know, now you know"; the third of those verses opens with the wonderful brag of having a Super Nintendo *and* a Sega Genesis. Puff Daddy produced this first single from the album *Ready to Die*. A 1983 song titled for a type of fruit inspired the name of, for 10 points, what breakout hit by the Notorious B.I.G.?

ANSWER: "Juicy" <Evans>

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19. **An implementation of this game mechanic in a 2007 Midway release is named after the character "Tequila." A version of this mechanic named for "Zeds" is a recurring feature of the *Killing Floor* series. This mechanic is central to the primary ability of a protagonist guided by a talking banana in the indie game *My Friend Pedro*. The Point Man's vision becomes warped when using this mechanic in the (*) *F.E.A.R* franchise. A driving-based variation of this mechanic Franklin's special ability in *Grand Theft Auto V*. The title vigilante of a Rockstar Games action series makes extensive use of this mechanic, including when he is low on health and in "Last Stand" mode. The "Dead Eye" mechanic in *Red Dead Redemption* is a form of, for 10 points, what video game mechanic that allows Max Payne to shoot people more easily?**

ANSWER: **bullet time** [accept any answer describing **slowing down time** or **slow motion**; accept answers describing **slowing the pace** of the game; prompt on answers like **controlling time**, do not accept or prompting on answers like "stopping time"] <Maharjan>

20. **A UFC fighter played by this actor badly beats up the Christopher Mintz-Plasse-played Chris D'Amico in the film *Kick-Ass 2*. In a 2018 film, an enforcer played by this actor asks a young rapper to demonstrate his skills before shooting the rapper in the head. After an awkward first date with a lawyer, a man played by this actor argues with and later kills a cop in a 2019 crime film. In another role, this star of (*) *Queen & Slim* portrayed one half of a pair of siblings descended from the man depicted in Eadweard Muybridge's *Animal Locomotion*. In an attempt to help him stop smoking, a character by this actor undergoes a therapy session in which he becomes entranced by a spoon scraping against a teacup. Fred Hampton in *Judas and the Black Messiah* was played by, for 10 points, what star of *Nope* and *Get Out*?**

ANSWER: Daniel **Kaluuya** <Nelson>

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1. A character known by this term spends his time in a largely abandoned wilderness as a prospector. For 10 points each:

[10] Give this foreign word for an extreme amount of resolve. It does not have a clear English equivalent, but nonetheless entered the public consciousness thanks to a 2022 film.

ANSWER: **sisu** (SEE-soo)

[10] *Sisu* is a concept from this language. The film *Sisu* was largely inspired by Simo Häyhä, a sniper known as the "White Death" who hailed from the country where this language is spoken.

ANSWER: **Finnish** language

[10] Trailers for *Sisu* led to understandable concerns that this type of event would occur in the film, prompting further ads insisting that it does not. At the behest of his sister, John Whipple created a website named for these events.

ANSWER: the **dog dying** [accept answers describing the **death** of a **dog** or a **dog** being **killed**; accept **DoesTheDogDie.com**] <Nelson>

2. After this show's cancellation was announced in 2014, its episodes got exponentially better, prompting an almost apologetic follow-up review from *Entertainment Weekly's* Hillary Busis. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this short-lived ABC sitcom inspired by the play *Pygmalion* and centered on a social media-obsessed pharma sales rep.

ANSWER: **Selfie**

[10] The male lead of *Selfie*, Henry Higgs, was played by this actor, who suffered another merciless series cancellation as the star of Netflix's live-action *Cowboy Bebop*.

ANSWER: John **Cho** [or **Cho** Yo-Han]

[10] After canceling *Selfie*, ABC unceremoniously replaced its broadcast slot with reruns of this reality show in which contestants pitch business ideas to moguls like Mark Cuban.

ANSWER: **Shark Tank** <Vopava>

3. Isabel Scott Rorick's hit 1940 book *Mr. and Mrs. Cugat* was adapted into several different pop culture works in the decade after its release. For 10 points each:

[10] The most notable adaptation may be the radio series *My Favorite Husband*, which starred this comedian and actress. The series was later adapted into a TV show co-starring her and her husband, Desi Arnaz.

ANSWER: Lucille (Désirée) **Ball** [prompt on **Lucy** or **I Love Lucy**]

[10] The radio series *Lux Radio Theatre* also adapted the book, in which the title characters were played by this legendary couple, whose vaudeville shows ended with one of them saying "say good night" to the other.

ANSWER: George **Burns** and Gracie **Allen** [accept answers like **George and Gracie**; accept Nathan **Birnbaum** in place of Burns; accept Grace Ethel Cecile Rosalie **Allen** in place of "Gracie"]

[10] The first adaptation of the book was the amusingly named 1942 film *Are Husbands Necessary?*, which starred this actor better known for leading roles in dramas like *The Lost Weekend* and *Dial M for Murder*.

ANSWER: Ray **Milland** [or Alfred Reginald **Jones**] <Nelson>

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4. For 10 points each, name these studio-era filmmakers who formed directing duos with men who *weren't* their brothers:

[10] Stanley Donen's directing teammate on *Singin' in the Rain* was this star, who also created the film's extremely demanding choreography.

ANSWER: Gene **Kelly** [or Eugene Curran **Kelly**]

[10] The 1960 proto-slasher film *Peeping Tom* was a solo effort by this director best known for his partnership with Emeric Pressburger on the British masterpieces *Black Narcissus* and *The Red Shoes*.

ANSWER: Michael **Powell** [or Michael Latham **Powell**; accept **Powell & Pressburger**]

[10] This director worked alongside Ernest B. Schoedsack ("**SHOD-sack**") to film the pioneering 1925 documentary *Grass* and 1933's *King Kong*.

ANSWER: Merian C. **Cooper** [or Merian Caldwell **Cooper**] <Vopava>

5. In a quiz bowl bonus-friendly coincidence, pitchers for the Arizona Diamondbacks have thrown exactly three no-hitters. For 10 points each:

[10] While with the team, this extremely tall, bird-murdering Hall of Famer became the oldest pitcher to throw a perfect game.

ANSWER: Randy **Johnson** [or Randall David **Johnson**]

[10] In 2021, the Diamondbacks' Tyler Gilbert became the first pitcher in history to throw a no-hitter in this notable scenario.

ANSWER: in his **first** career **start** [accept his **MLB debut** or **first game** other equivalents]

[10] This man threw 149 pitches and in a 2010 no-hitter for the Diamondbacks. A year earlier, he made his only All-Star appearance as a member of the Tigers.

ANSWER: Edwin **Jackson** (Jr.) <Nelson>

6. In 2021, Grace Baldridge, also known as Semler, became the first openly LGBTQ artist to top iTunes charts of this type of music. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this nebulous music genre, defined more by its content than by its sound. Semler's EP unseated Lauren Daigle at the top of this genre's iTunes chart.

ANSWER: contemporary **Christian** [accept answers like **Christian and Gospel** but do not accept or prompt on just "gospel"]

[10] While not entirely Christian in content, this trans artist's 2022 album *Preacher's Daughter* explores similar themes to that of Semler's EP *Preacher's Kid*. She adopted a biblically-inspired stage name in 2019.

ANSWER: Ethel **Cain** [or Hayden Silas **Anhedonia**]

[10] The first contemporary Christian drag performer, the incredibly named Flamy Grant, topped Christian charts in 2023 with an album titled in part for this conservative, religiously-inclined region of the southeast U.S.

ANSWER: **Bible Belt** [accept **Bible Belt Baby**] <Nelson>

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7. Since 2022, YouTuber Any Austin has been doing person-by-person surveys to calculate the unemployment rates of various video game towns. For 10 points each:

[10] While Austin's survey yielded a disastrous unemployment rate of 25% for Pallet Town, this neighboring city in the *Pokemon* games stands at just 5.9%. This city lends its name to a nearby forest.

ANSWER: **Viridian** City

[10] Prior to Viridian City, Austin's lowest rate belonged to this city in southeast Skyrim whose major employers include the Thieves' Guild and its bar, the Ragged Flagon.

ANSWER: **Riften** [prompt on "The Rift"]

[10] Extreme hostility could not prevent Austin from tabulating the pretty good 8.2% unemployment rate in Valdelobos (**val-day-LOH-bohss**), a Spanish village in this Capcom survival horror game that received a well-regarded 2023 remake.

ANSWER: **Resident Evil 4** [or **RE4**; do not accept or prompt on "Resident Evil"] <Vopava>

8. After he becomes trapped in a quickly flooding room, Charlie Pace writes this three-word phrase on his hand as a warning to Desmond Hume. For 10 points each:

[10] Give this phrase, which succinctly explains that a vehicle allegedly sent by Desmond's girlfriend was actually a deception.

ANSWER: **Not Penny's Boat**

[10] Charlie, played by Dominic Monaghan, was one of the initial regulars of this ABC series about the survivors of a plane crash.

ANSWER: **Lost**

[10] Charlie contacts Penny after shutting off a signal jammer operated by this research organization central to *Lost's* mythology.

ANSWER: **Dharma** Initiative [accept **Department of Heuristics and Research on Material Applications**] <Nelson>

9. While everyone was busy going nuts over Barbenheimer in the summer of 2023, Netflix released one of the greatest homages to blaxploitation in years. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this 2023 science fiction comedy with a rhyming name. The film stars John Boyega as a drug dealer and Jamie Foxx as the local pimp Slick Charles.

ANSWER: **They Cloned Tyrone**

[10] *They Cloned Tyrone* also stars this actress better known for her roles as Brianna Cartwright in the 2021 *Candyman* reboot and as Lysistrata in Spike Lee's *Chi-raq*.

ANSWER: Teyonah **Parris**

[10] In *They Cloned Tyrone*, Kiefer Sutherland plays an evil white person known only by this name. Frank Langella received an Oscar nomination for playing a real life man with this surname in a 2008 Ron Howard historical drama opposite Michael Sheen as David Frost.

ANSWER: **Nixon** [accept Richard **Nixon**; accept *Frost/Nixon*] <Weiner>

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10. Not to be confused with the quiz bowl powerhouse in Kentucky, Baltimore's Paul Laurence Dunbar High School produced one of the most dominant young basketball teams of the early 1980s. For 10 points each:

[10] The team's floor general was this 5-foot, 3-inch point guard, who went on to be the shortest player in NBA history.

ANSWER: Muggsy **Bogues** [or Tyrone Curtis **Bogues**]

[10] David Wingate, another Dunbar star, played for 15 years in the NBA but was best known as a national title-winning star alongside Patrick Ewing at this college.

ANSWER: **Georgetown** University [prompt on **Hoyas** or **GU**]

[10] The team also included this future Celtics All-Star, whose career was beginning its peak when he suddenly collapsed and died during a practice in summer 1993.

ANSWER: Reggie **Lewis** [or Reginald C. **Lewis**] <Nelson>

11. In "I'm Gone," Tyga compares Los Angeles to this novel due to the look of the Lakers' uniforms. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this 1982 novel. In another song, Nas (nahz) references the movie adaptation of this novel by rapping "Celie, Oprah, and Danny Glover gots to feel me".

ANSWER: *The **Color Purple***

[10] On a song titled for this action, Nicki Minaj references *The Color Purple* by stating "want my own TV production company/so tell Harpo to hit me, Celie". A song by the Weather Girls reports that this action will occur "just about half-past ten."

ANSWER: **raining men** [accept "**It's Raining Men**"; prompt on "rain" or "raining"]

[10] Lil Wayne raps "I'm up in here feeling like Celie" in this 2018 song about a woman who sets up men to be robbed. On this song, Wayne raps "she a good actress, and you a dead actor" and "she bite the bullet and cough up the shell".

ANSWER: "**Mona Lisa**" <Andert>

12. A cool-sounding film featuring a Black Superman written by this author and produced by J.J. Abrams was cast into doubt following the reboot of the DCEU. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this author and former columnist for The Atlantic. He is currently working on adapting Rachel Aviv's *New Yorker* article, "Wrong Answer" into a screenplay for a Ryan Coogler-directed film.

ANSWER: Ta-Nehisi (Paul) **Coates** (tah-nah-hah-see **COATS**)

[10] Coates wrote the 2010s storyline "A Nation Under Our Feet" for this superhero. In the storyline, Tetu and Zenzi launch a rebellion against this hero, who searches for his sister Shuri through the ancestral plane.

ANSWER: **Black Panther** [or **T'Challa**; accept ***Black Panther: A Nation Under Our Feet***]

[10] Coates wrote a six-issue spinoff series for Marvel in 2017 in which Black Panther teamed up with this team of Black superheroes. Luke Cage and Storm appeared in the 2017 reboot of this team, which was led by Junta and Josiah X during their first appearance in 2003.

ANSWER: The **Crew** [accept *Black Panther and the **Crew***] <Weiner>

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13. In an attempt to get FIFA to award them the 2030 World Cup, Saudi Arabian clubs have been signing every washed up or underperforming player they can. For 10 points each:

[10] Saudi clubs signed three players from this West London-based club nicknamed "The Blues," including Edouard Mendy and Hakim Ziyech.

ANSWER: **Chelsea** Football Club

[10] The moves to Saudi Arabia were kickstarted by Cristiano Ronaldo signing a colossal one-year contract with this club whose name translates as "Victory."

ANSWER: **Al-Nassr** Football Club

[10] This French striker who won the 2022 Ballon d'Or playing for Real Madrid made a move to Al-Ittihad during the 2023 Summer transfer window. After getting hurt before the 2022 World Cup, this player reportedly refused an invitation to watch the final with Emmanuel Macron.

ANSWER: Karim (Mostafa) **Benzema** <Weiner>

14. In July 2023, Letterboxd made an algorithm change that resulted in a shakeup in the site's top user rated films. For 10 points each:

[10] This Brazilian film, which had previously ranked among the top five films dropped completely out of the top 250. The change prompted speculation that bot accounts leaving five star reviews of this 2000 Guel Arraes film were the reason for the algorithm changes.

ANSWER: *A **Dog's Will*** [or *O **Auto da Compadecida***; prompt on "The Compassionate Woman's Play"]

[10] While mostly well received, the algorithm changes were criticized for making the Letterboxd Top 250 be more in line with the IMDb equivalent. This film which tops the IMDb list and stars Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman shot up to ninth on the Letterboxd list.

ANSWER: *The **Shawshank Redemption***

[10] This horrifying 1985 anti-war film by Elem Klimov was ranked number one before the change, but dropped down to second after it.

ANSWER: ***Come and See*** [or ***Idi i smotri*** or ***Idzi i hliadzi***] <Weiner>

15. When everyone in the teachers lounge confesses conspiracy theories they believe in, this man admits that he thinks "gluten intolerance is just internalized white guilt." For 10 points each:

[10] Name this young, dweeby, awkwardly woke history teacher who gained his nickname "Mr. C" because he is extremely corny.

ANSWER: **Jacob Hill** or Mr. **Hill** [accept any underlined portion]

[10] Jacob Hill teaches alongside Gregory Eddie, Melissa Schementi, and Barbara Howard at this underfunded school on a namesake ABC sitcom.

ANSWER: (William R.) **Abbott** Elementary (School)

[10] Jacob's unironic enthusiasm makes him good friends with Janine Teagues, a super-positive second-grade teacher played by this former co-star of *A Black Lady Sketch Show*.

ANSWER: Quinta **Brunson** <Vopava>

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16. A 1992 New York Times article detailing the supposed slang terms used by grunge music fans was actually a complete hoax perpetrated by Caroline Records employee Megan Jasper. For 10 points each:
[10] The terms she described included "lamestain" ("lame stain") for an uncool person, "swingin' on the flippity-flop" for hanging out, and "big bag of bloation" for being in this state, which non-grunge musician Beyoncé described being in while "in love."

ANSWER: **drunk**ness [or being **drunk** or similar; accept "**Drunk in Love**"; prompt on less specific answers like being **inebriated**]

[10] This supposed grunge term for a "bummer" has lived on in the name of a comic book series about virtual realities. It received a short-lived late-90s TV adaptation developed by *X-Files* creator Chris Carter.

ANSWER: **harsh realm**

[10] Prior to working for Caroline Records, Jasper was an employee of this record label, which launched the careers of Nirvana and numerous other grunge pioneers.

ANSWER: **Sub Pop** Records <Nelson>

17. The name of this product came from an archaeological site in Veracruz. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this spice often topped on fruit as a street food in Mexico and the U.S. This combination of chili pepper, lime, and salt should not be confused with a Moroccan dish with a very similar name.

ANSWER: **Tajin** (tah-HEEN) [do not accept or prompt on "tahini" or on answers clearly pronounced like "tajine" or "tagine"]

[10] Tajin's versatility leads it to be used to coat the rim of this alcoholic drink. This drink appears in the name of all sorts of Jimmy Buffett-themed businesses.

ANSWER: **margarita** [accept **margaritaville**]

[10] The company that makes Tajin is based in this Mexican state, whose cities include the namesake of the liquor tequila.

ANSWER: **Jalisco** (hah-LEE-skoh) [or Free and Sovereign State of **Jalisco**] <Maharjan>

18. After graduating from college, this player played as the goalkeeper for Minnesota Aurora FC in the inaugural USLW season. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this former Vanderbilt placekicker who in 2020 became the first woman to both play and score points in a Power 5 football game.

ANSWER: Sarah **Fuller**

[10] The first woman to score in an NCAA FBS game, Katie Hnida, did so while playing for this school based in Albuquerque.

ANSWER: University of **New Mexico** [prompt on **UNM**]

[10] Ashley Martin, the first woman to score in any Division I football game, did so at this school that, like, South Carolina, is nicknamed the "Gamecocks." Rich Rodriguez coaches this Alabama school, which joined Conference USA and the FBS in 2023.

ANSWER: **Jacksonville State** University [prompt on **JSU**] <Weiner>

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19. In various English dubs, this word precedes "soldier," "scout," or "guardian" due to the ambiguity of the Japanese word *senshi*. For 10 points each:

[10] Give this word, which is also followed by names like "Mars" and "Mercury" in superhero monikers wielded by Usagi's classmates on a 1990s anime series.

ANSWER: **Sailors** [or **Sailor** Guardians or **Sailor** Scouts or **Sailor** Soldiers]

[10] This primary love interest of Usagi—aka Sailor Moon—helps her protect Earth but, because he is a dude, cannot wield the title of Sailor. Instead, he is known by the two main components of his disguise.

ANSWER: **Tuxedo Mask** [accept **Mamoru Chiba** or **Darien Shields**; accept either underlined portion]

[10] This treasure of inconceivable cosmic power is protected by the Sailors in *Sailor Moon* from the forces of evil.

ANSWER: **Silver Crystal** [accept **Maboroshi no Ginzuishō**; prompt on crystal] <Vopava>

20. A line in this 2021 song's chorus calls for "making love by" way of the song's title phenomenon. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this Latin pop song that claims "You know I'm just a flight away." Its title was inspired by long-distance communications during COVID lockdowns.

ANSWER: "**Telepatía**"

[10] This Colombian-American artist of "Telepatía" also released the 2023 singles "I Wish You Roses" and "Moonlight." She also featured on Kaytranada's single "10%."

ANSWER: Kali **Uchis** [Karly-Marina **Loaiza**]

[10] Uchis's next single, "Fue Mejor," featured this R&B singer behind the number one hit "Kill Bill."

ANSWER: **SZA** (SIZ-uh) [or Solána Imani **Rowe**] <Evans>