

## Contemporary Video Game Questions

1. **Before the events of the game he appears in, this character was a soldier on the Rippling Walls attempting to provide money for his mother.. During a hallucination at Dawson Bog, this character sees himself fall to his death. According to Rucks\*, this character has had his distinctive white hair since he was a child. This character can use such weapons as the Scrap Musket and the Calamity Cannon, but his trademark weapon is his “trusty” Cael Hammer. At the end of the game he appears in, he has the choice to either remake Caelondia, or fly to a new world. FTP, name this silent protagonist of *Bastion*.**

Answer: The *Kid*

2. **According to a note found in Emporia, this man’s office can be found at 108 Bowery Street, New York City. A conversation with Preston E. Downs reveals that this man speaks some Sioux. Born April 19<sup>th</sup>, 1874, this man joined the army at the age of 16 and was a part of the Wounded\* Knee Massacre. This man branded his right hand with the letters “AD,” and in one timeline this man became a martyr for the Vox Populi. At the beginning of the game he appears in, he is charged by the Luteces to “Bring us the girl, and wipe away the debt.” FTP, name this man, an ex-Pinkerton agent charged with rescuing Elizabeth from the floating city of Columbia and the protagonist *Bioshock Infinite*.**

Answer: *Booker DeWitt* (accept either)

3. **Sho Minamimoto performs this action while proclaiming the player is “so zeta slow.” While it may appear that Chozo Ghosts perform this action, after Samus retrieves the X-Ray Visor it is revealed to be something else. Fighting game characters who can perform this action include Wesker in *Marvel vs. Capcom 3*,\* Noob Saibot in *Mortal Kombat*, and Dhalsim in *Street Fighter*. Due to his slow speed, it is preferable to do this with Exdeath in *Dissidia: Final Fantasy*, rather than walk across the map. In the *Pokemon* games, this is the only move which wild Abras know, making them rather difficult to capture. FTP, name this ability of the X-Man Nightcrawler, the ability to instantly move from one place to another.**

Answer: *Teleport* (Accept equivalents, such as *blink* or *flash*)

4. **In one mission in this game, a secondary target can be found in the basement of the Tower, a Royal Interrogator named Morris Sullivan. Another sidequest sees the player retrieve a combination for a safe in an art dealer’s apartment, though this results in the ire of Slackjaw. Despite the protagonist being from Serkonos, all action in this game takes place in Gristol,\* specifically the capital city of Dunwall. One mission in this game sees the protagonist infiltrate a masquerade ball in order to assassinate the mysterious Lady Boyle. The plot of this game is set in motion when the Empress is murdered by Daud, and the Empress’s bodyguard, Corvo Attano is framed for the murder. FTP, name this 2012 Arkane Studios stealth game, arguably a spiritual successor to the *Thief* series.**

Answer: *Dishonored*

5. **In order to level Diligence, the main character in this game can read a “ploddingly written romantic-comedy... with vampires.” A special “rainy-day” bowl is offered at the Chinese restaurant Ai, and at one scene there, a party member offers to “revonate [their] ass.” The main character can take part time jobs, which can lead to meeting Shu Nakajima and Sayoko Uehara, of the Tower and\* Devil Arcana respectively. One dungeon in this game is the Maru-Q striptease, which takes its name from the Marukyu shop where Rise Kujikawa works. Fusion in this game is accomplished by Igor in the Velvet Room, and all dungeons are accessed by traveling through the TV at Junes. FTP, name this distinctly Japanese 2008 Atlus RPG, about a series of murders in the foggy town of Inaba, seemingly connected to a mysterious Midnight Channel.**

Answer: Shin Megami Tensei: *Persona 4*

6. Though created in RPG Maker, the only “battle” that occurs in this game is a brief fight against a squirrel. After one character in this game attempts to open a barrier and is cut off by his co-worker, he remarks that “you never cockblock a man’s Kamehameha.” One reoccurring leitmotif in game is first played by Sarah and Tommy, and a finished version is later played at the end after Johnny achieves\* his dream. Doctors Eva and Neil get the idea to access Johnny’s repressed memories through the use of smell, which leads them to a memory where a young Johnny and River notice a certain arrangement of stars and celestial bodies which look like a blue and yellow rabbit. FTP, name this 2011 Freebird Games production about two doctors fulfilling a dying man’s titular wish.

Answer: To the Moon

7. According to one game starring him, on the day of his first trial he won a staring contest with his own reflection. When informed of his reputation among women by a subordinate, this man remarks “Do I really inspire this sort of frothing desire from the female masses?” This man was once tried for the murder of Robert Hammond, but was acquitted in a trial\* which involved cross examination of a parrot. His father Gregory was killed in the DL-6 case, which also resulted in his life-long fear of earthquakes. A previously undefeated criminal prosecutor, this man’s first loss in court was during the case of Mia Fey. FTP, name this prosecutor from the Ace Attorney series, the cravat-wearing childhood friend of Phoenix Wright.

Answer: Miles Edgeworth

8. The Moonlight Merchant is a resident of this town, and he will sell the player rare items such as Evil Crystals and Blue Bird Feathers. One member of this town requires a stamina potion in order to help him do more pushups, and another resident of this town, Kukiel, was thought to have gone missing, but is later revealed to have been playing a game of “scream-as-loud-as-you-can” with Batreaux.\* Beedle runs a floating shop at this location, and Gondo runs a Scrap Shop, where the player can upgrade their items. The knights of this town have a final ceremony called the Wing Ceremony atop a statue of the goddess Hylia, which is later revealed to be the location of the Sky Keep and the Triforce. FTP, name this central location of Legend of Zelda: Skyward Sword, a floating island in the air and home town of Link and Zelda.

Answer: Skyloft

9. True to his name, an enemy named Ty the Immortal can be killed in multiple missions, and defeating him each time earns you a new gun. After a certain amount of time, characters can receive activated traits, ranging from Susie Evans’ useless “Humanitarian,” to Vyse Inglebard’s helpful “Challenge Lover.” Side missions can be unlocked by paying Irene Ellet\* to publish the Writing on the Wall. The death of Isara causes Rosie to rethink her prejudice towards Darcens and leaves Kries piloting the Edielweiss. The story is started when the Imperial Alliance invades the small neutral nation of Gallia, and the player controls Welkin Gunther, commander of Squad 7. FTP, name this 2008 Sega Tactical RPG for the Playstation 3, loosely based on WWII, perhaps most well-known for its watercolor-like graphic engine.

Answer: Valkyria Chronicles

10. One rival group of this group was led by Joseph Price, and Lin rejoined this group as a zombie. Other members of this group include a disgraced FBI agent, a Russian science experiment, and a man with over 300 convictions of murder, though he insists with the statute of limitations it should really be closer to 250. That man is Johnny Gat\*, and he is freed by the Boss, who was presumed to have died in a boat explosion. After silencing the gangs of Stillwater and taking over Ultor, this group then rebranded themselves as a multinational corporation, which resulted in the creation of their feature movie, Gangsters in Space. FTP, name this street gang, who take their name from a certain row in Stillwater, featured in a series which resembles a more absurd version of the Grand Theft Auto franchise.

Answer: Third Street Saints

11. This studio's first game was created as part of a USC game innovation lab research project. Gameplay involved the manipulation of weather formations and wind, which would later be explored in another, more floral, work by this studio. That first game was *Cloud*, but this studio is better known for their many PS3 exclusives,\* including a game which would later have its gameplay "heavily borrowed" as the Cell stage of *Spore*. That game is *fIOW*. This studio's biggest success was released in 2012, and that game was about a red cloaked individual, who is called to travel across the desert to a glowing light at the top of a mountain. FTP, name this Los Angeles video game studio, most well-known for *fIOW*, *Flower*, and *Journey*.

Answer: thatgamecompany

12. When questioned as to what she is typing, a character in this game remarks that she is typing a novel in the gaps between conversations. Before that scene occurs, the player meets a mailman, and one available dialog option states "I just discovered that I exist." If the player holds on to coupon for a free hug until the end of the game, then they will receive an extra scene during the conversation with Ms. Nancy. Your neighbor Sugar\* Plumps will occasionally ask for items over the course of the game, and burning that precise combination of items is the key to reaching the endgame. The player frequently receives mail from the Weather Man, who informs the player it is very cold outside, and they should continue using their titular fireplace to keep warm. FTP, name this 2012 Tomorrow Corporation game about lighting things on fire.

Answer: Little Inferno

13. Colonists first settled on this planet during its seven year long winter period; when its three year summer period came around much of the native wildlife emerged from hibernation and started to attack the colonists. This planet is notable for its massive quantities of iridium, which is extracted by Headstone Mine. The first colonists of this planet were Eridians,\* and based on the presence of the Destroyer and the Warrior it was used as a prison facility. Notable settlements on this planet include New Haven, Firestone, and Sanctuary. Atlas, Dahl, and Hyperion have all attempted to gain a foothold on this planet, and the later Hyperion attempt was masterminded by Handsome Jack. FTP, name this planet, the home of Claptrap and the setting of *Borderlands*.

Answer: Pandora

14. During one mission in this game, the main character is spotted by a janitor while sneaking around to a balcony, and that janitor is later met in the final mission. After being shot by a hit man, the main character of this game escapes the hospital and confronts the leader of the Mafiya, who shoots himself with a revolver. This game owes much of its design influence to the 2011 film *Drive*,\*and abilities in this game are conferred by a number of masks such as Rasmus the Owl and Rami the Camel. The final few levels of this game see you controlling the helmet-wearing boss from Prank Call, and forces you to kill your previous player character. FTP, name this 2012 Dennaton Games production, a very 1980s-esque game about a Floridian hitman.

Answer: Hotline Miami

15. At one point this character has the option to give a child a high-five, after which a message appears stating "[that character] thinks you are incredibly awesome." At another point, Kenny assumes this character can pick locks because he's "urban."\* During the end of the game this character appears in, this character has the option to have his hand sawn off. The game featuring this character starts with his transfer to prison, which is abruptly ended after Walkers attack the car. He then meets Clementine, who he takes custody of. FTP, name this protagonist of Telltale Games' *The Walking Dead*, a former college professor of history and convicted murderer.

Answer: Lee Everett (accept either)

16. In *Kingdom Hearts II*, enemies of this variety are first encountered in the Throne Room of the Land of Dragons, and they have the possibility of dropping a Dense Stone. One member of this occupation

**patrols the town of Piltover, and her ultimate move is Ace in the Hole.\*** That character is Caitlyn, from *League of Legends*, and another member of this occupation in *Fire Emblem: Path of Radiance*, can only be recruited if he is spoken to by Rolf, and then defeated by Ike, and that man is Shinon. This is one of four class types in *X-Com: Enemy Unknown* and they can learn abilities such as Squadsight and Double Tap. FTP, name this occupation, exemplified by a certain *Team Fortress 2* character who states to “be polite, be efficient, and have a plan to kill everyone you meet” and tends to kill from long distance.

Answer: sniper

**17. Some worlds colonized by this species include Ammut, which has been colonized for hydrogen, and Charoum, which is used for its proximity to Haestrom. Some members of this species worship a figure who they know as Nazara, despite most of the galaxy referring to it as Sovereign.\*** According to a conversation with one member of this species, “[this species] does not intentionally infiltrate.” This species did not achieve true independence until the Morning War, which was caused by one member of this species asking a Quarian, “Does this unit have a soul?” A Legion is a collection of 1,138 of these programs. FTP, name this collection of AI programs from the *Mass Effect* universe.

Answer: Geth

**18. In a demo for a game by this studio, a neighborhood kid remarks that a certain area is not accessible in the demo, which causes Everett to hope that the full game doesn’t play so hard and loose with the fourth wall. In that same game by this studio, a kid in a banana costume exclaims disbelief that a kid a \$600 banana suit would follow the kid in a \$20 costume. That game is *Costume Quest*,\*** but this studio is perhaps most well-known for a game in which includes a boss with such attacks as “OVERLY... INTRICATE... COMBINATION!” and “HARD-TO-AVOID... AREA ATTACK!” Another level in that game sees a character state that “I am the milkman. My milk is delicious.” FTP, name this developer of *Psychonauts* and *Brütal Legend*; who became the first big-name studio to use Kickstarter for funding game development last spring.

Answer: Double Fine Productions

**19. One game of this type includes an event in which you can encounter the legendary thief KazaaakplethKilik. This will unlock the Gila Monster for later plays. That game of this genre also features hidden Crystal Worlds, which cannot usually be accessed. Another game of this genre includes such bosses as Gurdy, Pid, and Mom\*** and features such playable characters as Samson, Cain, and Eve. In the original game of this genre, which gave the genre its name, all characters and enemies are represented by single symbols, such as Z representing a zombie. FTP, name this genre of video games which includes *FTL: Faster than Light* and *The Binding of Isaac*, noted for procedural generation of game content, causing difficulty to vary wildly from run to run.

Answer: Roguelike (Accept any answer that equates to “Games like Rogue”)

**20. One game of this genre features characters which have such abilities Gungnir’s Might, Kalydonian Boar, and Year of the Monkey. The basic premise of that game is that gods of various pantheons are at war with each other, and that game is called *Smite*. Another game of this genre takes place in the year 3587, where robot armies, locked in a stalemate, hire powerful mercenaries such as Froggy G\* and Lonestar to lead them to victory; that game is *Awesomenauts*. The most popular game of this genre features characters such as Garen and Katarina clashing on the Fields of Justice to destroy the enemy Nexus, and that game is *League of Legends*. FTP, name this genre which is generally used to describe any game based off the *Warcraft III* mod *Defense of the Ancients*.**

Answer: MOBA (Multiplayer Online Battle Arena, accept anything close enough)

**TB. One clip from this game was created based on a mission in *Saints Row* in which one is required to use a sniper rifle while suspended from the side of a building. Part of this game takes place at Cugat Airfield, where the protagonist steals a cart from a headphones wearing traveler. That cart carries Winston\* Borges,**

who is later involved in a shootout with a group of birds. The protagonist gets drunk on Midnight Hobo beer at a rooftop party with Anita, who was seen earlier eating an orange. A jump cut after that scene reveals the aftermath of the failed heist, in, for 10 points, this Brendon Chung developed work of Blendo Games, a sequel to Gravity's Bone which involves several motifs involving flying.

Answer: **Thirty Flights of Loving**