Video game tossups and bonuses originally written for Ohio Trash (by Anderson Wang)

1. **In *I Wanna Be the Guy*, after getting past the room with a cannon that shoots Bullet Bills, the player falls into a room where this video game is being played. The only non-human character to ever win a GameFAQs Character Battle is from this game. Many versions of this game give you bonus points for performing** (\*) T-spins. The XKCD comics “Hell” and “Heaven” both depict this game. A psychological effect in which obsession with an activity causes someone to see it everywhere is named after this video game. The famous Type A music in this game is based on “Korobeiniki”, a Russian folk song. For 10 points, name this puzzle game with playing pieces consisting of four square blocks.

ANSWER: ***Tetris*** [accept any answer that mentions ***Tetris*** somewhere]

The victory fanfare in the NES version of *Tetris* is a melody originally composed by this man. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this man, who is also the original composer of the jingle that plays right before Freddy Fazbear kills you in the *Five Nights at Freddy’s* games.

ANSWER: Georges **Bizet**

[10] The bullfighting theme from Bizet’s *Carmen* is played right before fighting Don Flamenco in *Mike Tyson’s Punch-Out!!!*, which stars this boxer coached by Doc Louis. In Smash 4, this character has a power meter that charges as he deals or takes damage.

ANSWER: **Little Mac**

[10] Captain Qwark makes up nonsensical lyrics to the *Carmen* overture in a funny scene from a game featuring this character. This small robot partners with Ratchet in video games subtitled *Going Commando* and *Up Your Arsenal*, as well as an awful 2016 film.

ANSWER: **Clank**

2. **This character’s room contains a pink sweater that says “Mr. Dad Guy” and a trophy for “Number 1 Nose-Nuzzle Champs ‘98”. Looking into a mirror in this character’s house triggers the response “Despite everything, it’s still you.” One conversation with this character is accompanied by the music track** (\*) “Bergentrückung”. While fighting, one of this character’s attacks is telegraphed by his eyes flashing a sequence of orange and blue colors, before swinging his trident in the same sequence of colors. This character plans to use seven human SOULs to break the barrier between the Underground and the Surface and exterminate the humans. For 10 points, name this former husband of Toriel, the king of the monsters in *Undertale*.

ANSWER: **Asgore**

Name some things about other goats or goat-like creatures in video games, for 10 points each.

[10] In this unimaginatively titled game, you control a goat in an open-world environment and attempt to wreak havoc by jumping around, headbutting people, licking things, and so on.

ANSWER: ***Goat Simulator***

[10] The puzzle platformer *Escape Goat 2* was published by this company as part of a namesake program to help indie developers. Games developed by this Tim Schafer-founded company include *Costume Quest*, *Brütal Legend*, and *Psychonauts*.

ANSWER: **Double Fine** Productions, Inc.

[10] A notable glitch in *Call of Juarez: Bound in Blood* causes a goat to appear to perform this action. It was made famous by a Youtube video in which a player laughs infectiously for 3 minutes straight upon observing the goat doing this.

ANSWER: climbing a **ladder** [prompt on answers like “climbing”, “floating”, or “flying” that don’t specifically mention a ladder]

3. **Getting the “Split Personality” achievement in *The Talos Principle* requires you to view one of these things, and you can use paint buckets found throughout the game to make these things. In *Watch Dogs*, finding these things unlocks audio logs from G1gg1L3s [giggles] and DedSec, and there are 16 of them hidden around Chicago. Fashion designs made at the Able Sisters tailor shop can be shared using these things in (\*)** *Animal Crossing: New Leaf*. The Nintendo 3DS Mii Maker can generate these things, allowing users to share Mii designs through the 3DS camera. These things contain distinctive squares at three of their corners that are used for alignment. For 10 points, name these ubiquitous two-dimensional barcodes.

ANSWER: **QR code**s [prompt on “barcodes”]

In this game, you can find a secret area in Santa Luchita which contains a QR code. Scanning it gives you the anticlimactic message “Congratulations! You successfully identified and scanned a QR code!”. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this game in which Juan magically becomes a luchador and beats up enemies on a quest to save El Presidente’s daughter from the evil Carlos Calaca.

ANSWER: ***Guacamelee!*** [accept ***Guacamelee! Super Turbo Championship Edition***]

[10] In *Guacamelee!*, special abilities like the Rooster Uppercut, the Frog Slam, and the excellently-named Dashing Derpderp can be unlocked by breaking Choozo Statues. The name and shape of those Choozo Statues references the Chozo Statues from this franchise featuring Ridley and Samus.

ANSWER: ***Metroid***

[10] Another of the many allusions in *Guacamelee!* is a character with this name located in a blocked-off room inside a house in Santa Luchita. It references a character who has this name in *Zelda II* possibly because of a mistranslation.

ANSWER: **Error** [accept **I am error**]

4. **In *Super Smash Bros. Melee*, this character can jump out of his preshield animation, allowing him to use a technique called “parrying”. This character is needed to defeat the 10th ranked Armored Harriers in the Glitz Pit. V3ctorman and aMSa both main this character in Melee, and** (\*) Sky Williams of Youtube fame mains this character in Smash 4. This character is replaced by the Goomba’s Shoe when using the *Super Mario Bros.* style in *Super Mario Maker*. When using this character’s Final Smash, he grows wings and can shoot fireballs. Baby Mario rides this character in *Super Mario World 2*, which is subtitled for his *Island*. For 10 points, name this Mario character that hatches from an egg.

ANSWER: **Yoshi** [accept **Baby Yoshi**]

Name some things related to speedrunning *Yoshi’s Island*, for 10 points each.

[10] During AGDQ 2014, this man took his shirt off while speedrunning *Yoshi’s Island* as part of a donation incentive. Perhaps the most famous *Yoshi’s Island* speedrunner, he is also depicted in the Twitch emote TriHard.

ANSWER: **Trihex** [accept Mychal **Jefferson**]

[10] In order to 100% the game, you need to finish each level with 30 stars, 5 flowers, and 20 of these colored objects. In *Super Mario 64*, collecting all eight of these objects in a level gives you a star, and jumping through rings in *New Super Mario Bros.* also spawns eight of these objects.

ANSWER: **red coin**s [prompt on “coins”]

[10] During any serious speedrun, you’ll see the runner spit out an enemy while jumping through the goal ring at the end of almost every level. Why does that save time?

ANSWER: it guarantees that the runner **skip**s the **Bonus Challenge** [prompt on partial answers; accept anything that conveys **not having to do the Bonus Challenge**]

5. **This location is the setting of the video game *Tacoma*, the newest game by the creators of *Gone Home*. In one video game titled after this location, Eva Rosalene and Neil Watts travel through the memories of Johnny Wyles in order to fulfill a dying wish to go here. The Crota’s End raid in *Destiny* is located here, which is also where the** (\*) Hive mostly live. This location requires a size of 300 meters and is the goal of the final level in *Katamari Damacy*. The very last portal shot in *Portal 2* lands on this location. Lunala is the mascot of the Generation VII Pokémon game titled for this location. For 10 points, name this thing that will crash into Termina after 72 hours in *The Legend of Zelda: Majora’s Mask*.

ANSWER: the **Moon** [accept **Moon base**s; accept equivalents like **Luna**]

In addition to M|O|O|N, other artists who contributed to this game’s great soundtrack include Sun Araw, Perturbator, and Eirik Suhrke. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this game, whose nameless protagonist works as a hitman and dons animal masks before each job. It was followed by a 2015 sequel subtitled *Wrong Number*.

ANSWER: ***Hotline Miami*** [do not accept “Hotline Miami 2” obviously]

[10] Eirik Suhrke also composed the music for a well-received mobile game titled *Ridiculous* [this action]. Pokémon like Horsea and Magikarp can only be caught by doing this action.

ANSWER: **fish**ing

[10] Eirik Suhrke’s most recent soundtrack was for this mobile game. In this game, the player descends through the title location wearing gunboots, which shoot bullets downward and reload upon landing on a surface.

ANSWER: ***Downwell***

6. **Hannah kills Simon with one of these objects when she realizes that it is not unique in the video game *Her Story*. In a bad GameCube game, Mickey Mouse must recover 12 pieces of one of these objects to get back to his house. If you have the Mist Warp technique, you can draw an X to teleport between ultimate kinds of these objects in *Okami*, in which save points are called (\*)** “Origin [these objects]”. In a game whose title contains this object, it’s revealed that Jacknife and Celeste are secretly part of Project Icarus, which trains police to take down the Runners. That game was followed up with a 2016 sequel subtitled *Catalyst*. For 10 points, Faith Connors does parkour in a game titled after what *Edge*?

ANSWER: **mirror**s [accept ***Mirror’s Edge*** *Catalyst*; prompt on “shrines”; prompt on “save points” before mentioned]

The character Alucard in the *Castlevania* series is literally a mirror image of his father because his name is Dracula backwards. Name some things about other backwards names, for 10 points each.

[10] One possible secondary weapon for this character is the Dalokohs bar, which is the Russian word for chocolate, “shokolad”, backwards. Another edible secondary weapon used by this character is the Sandvich.

ANSWER: **Heavy** Weapons Guy (from *Team Fortress 2*)

[10] If you take this Nintendo character’s Japanese name and reverse the kana, you get “Mario”. This tiny astronaut is aided by plant-like aliens that come in multiple colors, the Pikmin.

ANSWER: Captain **Olimar**

[10] In the games *NetHack* and *Rogue*, which lends its name to the “roguelike” genre, the ultimate goal is to get this item. Part of this item’s name comes from reversing the name “Rodney”.

ANSWER: **Amulet of Yendor** [do not accept just “Yendor”]

7. **In a twist ending, it’s revealed that the devil and final boss Belhifet is also this character in the game *Icewind Dale*. The player helps this character run a video game in *Dr. Langeskov, The Tiger, and the The Terribly Cursed Emerald*. In *Sam & Max: The Devil’s Playhouse*, this character is entirely black-and-white except for a red rose, and turns out to be a manifestation of Max’s super-ego. In a different game, this character is dumbfounded if the player unplugs a phone from a wall, and boards up a** (\*) broom closet if the player enters it too many times. The “Stranger” Rucks also serves as this character in *Bastion*, and this unnamed character is voiced by Kevan Brighting in *The Stanley Parable*. For 10 points, many games have an “unreliable” kind of what generic character?

ANSWER: the game’s **narrator** [accept equivalents like the game’s **announcer**]

This phrase, narrated by the actor Ron Perlman, is often cited as one of the most iconic video game quotes. For 10 points each:

[10] Give this three word phrase spoken at the beginning of every *Fallout* game. At the very end of the *Lonesome Road* add-on for *Fallout: New Vegas*, this phrase is followed by “Men do, through the roads they walk.”

ANSWER: “**War never changes**” [exact phrasing required]

[10] The parody game *Duty Calls* begins with the narration “War. War never changes. Or does it? The war has changed. Did it? The answer is no. Unless it is yes. No, of course it is!” *Duty Calls* was created to advertise this Epic Games FPS, in which players are given skill points for killing enemies in creative ways.

ANSWER: ***Bulletstorm***

[10] *Metal Gear Solid 4* begins with an aged version of this character narrating “War... has changed”. In the game, this main character is tasked with killing Liquid.

ANSWER: Solid **Snake** [or Old **Snake**]

8. **This Pokémon is the boss of the Miracle Sea dungeon in *Pokémon Mystery Dungeon: Explorers of Time*. Mega evolving this Pokémon changes its subtype from Flying to Dark. You get a Red Scale if you defeat one of these Pokémon in the Lake of Rage. Evolving into this Pokémon requires a whopping 400 candies in *Pokémon Go*, and *Pokémon Go*’s loading screen displays a (\*)** silhouette of a trainer about to walk into this Pokémon. This Pokémon evolves from a mostly useless Pokémon whose signature move is Splash. For 10 points, Magikarp evolves into what Pokémon that looks like a giant blue sea dragon?

ANSWER: **Gyarados** [accept **red Gyarados** or **Shiny Gyarados**]

For 10 points each, name some things about other giant blue dragons:

[10] This *Overwatch* character says “Ryu ga waga teki wo kurau!” when using his ultimate ability, which summons two intertwined blue dragons. This character and his brother Genji are featured in the cinematic “Dragons”.

ANSWER: **Hanzo**

[10] The strongest boss in this game is a blue dragon called the Avalanche Abaasy, which can be found during a blizzard on Three Sage Summit, a secret area in Valak Mountain.

ANSWER: ***Xenoblade Chronicles*** [do not accept or prompt on “Xenoblade”]

[10] Bahamut often appears as a summonable blue dragon in this series of games. An HD remake is in the works for the seventh game in this series, whose characters include Cloud, Aerith, and Sephiroth.

ANSWER: ***Final Fantasy***

9. **If this condition is met in *Magic the Gathering*, then the card Gibbering Descent makes you skip your upkeep, and Anthem of Rakdos deals double damage. In *Android: Netrunner*, if the runner is in this condition, then taking any amount of meat or net damage will flatline him. Infernal Tutor lets you search for any card in your library if you satisfy this condition, which is indicated by the keyword** (\*) “Hellbent”. In *Hearthstone*, if you’re in this state, then Core Rager becomes a 4 mana 7/7 and Quick Shot draws you a card. In shedding-type card games, the goal is to be the first person to achieve this state, and games with this goal include Durak, Big Two, and President. For 10 points, you win if you’re the first to achieve what condition in Uno?

ANSWER: having **no cards** in your hand [accept equivalents like having an **empty hand** or **getting rid of your hand**; accept **hellbent** before mentioned]

In this game, an infamous combo of King’s Court and Masquerade can leave your opponent with an empty hand for the rest of the game. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this first-ever deckbuilding game, whose expansions include *Intrigue* and *Prosperity*.

ANSWER: ***Dominion***

[10] Donald X. Vaccarino, the designer of *Dominion*, also created this board game in which players place settlements on a randomly generated hexagonal terrain in order to optimize the number of points received from 3 randomly-chosen scoring rules.

ANSWER: ***Kingdom Builder***

[10] Both *Dominion* and *Kingdom Builder* won the Spiel des Jahres, often considered the most prestigious award in board games. The Spiel des Jahres is awarded in this country, which is also where games like *Carcassonne* and *The Settlers of Catan* were made.

ANSWER: **Germany**

10. **Over all phases in the board game *The Castles of Burgundy*, each player plays this many rounds. Assuming that the rainbow cards are not used, this is the best possible score in *Hanabi*. The Dragon is worth this many points and the Phoenix is worth negative this many points in *Tichu*. There are a total of this many words that represent red agents, blue agents, bystanders, and an assassin in the Vlaada Chvatil-designed party game** (\*) *Codenames*. This is the maximum number of penalty points you can get *without* shooting the moon in Hearts. In darts, you generally get this many points for hitting the outer ring of the central circle. For 10 points, name the total number of squares on a standard bingo card.

ANSWER: **25**

Name some things about the 25 highest-rated games on boardgamegeek.com, for 10 points each.

[10] The current number 1 game, as of August 2016, is a “Legacy” version of this board game meant to be played across 12 to 24 sessions representing a year. The goal of this cooperative game is to eradicate the four diseases.

ANSWER: ***Pandemic*** [accept ***Pandemic Legacy***]

[10] This game held the number 1 spot for five years before being dethroned by *Pandemic Legacy*. In this game, the two players represent the United States and the USSR during the Cold War.

ANSWER: ***Twilight Struggle****: The Cold War, 1945-1989*

[10] The resources used in this other game, currently at rank 17, are coal, oil, garbage, and uranium. Players in this game attempt to supply electricity to cities.

ANSWER: ***Power Grid***

11. **The CYB statistic determines your skill at this action in *System Shock 2*. In *No Man’s Sky*, this action is done with an object made of 10 iron and 10 plutonium. The latest Blendo Games title, *Quadrilateral Cowboy*, centers on this action. In another game, the Haywire Protocol perk improves this ability, and for Specialists, this ability’s stat starts at 50 and increases by 5 per rank. In *XCOM 2*, this action gives a guaranteed effect and a (\*)** choice between an easy and a hard option. This action is represented by a dumb minigame in many games, such as getting liquid through a grid of pipes in *BioShock* or playing a game of Mastermind but with words in *Fallout 4*. For 10 points, Aiden Pearce is really good at doing what action in *Watch Dogs*?

ANSWER: computer/device **hack**ing [accept equivalents like **breaking into a computer**; accept **bypass**ing]

Name some things about hacking in video games. As in actual hacking, not just in-game representations of hacking which was what the tossup was about. For 10 points each:

[10] Wallhacking and aimbotting are types of exploits for games in this genre. Both the *Battlefield* and *Call of Duty* series are in this genre.

ANSWER: **first-person shooter** [or **FPS**; prompt on “shooter”]

[10] This company developed its own namesake anti-cheat software in order to detect hackers, so people who are caught get “VAC banned”.

ANSWER: **Valve** Corporation

[10] Cheat cartridges like GameShark or Action Replay allow players to edit the memory of console games. Name this other line of cheat cartridges originally made for the NES and sold in the U.S. by Galoob, which led to a lawsuit from Nintendo for copyright violation.

ANSWER: **Game Genie**