

## Straight Up Trash

I'm writing an academic pack in tandem with this one, so I needed an outlet for the trash which actually consumes my mind. This is all pretty easy, about 1½ dot, though it has a few tougher ones as well. Some of it might have a touch of academic stuff, but on the whole it should be quite trashy. Special thanks to my friends and the CUQTA for helping out with a few of the bonuses.

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### Toss Ups

**1. In 2019, a company named for this emotion announced the first video game console to incorporate a crank. That same company has previously made an untitled game featuring a goose. California has long found itself involved with these; in 1986, LaRouchites in California** formed an organisation with this name to petition for AIDS to be reclassified as a communicable disease; in 2014, California became the first state to pass a bill which banned the gay form of this defence, and a legal case surrounding the Satanic form of this centred around a daycare in Los Angeles. For ten points, while Brendan Urie might be doing this at the disco, what should you not do during intergalactic travel, according to the front cover of the Hitchhiker's Guide?

ANSWER: Panic

**2. In data analysis, this process necessitates the definition of a population. This technique has been the source of numerous lawsuits, particularly in the early years of its use, as many of the clips being used were not cleared.** The genre of plunderphonics makes extensive use of this compositional technique, which encompasses bands like the Avalanches, who used this technique hundreds of times when making their debut album *Since I Left You*. 90s hip hop made especially heavy use of this technique, with examples such as "I Got The Knack" making explicit reference to their source. For ten points, name this compositional technique, in which audio clips from another recording or point in time are replayed to create new music.

ANSWER: Sampling (Anti-prompt on Plunderphonics before it is said).

**3. In 1987, a bill was passed in Louisiana to remove liability from injuries incurred when these were thrown at parade goers by the Zulu Social Aid and Pleasure Club. In 2013, Maldivian police summoned a white magic practitioner to investigate one of these items,** which was suspiciously placed outside of a polling station during the presidential election. It was later determined to not be cursed. These items having strange effects extended into the digital realm, where it was alleged that a Valve game would not run without an image of one of these fruits in the game files. While the frequency has been exaggerated, death due to these fruits

falling and striking people beneath their trees has been observed. For ten points, name these drupes, which cover the breasts of hula dancers to appeal to Western standards of modesty.

ANSWER: Coconuts

<ND - Miscellaneous>

**4. A character in this work loses his fiance when she is accidentally poisoned; he later makes use of this and other tragic facts about his life to convince a tenant's association to give him an apartment. Apartments play a major role in this work,** with its titular character being the only primary character to stay in the same one for the entire duration of the show. When one character in this show leaves for California to pursue a dream of acting, the other three primary characters struggle to find a suitable arrangement for their spare keys. While Kramer searches for fame in Los Angeles, he is confused for a serial killer known as the Smog Strangler. In a later season, the threat of a different serial killer known as The Lopper causes Jerry to get back together with a woman he had just broken up with, as he did not want to walk home. One of my all time favourite television shows is, for ten points, this show about nothing.

ANSWER: Seinfeld

<ND - Television>

**5. A city named for this thing is the location of Frank Lloyd Wright's winter home. This creature has inspired songs by numerous artists, including Daft Punk, Fall Out Boy, and Tenacious D,** with Tenacious D in particular gravitating towards it due to the failure of *The Pick Of Destiny*. The complete failure of a pay system named for this creature has cost a country's federal government hundreds of millions of dollars; that country is also home to a ghost town named for this mythical creature in British Columbia. For ten points, British author J. K. Rowling's first *Harry Potter* book introduces Fawkes, one of these creatures.

ANSWER: Phoenix

<ND - Miscellaneous>

**6. Railroad gauge of this width was referred to as "Russian" due to its use by the Russian empire. Jimmy Rushing was described as being this wide and this tall in a 1942 song named for those measurements, and A Tribe Called Quest member Phife has referred to himself with nicknames including this length.** This measurement also names a Johnny Cash song about a flood, as well as a compilation album which includes it. Most Dungeons and Dragons grids are divided into squares of this in-game size, the same distance over which a melee attack can be executed. A 2019 romantic drama about cystic fibrosis patients is named for this distance, one foot less than the distance they are supposed to be apart. For ten points, name this imperial distance, approximately 1.52 metres.

ANSWER: **Five feet** (accept **1520mm** during the first sentence)

<ND - Miscellaneous>

**7. A ship named for this is captained by Sam Sweetmilk, in the pilot episode of a show named from that ship. In the television show *Modern Family*, Clair is forced to swallow one of these to hide its death.** This animal was the victim of a college campus craze in the 1930s known as gulping, in which these animals were swallowed alive; the highest record in this sport is allegedly 89, though the pack writer refuses to believe this is possible. Varieties of this animal include the Comet, Fantail, and Telescope, as well as the Meteor, a rare variety which lacks a tail, but is still able to swim effectively thanks to its anal fin. The MythBusters successfully demonstrated that they have a memory-span of at least a month, but for ten points, these animals are still commonly associated with the myth that their memory is only 6 seconds long.

ANSWER: **Goldfish** (Prompt on fish)

<ND - Fish>

**8. This item of clothing lent its name to groups of young women in the 1940s who wore loose clothing and danced to Frank Sinatra. A tiny version of this piece of clothing is central to a crisis experienced by Barney, and is the most compelling argument Lily can give for having a child. Knowing the identity of a caller despite their blocked number and striking midnight on a twenty-four hour clock are two events mentioned in a song named for a type of this clothing. That type of this clothing is worn by some programmers, as it is said to increase your programming ability; it is also associated with the uniforms worn by school students, and in the 1950s, dances held in schools would often be named for this item of clothing. For ten points, the outro of Aretha Franklin's *Respect* features her background singers demanding you do what to them?**

ANSWER: **Sock** (Anti-prompt on any specific type of sock)

<ND - Miscellaneous>

**9. [Description acceptable] This action is referred to by the abbreviation "T-W-O-C" in the United Kingdom, which was then transformed into the slang term "twoccing". In the *Seinfeld* episode *The Alternate Side*, Jerry calls a man in the midst of performing this action. A man lies face down in the streets of the ghetto with a gun in his hand after performing this action in an Elvis Presley song. In 2024, the government of Canada announced their intent to ban devices such as the Flipper Zero, due to the fact that they can help with this activity. This came shortly after an official item belonging to the Justice Minister fell victim to this activity for the third time in as many years. For ten points, name this activity, the titular crime in a series of games developed by Rockstar.**

ANSWER: Stealing a car

<ND - Crime>

10. In *EvE Online*, a fleet formation by this name was successfully used to win the **Bloodbath of B-R5RB**. That formation reduces the problem known as ‘bumping’. Other video game things named for this thing include a tank character from *Overwatch*, and a hungry grub worm from *Skylanders*. In *The Fate of the Furious*, this tool is successfully deployed against a row of pursuing cars, whereas in *To Beep Or Not To Beep*, Wile. E. Coyote fails to kill the Road Runner with one. A *Diary of A Wimpy Kid* book sees a hot tub used as an impromptu one of these; that book is named for this tool. In our own world, these tools weigh thousands of pounds, are commonly attached to cranes, and saw their heyday in demolition throughout the 1950s and 60s. For ten points, name this tool, which Miley Cyrus compared herself to when she wanted to break your walls.

ANSWER: Wrecking Ball

<ND - Miscellaneous>

11. [Description acceptable] **This action could be called out by a soda jerk with the code number 95. An Australian man gave a comically dramatic and eloquent speech when being arrested by police under a case of mistaken identity, after he performed this action.** That speech begins “Gentlemen, this is democracy manifest”. Edward Dando was a nineteenth-century gourmand notorious for doing this action, much to the dismay of London’s oyster vendors. Troy and Abed perform this action at the end of the *Community* episode *My Dinner With Abed*. The American term for this action is an alliterative phrase featuring the letter D. For ten points, name this crime, which in many American states, is referred to by the term “defrauding an innkeeper”.

ANSWER: Dining and dashing (Accept equivalents. Accept defrauding an innkeeper before it is mentioned)

<ND - Miscellaneous>

12. **This man played defensive tackle while majoring in Criminology and psychology at the University of Miami. He was briefly signed to the Calgary Stampeders, but was cut after two months. It’s very likely that this man knew about Osama Bin Laden’s death before it was officially announced**, as he tweeted about news he received which would “shock the world” just seconds after the first leaks about it; he probably heard that information from his cousin, a Navy SEAL. Other, more distant members of his family tree include Samuel Fatu and Roman Reigns, both members of the Anoa’i professional wrestling family, a career his daughter has also pursued under the ring name Ava. After taking turns as both a babyface and a heel, under the Nation of Domination, this man shifted away from wrestling in the early 2000s to pursue a career in film. After appearing in a variety of different roles, he found his niche and

vast commercial success in the 2010s, appearing in action films such as the Fast and Furious series. For ten points, can you smell what this man is cooking?

ANSWER: Dwayne Johnson (Accept The Rock. Prompt on either part of his name).

<ND - Actors>

13. **The Couple In *\*this location\** is one of the earliest examples of yuri manga. This location titles an episode of the show *Only Murders In The Building*, in which Charles imagines going to one of these locations. Many versions of the reality television show *Big Brother* have made use of these locations, as have real Big Brothers around the world. Astronauts with NASA make use of these locations to enter rocket ships prior to takeoff, and the Iranian Revolutionary Guard makes use of these location as a method of torture. For ten points, name this monochromatic location with black curtains described by the band Cream.**

ANSWER: White room (prompt on equivalent)

<ND - Miscellaneous>

14. **This emotion titles the sixth single off of Mark Morrison's *Return Of The Mack*, in which he sings that you've got him experiencing this emotion. In 2016, former CollegeHumor cast members Jake and Amir created a web series entitled *Lonely and this emotion*, and when playing the CEO of tumblr in a sketch for CollegeHumor, Brennan Lee Mulligan bemoaned everyone on the internet being in this state. Shiba Inu wielding baseball bats take people to a jail named for this emotion if they are found to be in this state on main. For ten points, Sir Mix-A-Lot's homeboys try to warn him, but that butt you got makes him experience what emotion?**

ANSWER: Horny

<ND - Miscellaneous>

15. **A filk song about pushing this concept describes it as "a wall which cuts you off from yesterday". The novel *Tau Zero* sees crew members approaching this concept, though never reaching it, when their ship's engine is forced to stay on for an extended amount of time. An Alcubierre drive is a theoretical device which would permit users to surpass this concept, allowing for superluminal travel. *Andromeda's* Slipstream can be navigated by ships to travel faster than this, though the most well known method to surpass this is probably *Star Trek's* warp drives, which made use of the iconic stretching stars effect to visually evoke travelling faster than this concept. For ten points, name this constant, approximately 299 792 458 m/s.**

ANSWER: Speed of light

<ND - Science Fiction>

16. **Kelly Rowland tries to use this tool to contact Nelly in the music video for *Dilemma*, though she is upset when she receives no reply. It is probable that man simply cannot wield the tools of Gods, and so this software has led to many errors. Biologists have previously had to rename genes** such as MAR1 and SEP9, wisely electing to not fight the inevitable, and the exclusion of data from five countries led Reinhart and Rogoff to incorrectly conclude that a debt-to-GDP ratio over 90% constricts economic growth. Errors using this software have come close to deciding the fate of nations, with notable examples including the Austrian Social Democratic announcing the wrong leader, and 16 years before then, Scotland's Labour Party almost being given a majority when election workers failed to include a column. The Financial Modelling World Cup uses, for ten points, this Microsoft spreadsheet software.

ANSWER: **Microsoft Excel**

<ND - Software>

17. **A Supreme Court ruling in favour of the leader of this organisation in 2011 found that speech made in a public place cannot be held liable for emotional distress. Fred Phelps Jr.** is the current leader of this organisation, having taken over from his father, who broke away from the parent East Side organisation in 1955. In 2007, Louis Theroux travelled to Topeka, the headquarters of this group, to film *The Most Hated Family In America*. That film documents the extended Phelps family, who make up the majority of this group. The website for this church previously included a live counter of the number of people from different populations being damned to hell, including veterans and the homosexuals they purportedly defend. For ten points, give this American baptist church, which you can usually find picketing any place that will offend common decency.

ANSWER: **Westboro Baptist Church**

<ND - Religion>

18. [Description acceptable] **The K Foundation performed this action as a piece of performance art in 1994, an action one of the members later said he regretted. During his performance on *Fool Us*, when performing this action, Brian Brushwood stated that “if you don't believe in magic, you're witnessing a violation of Title 18, Section 333,** punishable by up to a \$100 fine and six months in prison”. In 1994, seven people were forced to repay hundreds of thousands of pounds after they prevented this action from happening at a Bank of England facility. On *House, M.D.*, after one loses a bet to the other, House and Wilson partake in this action to light cigars, a common visual trope used to indicate an excess of and disregard for wealth. For ten points, in cases of hyperinflation such as the Weimar Republic, this action may be taken by citizens to keep warm in the face of impractical fuel prices.

ANSWER: **Burning money**

<ND - Miscellaneous>

19. **This work serves as a central theme for the science fiction podcast *Deviser*, and is itself considered to be one of the first in that genre. An episode of *Mike Tyson Mysteries* references this work by having a character with the middle name Norman. Comedian **Brian David Gilbert plays** this man in a parody of an ABBA song, and Laura Les describes herself as having lightning in her veins when comparing herself to this character in *dumbest girl alive*. In that same song, she gives away her brain, something this man's assistant is sent to find in a 1974 film. That man, played by Gene Wilder, is quite pedantic about the way his name is pronounced, due to it being tied to the shameful actions of his mad scientist grandfather. For ten points, what book will often incur pedantic corrections and turns of phrase about who the real monster was?**

ANSWER: **Frankenstein**

<ND - Literature>

20. **In 2015, two businessmen of this nationality charged the Nigerian government with \$6.6 billion in damages for failing to allow them to construct a gas plant; that ruling was later overturned in the high court of a country which previously ruled the home country of those businessmen.** Another businessman of this nationality was the subject of the second season of the Financial Times' Hot Money podcast, which focused on his alleged role as a European cocaine kingpin. This nationality's home country has previously been accused of being a tax haven, with a double arrangement named for this nationality being employed by many American tech giants, until it ended in 2020. For ten points, name this nationality, which you should kiss, as they hail from the same country as the Blarney stone.

ANSWER: **Irish**

<ND - Economics>

## Bonuses

1. I've been accused of being a funny guy before, but I've never been clear as to why. Speaking of why,

[10] Watching *Dinner For One* is a New Year's tradition in Germany, despite being entirely in English. It features a butler getting progressively more inebriated as he serves Miss Sophie and her dead friends a wide array of foods and alcohols, with each course punctuated by him asking her this question.

A: **The same procedure as last year** Miss Sophie? (Prompt on stuff that's close, accept if they're only one word off if you're feeling merciful)

[10] This Abbott and Costello sketch is inarguably their most well known, and possibly one of the most well known comedy sketches of all time. It features this repeated question from Costello, but is not understood as a question by Abbott.

A: **Who's On First?**

[10] This rhetorical introductory question was popularised by *Seinfeld*, where it was used to mock lazy standup material.

A: **What's the deal with...?** (Accept any full version of that, such as **what's the deal with airplane food?**)

<ND - Comedy>

2. I'm a big fan of indie animation. And while all of the following shows may be found online, the characters exist in their own locations. For ten points each,

[10] This clown-themed food truck is staffed by Billie, Penny, Tim, and of course, Steve. They compete with their rival food truck, Zomburger, owned by the diabolical Ceasare.

A: **Big Top Burger**

[10] Okay, I lied, the characters in this one actually also live online. The inhabitants of this location, which has only had one episode produced so far, include Pomni, Ragatha, Jax, Kinger, Gangle and of course, their ringmaster, Caine.

A: **The Amazing Digital Circus**

[10] Red and Blue teams do battle in this location, one of *Halo*'s most beloved multiplayer maps.

A: **Blood Gulch**



<ND - Animation>

### 3. Bending in animation

[10] When trying to escape a castle, the bending unit Bender Rodriguez is able to bend one of these, much to the incredulity of Fry. He explains that he knows that it can't bend, and Fry knows that it can't bend, but that it "looks pretty stupid".

A: **Wooden Door** (Prompt on wood or door)

[10] Bender was made for the purpose of bending this material. Toph pioneers the bending of this material in *Avatar: The Last Airbender*.

A: **Metal** (accept **Steel** or **Iron**)

[10] Beyond metal and the four fundamental elements, *Avatar: The Last Airbender* also features this form of bending, which Katara is morally opposed to, but forced to use during a confrontation during the full moon.

A: **Bloodbending**

<ND - Animation>

### 4. Physical comedy

[10] This slapstick trio had a total of six members: two constants, with the third being played one of the other four. The two most iconic thirds were Shemp and of course, Curly.

A: **The Three Stooges**

[10] Much more critically revered than the Stooges was this silent-era comedian, who took on roles such as a projectionist and a train engineer while performing death defying stunts, all with his famous stone face.

A: **Buster Keaton**

[10] One of the most iconic scenes of the silent era is from *Safety Last!*, in which this comedian makes a perilous ascent up a clocktower.

A: **Harold Lloyd**

<ND - Comedy>

5. Inclement weather can never stop a good time! People are always going to do actions in weather. For ten points each,

[10] In addition to dancing, Gene Kelly's doing this, in this weather, despite running a fever at the time.

A: **Singin' in the Rain**

[10] It's not quite a good time, but El-P, Killer Mike and Gangsta Boo just got done doing this, which serves as a metaphor for the cold nature of the world. This song features, in the writer's opinion, one Mike's best verses, which describes the school-to-prison pipeline and the world's desensitisation to tragedy.

A: **walking in the snow**

[10] It's not quite weather, but this supernatural delight was a hit for King Harvest in 1972, and again for the English band Toploader in 2000.

A: **Dancing in the Moonlight**

<ND - Music>

6. Would I really be so classless as to have consecutive bonuses on the same topic? Yes, yes I would. And while your rage at this lack of variety may cause you to see red, for ten points each, so would the following weather events.

[10] You would see red if you went up to high elevations and encountered this phenomenon, caused by a cryophilic red-coloured species of green algae.

A: **Watermelon snow** (Accept **pink snow**, **red snow** or **blood snow**)

[10] Harmful algal blooms are often referred to by this term, despite being able to be multiple colours.

A: **Red tide**

[10] This phenomenon is also sometimes caused by algae, though other matter can also induce it. These dramatic events have graced everyone from Patroclus and Sarpedon to Richard the Lionheart, and were broadly thought to be very portentous.

A: **Blood rain**

<ND - Weather>

7. In centuries past, our ancestors entertained themselves with such archaic devices as the television, which allowed them to experience fiction as one collective being. We have since wisely discarded these foolish ways, in the name of ever spiralling niches. So let's discuss our new, niche television. A tube, just for you.

[10] This loose collection of video essayists is referred to by a Kropotkinian adjective, a reference to his most famous book. Though no criteria for inclusion have ever been agreed upon, some of its most prominent alleged members include Contrapoints, Philosophy Tube and Hbombguy.

A: **BreadTube**

[10] One alleged member, and at least close associate of BreadTube, is Lindsay Ellis, who used to be a part of this media production company. This company, formerly known as That Guy With The Glasses, is best known for producing The Nostalgia Critic and being horribly mismanaged by its owners.

A: **Channel Awesome**

[10] Channel Awesome, YMS, I Hate Everything and Red Letter Media are all YouTube channels which heavily focus on making fun of, critiquing and discussing works in this medium.

A: **Film** (Accept **movies**, **cinema** and other equivalents)

<ND -Internet Culture>

8. While YouTube may now hold the undisputed crown of longform online video, there are always competitors out there looking to whittle away a little spot for themselves. For ten points each,

[10] Undoubtedly one of the most successful YouTube alternatives is this creator-owned platform started by the Standard content management network, which focuses heavily on edutainment and long-form video essays.

A: **Nebula**

[10] In 2023, Nebula CEO Dave Wiskus made a video with Sam Reich, the CEO of this streaming service, an offshoot of a company which existed well before YouTube, before it was purchased by Sam in 2020.

A: **Dropout.tv** (Accept **Dropout**, prompt on CollegeHumor if you want to be nice)

[10] Dropout runs off of this video hosting company's over-the-top media service. This company was initially started by CollegeHumor developers in 2004 to host video, and has somewhat successfully competed against YouTube by focusing on high quality video and a cleaner feeling.

A: **Vimeo**

<ND - Internet Culture>

## 9. Money Pits

[10] It's not TikTok. It's definitely, definitely not TikTok. This vertical streaming company debuted its quick bites of content in 2020, and was out of business before the end of the year.

A: **Quibi**

[10] While being quite successful in terms of cultural impact, this website has historically been a financial failure for every company which has tried to operate it, including a loss of several hundreds of millions of dollars for Yahoo. In 2023, the CEO of Automattic, which currently operates it, stated that the platform lost them over 30 million dollars per year.

A: **tumblr**

[10] [*Note: two answers required*] This Pitt portrayed Billy Beane in this 2011 film adaptation of a Michael Lewis book, which chronicled Billy's efforts to build the Oakland A's into a statistically successful team.

A: **Brad** Pitt in **Moneyball**

<ND - Business>

10. I love Quizbowl, as I'm sure you all do too.

[10] Gordon Lightfoot wishes that you could perform this action on him, or that he could perform this action on you, as the resulting information would tell a tale that might explain why the feeling's gone, and he just can't get it back.

A: **Mind reading** (accept equivalents such as **read your mind** or **read my mind**, the words **read** and **mind** have to be in the answer)

[10] Samsa is certain that if he could perform this action, he could make you his. As it is though, the only thing he can do is reflect on the devastatingly ambiguous end to his relationship in April.

A: **Turn back time** (Prompt on **hit rewind**)

[10] This other time-based wish, about making more time with you, is expressed by Jim Croce in a posthumous single.

A: **Save time in a bottle**

<ND - Music>

11. When reading Quizbowl, it's important to speak with a loud clear voice. Other situations, though, may be far more permissive as to the volume at which you speak. For ten points each,

[10] We'll never know exactly what Bob Harris said to Charlotte before getting in a cab to the airport at the end of this Sophia Coppolla movie.

A: **Lost In Translation**

[10] This snap song by the Ying Yang twins is famous for its raunchy lyrics and intensely whispered vocals. Its full title alludes to this, but also to the instruction in its refrain.

A: **Wait (The Whisper Song)**. Prompt on either Wait or The Whisper Song by asking for the full title.

[10] These words were whispered to George W. Bush by White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card in Sarasota, shortly before a classroom of children read President Bush the story 'The Pet Goat', from Reading Mastery 2, Storybook 1.

A: Either **A second plane has hit the tower** or **America is under attack**. If they can get both, bully for them.

<ND - Pop Culture>

12. Moving on from spoken words, let's look at how they get dressed up for print. For ten points each,

[10] This font has appeared in multiple court cases in which documents alleged to have been created before a certain date have been shown to be fabricated, as it only became available to the public along with Windows Vista in 2007.

A: **Calibri**

[10] This font has earned much ire for its overuse, with an especially strange example being the title and subtitle of the 2009 James Cameron epic *Avatar*.

A: **Papyrus**

[10] Perhaps the only font to earn even more hate than Papyrus, this font has graced everything from Shiba Inus to the announcement of the discovery of the Higgs Boson.

A: **Comic Sans**

<ND - Fonts>

13. For ten points each, let's talk about some things that are pretty good.

[10] Jon Bois is one of my favourite writers online, and the only reason I can occasionally snag a sports question. He found some of his earliest success with Pretty Good, a show about *these things*, which are pretty good (according to him, anyways).

A: **Stories** (accept **True Stories** as that is also sometimes used, even though one of the episodes is about the TV show 24, which is definitely not a true story)

[10] Bois' most famous work, *17776*, features space probes communicating with one another in the distant future. If they wanted their communications to be secure, they might make use of this encryption program, developed by Phil Zimmermann in the 1990s.

A: **Pretty Good Privacy** (Accept **PGP**, prompt on just privacy because I feel like being nice)

[10] The sequel to *17776*, *20020*, opens with a character declaring that he is running to be governor of Georgia. However, well before Jon Bois set foot there, the Devil went down to Georgia, where he met a man named Johnny, whom he says plays a pretty good one of these.

A: **Fiddle**

<ND - Miscellaneous>

14. Over the course of human history, we have created many toys and crazes. For ten points each, let's discuss one such example.

[10] This toy was brought to market by Tiger Electronics, with the core premise being that the longer it was engaged with, the more it will "learn to speak english", which propagated a myth that it would repeat words that were said around it frequently.

A: **Furby**

[10] That myth proved to be too big a risk for this government agency, which banned the toys for multiple months following their release, for fear that some Furbys would prove to be traitors to their country.

A: **National Security Agency** (Accept **NSA**. Accept **NASA** too, because Furbys were also banned there as well, but the NSA was the high profile one).

[10] Furbys have been rebooted by Hasbro several times, but I would argue none were as great as this 2018 fan version, which makes use of a flexible armature to create a Furby which is described by this adjective.

A: **Long** Furby

<ND - Toys>

15. Look, I'm not about to stand up in front of all of you and diss Batman. Everyone loves the Bat. But there are simply too many detectives in comics for Detective Comics to contain them all. For ten points each,

[10] John Layman and Rob Guillory are the creative minds behind this detective, who makes use of the series' titular action to gain telepathic insights as he works with the FDA to track illegal chicken smuggling.

A: Tony **Chu**

[10] Speaking of animals, this cat detective lives in a grim, noirish world in which everyone is some type of creature. Despite his creators being Spanish, the primary market is France.

A: John **Blacksad**

[10] This detective began as "plainclothes" before gaining his current moniker, a slang term for his job. His newspaper series began in 1931, and is still running to this day.

A: **Dick Tracy** (Prompt on Plainclothes Tracy or Tracy)

<ND - Comics>

16. Now I may be but a humble country Quizbowl writer, but I have friends who are quite big fans of fiction. Sometimes, they even write their own! For ten points each,

[10] Despite its general-sounding name, this type of fanfiction is exclusively used for male-male romantic and sexual pairings, with a modifier added for female-female pairings.

A: **Slash**

[10] This slash pairing is one of the earliest and most studied, and is believed to have originated the term. It first appeared in fanzines of the 1970s, along with vocabulary such as hurt/comfort, and made use of in-universe concepts such as pon farr.

A: **Kirk** and **Spock**

[10] As of pack writing, there are over 17,000 Kirk/Spock works on this website. This website, named for an essay by Virginia Wolfe, both allows the direct publishing of new works, but also focuses on collecting fan works from other websites in danger of being lost.

A: **Archive Of Our Own** (Accept **Ao3**)

<ND - Fanfiction>

17. [Note: description acceptable for all of these] While nowadays, we may find our screens overflowing with fully digital environments, sometimes, the best way to do something is to just do it. For ten points each,

[10] Christopher Nolan made use of this trick to film the climactic zero-gravity hallway fight at the ending of Inception.

A: Accept anything indicating that the entire **set was rotating**

[10] In a slightly similar trick, Jonathan Glazer made use of this trick when creating the music video for Jamiroquai's Virtual Insanity, allowing lead singer Jay Kay to seemingly slide about the floor.

A: Accept anything indicating that they built **a room on wheels**

[10] Both of those tricks relied on the camera having this property.

A: Accept anything indicating the camera was **fixed**, **locked off** or otherwise **attached to the set**

<ND - Film>

18. I hope it's clear by this point that I watch far, far too much television. To really drive the point home though, here's a question not just about shows, but about the shows with those shows. Quite the mouthful. For ten points each,

[10] Season 4 of *Seinfeld* heavily features the processes of pitching, writing and producing the pilot for this show about nothing.

A: **Jerry**

[10] They fight! They fight! They fight and fight and fight! This cartoon features the many dismemberments and disembowelments of one poor cat by one sadistic mouse. According to



Lisa, some of their episodes promote the idea that animal violence is funny, a notion dismissed by Bart, as “cartoons don’t have messages”.

A: The **Itchy and Scratchy** Show

[10] *Community* was able to create particularly fascinating implications by having Danny Pudi appear as an extra in this real-world show, in character as Abed Nadir.

A: **Cougar Town**

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19. One thing I often feel is underrated in writing a pack is trying to hit the pacing right. This bonus is probably going to be perfectly normal for most teams, but for some, it’s going to hit just right, because for ten points each, we’re going to talk about some comeback.

[10] This athlete is one of the greatest in his field, second only to Jack Niklaus in major championship wins and tied with Sam Snead for most PGA tournament wins overall. After an eleven-year drought due to back problems, he came roaring back in 2019 to win the Masters.

A: **Tiger Woods**

[10] *[Note: Two answers required]* It may not be entirely fair to call this a comeback, as it was bound to happen. Nevertheless, name the two teams playing here, in game 7 of the Eastern Conference Quarterfinals. Up three goals with 14 minutes left, according to Jack Edwards, this team would surely eliminate this other team, “unless they suffer a colossal collapse”.

A: **Toronto Maple Leafs** and **Boston Bruins** (Accept an **anguished cry of pain**)

[10] Speaking of things you shouldn’t call a comeback, he’s been here for years; who’s momma said to knock you out?

A: **James Todd Smith** (Accept **LL Cool J**, accept **Cool James**)

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20. Normally, I close these packs with a thematically appropriate ending question. Unfortunately, I’m really running up against the deadline here, and... actually, hang on. I think I can make a last-minute change. For ten points each, answer some questions about last things.

[10] This supply chain management problem is the least efficient part of the delivery process, and is traditionally dealt with by mail services, though other solutions include drones and sidewalk robots.

A: **Last-mile** problem

[10] This person was described by Nietzsche in *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*, but also appears in works written by Brian K. Vaughan and Mary Shelley.

A: **Last man**

[10] Examples of these phrases include “Thomas Jefferson survives” and “I feel great”.

A: **Last words**

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