- 1. This character is alluded to in a Flight of the Conchords skit where Jermaine tries to help Brett's self esteem. Jimmy Fallon combined this character with Tim Tebow in a skit where this character is talking to Jesus Christ. A sequel to the song that this character appears in notes that this character is a "junkie, strung out in (*) heavens high, hitting an all time low." This character appears in "Ashes to Ashes" and a Peter Schilling song subtitled "Coming Home". The "papers want to know what shirts he wears", and he is "sitting in a tin can". After a malfunction on his spaceship, he sings to ground control "tell my wife I love her very much- SHE KNOWS!" For 10 points, name this doomed astronaut from David Bowie's "Space Oddity." ANSWER: Major Tom
- 2. As a child, this fictional character was an actor on Ray Ray's Mystery Garage. This character appeared in a Republican television ad imploring African-Americans to refrain from voting in the 2008 political election. A man named Donald cons him into giving him money, convincing him that he is his out-of wedlock child. His two assistants are Grizz (*) and Dotcom, and he is forced to appear on his namesake television program after his movie career flops, much to the chagrin of Jenna Maroney. For 10 points, name this fictional character on the television show 30 Rock, the alter-ego of Tracy Morgan.

ANSWER: Tracy Jordan [accept either until Tracy is mentioned]

3. A running joke from this comic involved a character's inability to properly use a boomerang. A moving moment from this comic showed a normally evil character looking forlornly at a diary. Early strips in this comic involved red spiders and moving the hyphen in the word "sweet-ass." An infinite grid of resistors was used to illustrate the activity of (*) nerd-sniping within this comic, as carried out by the malevolent Black Hat Guy. This comic has often referenced the creator's fear of velociraptors, and it now has a What If? feature. For 10 points, name this webcomic written by Randall Munroe with a four-letter name.

ANSWER: xkcd

4. Johnny Winter played with this man on his comeback album "Hard Again" which features songs like Bus Driver and Jealous Hearted Man. In "Come Together" the Beatles mention him after singing "he roller coaster, he got early warning". His band, including Willie Dixon and (*) Pinetop Perkins, recorded with Chess Records on songs like "I Can't Be Satisfied" and "Hoochie Coochie Man". One of his songs inspired the name of a British band who wrote songs like "Gimme Shelter" and "(I Can't get No) Satisfaction". For 10 points, name this founder of Chicago blues with songs like "Rollin Stone" and "Mannish Boy".

ANSWER: MuddyWaters

- 5. Early rigorous analysis of this object was performed by Morwen Thistlethwaite, while, recently, Davidson et al. used 35 CPU-years of Google server processing time to prove that its "God's number" is 20. Notation for (*) algorithms for using this object usually uses the letters F, B, U, D, L, and R, with prime symbols and 2's indicating reverse and double moves, respectively. Larger versions of this object include the Revenge and Professor varieties, which have more than three pieces along each edge. For 10 points, name this puzzle invented by a Hungarian architectural engineer in 1974, the object of which is to fill each face with nine pieces of the same color. ANSWER: Rubik's Cube
- 6. In 1998 as a junior tennis player, this man won both the singles and doubles tournaments at Wimbledon, and lost the US Open title to David Nalbandian. After defeating Mark Philippoussis in 2003, this player won his first Wimbledon title, which this man is tied with Pete Sampras for having a record seven of. He was described as a "great liquid whip" in an essay by (*) David Foster Wallace. At one point, this player held the world number one position for a record 237 consecutive weeks. This man is a member of the Big Four along with Murray, Djokovic, and Rafael Nadal. For 10 points, name this Swiss tennis player considered one of the greatest of

all time.

ANSWER: Roger Federer

7. This artist covered the Pink Floyd song "Wish You Were Here" at the closing ceremony of the London Olympics, and one of his music videos stars Rupert Grint in the role of an obsessed fan. In addition to "Lego House," he has written several songs for One Direction and collaborated with (*) Taylor Swift on "Everything Has Changed." In the most famous song from his debut album, he laments how "the worst things in life come free to us" and describes a drug-addicted prostitute who is "stuck in her daydream, been this way since eighteen." For 10 points, name this British singer-songwriter whose 2011 album "+" features the song "The A Team."

ANSWER: Ed Sheeran

- 8. One character with this occupation hires Natalie Teeger after Sharona Fleming leaves as his personal nurse. That character is played by Tony Shalhoub and is the star of a USA Network show, while another man with this occupation frequently says "just one more thing." The former character with this occupation is the (*) OCD-afflicted Monk, while the latter is Columbo. Kate Beckett holds this occupation, leading the mystery author Richard Castle to work with her. Benedict Cummerbatch plays a character with this occupation in a BBC show. For 10 points, name this occupation of a character who appears in *Elementary* and *Sherlock*. ANSWER: detective (accept private eye, private investigator, or other reasonable equivalents; prompt on "policeman")
- 9. A CollegeHumor skit claiming to summarize this movie it just its staff shaking its head with the message "we're not going to go there." One character in this movie is annoyed by another's playing of a Beethoven piece on the harp. This movie's director makes a cameo as an Australian blown up with dynamite, and the titular character watches an escapee torn apart by dogs. A character is told to "say good bye (*) to Miss Lara", after which Miss Lara is shot. One character refuses to shake hands with a francophile Mississippi planter, Calvin Candide. The titular character is assisted in rescuing his wife, Broomhilda, by the Christoph Waltz-played Dr. Schultz. For 10 points, name this Quentin Tarantino movie staring Jaimie Foxx as the titular bounty hunter. ANSWER: Django Unchained
- 10. Soccer players from this include Jefferson Farfan and Jose Guerrero, as well as Teofillio Cubillas, who led them to their highest ever finishes in the 1970 and 1978 World Cups. A film set in this country's jungle sees a rubber baron, Brian Sweeney Fitzgerald, fulfill his dream of hearing Enrico Caruso singing by dragging an opera house across the wilderness- that movie, directed by Werner Herzog, is *Fitzcarraldo*. Herzog also filmed *Aguirre*, the Wrath of God here. It is the setting of a South Park episode in which killer (*) hamsters invade the United States. For 10 points, name this country whose national dish is ceviche and who gave the world pan-pipe music.

ANSWER: Peru

11. In the movie *This Must Be The Place*, a little boy believes the titular song was written by this band and not the Talking Heads. An album by this band ends with a track relating "Alice died/in the night/ I'd been learning to drive." That album contains songs like "Haiti" and "In the Backseat". One of this band's songs begins "let's go downtown and watch the modern kids", "Rococco". This band of songs like "Month of May" and "No Cars Go" put four (*) "Neighborhood" songs on their first album, and this band controversially won the 2011 Grammy for Album of the Year for *Funeral*. This band's most famous song was used in the trailer for *Where The Wild Things Are*. For 10 points, name this Canadian indie band, who put the song "Wake Up" and the album *Funeral*.

ANSWER: The Arcade Fire

12. These creatures appear in a video game near a crossing bridge, killing Bill as he tries to lower it. Max Brooks has written several books about these creatures which also appear in a movie in which (*) Shaun is

played by Simon Pegg. TellTale games produced an episodic video game adaptation of a show which includes these creatures and former sheriff Rick Grimes. George Romero has directed several movies involving these creatures that appear in the Thriller music video. Headshots are usually required to kill them and they often desire eating brains. For 10 points, name these creatures described as the living dead.

ANSWER: <u>zombies</u> [accept <u>living dead</u> before mention; accept <u>walking dead</u>; accept <u>reanimated</u>; accept other obvious equivalents; laughingly prompt on <u>human</u>]

13. This player was featured in an album by Taiwanese artist Jay Chou as well as by rapper Sho Baraka. As a rookie this player served a backup role behind Eddie Jones. This player was immediately traded after being drafted by Charlotte out of (*) Lower Merion High School. He switched from number 8 to number 24 in 2003 after allegations of sexual assault and recorded 81 points in a 2006 game against the Toronto Raptors. His team failed to win the 2011 NBA Championship and provide a fourth three-peat for Coach Phil Jackson. For 10 points, name this Los Angeles Lakers shooting guard nicknamed the "Black Mamba."

ANSWER: Kobe Bryant [accept Black Mamba before mention]

14. While preforming this action, Rage Against The Machine were thrown out of a certain building for refusing to remove some upside down American flags. Ashlee Simpson preformed a jig while doing this action after it became clear she was lip-syncing, and a famous performance of this action was supposed to involve the displaying of a photo of a Bosnian refugee (*). One performer of this action was mocked for looking like a robot while singing "Video Games", and Sinead O'Connor tore up a picture of the Pope while performing this action. Justin Bieber and Mick Jagger have preformed this action while also appearing as the host. For 10 points, name this action done by a musical act on a certain weekend late-night show.

ANSWER: <u>performing</u> on <u>Saturday Night Live</u> (or being the <u>musical guest</u> for <u>Saturday Night Live</u>- as long as they know what's going on, be lenient)

15. A member of this band claimed to have lost his virginity at the age of nine with a dinner lady in the autobiography *Rise of the Ogre*. One of this band's songs contains the lyrics "Love forever, love is free / Let's turn forever you and me." That song opens with a maniacal laugh and has a music video with a (*) windmill atop a floating island. The single "Melancholy Hill" appeared on this band's most recent studio album, *Plastic Beach*. This band was created by Damon Albarn and Jamie Hewlett and consists of the fictional characters 2D, Murdoc, Noodle, and Russel. For 10 points, name this virtual band whose second album *Demon Days* included the singles "Dirty Harry" and "Feel Good, Inc."

ANSWER: Gorillaz

16. In one episode of this series, the song "Two Weeks" is played over a montage showing the "second greatest love story" the protagonist has ever heard. The protagonist's mother marries the hippy Clint, and receives a late-night call to "make juice" with a love interest. A character goes on The Price Is Right to meet Bob Barker (*), who he believes to be his father. That character gives up his womanizing ways to propose to Robin Sherbatsky, who had earlier dated this show's main character, Ted Mosby. For 10 points, name this show featuring Neil Patrick Harris as Barney Stinson, who is the best bro of Ted, who searches for the titular figure.

ANSWER: How I Met Your Mother

17. In one of the fictional trailers from *Grindhouse*, this actor played Fu Manchu in *Werewolf Women of the SS*. A still of this actor looking mockingly inquisitive with wide eyes from *Vampire's Kiss* inspired the "You don't say?" meme, while in another internet famous moment, this man is made a pagan (*) sacrifice in the *The Wicker Man* as he he yells "Not the bees!" [pronounced "BEEEEEEEEES"]. In one role he plays a motorcyclist who receives a flaming skull, and in another role this comic book fan who named his son Kal-El plays the real-life superhero Big Daddy; those are from *Ghost Rider* and *Kick-Ass*. For 10 points, name this actor who steals the Declaration of Independence in *National Treasure*.

ANSWER: Nicolas Kim <u>Coppola</u> (grudgingly accept Nicholas <u>Cage</u>, but tell players "that's only the name he took on in his mortal form")

- 18. This group's longest standing member was Tommy Oliver and this group fought an evil Psycho version of itself. This group traveled back in time to capture the mutant Ransik and was led by Andros while in space. It has been powered by Zeo crystals and advanced technology and first fought Rita and Lord (*) Zed after being created by Zordon. That group lived in Angel Grove and used dinosaur based machines called Zords. Its incarnations include the currently running Samurai version and the original Mighty Morphin ones. For 10 points, name this group titling a children's television series usually consisting of five teenagers led by a red themed boy. ANSWER: **Power Rangers** [accept specific incarnations as long as Power Rangers is included]
- 19. TWO ANSWERS REQUIRED. Brian Dowling played quarterback for one of these schools, and the other first introduced the violent flying wedge formation. One of these schools is currently coached by Anthony Reno, while the other is coached by Tim Murphy. A game between these two schools was interrupted by a (*) weather balloon a third school used in a prank. Tommy Lee Jones played in a game between these two schools in which one side scored 16 points in 42 seconds to "beat" the other with a score of 29-29. This college football rivalry was first played in 1875, and it culminates in "The Game." For 10 points, name these two Ivy League schools who play against each other in stadiums near New Haven and Cambridge.

ANSWER: Harvard Crimson and Yale Bulldogs [accept school or mascot; prompt on partial]

20. Following a brief stint with Toldeo, this man became the Cleveland Browns' defensive coordinator under Bill Belichick. He later coached against Belichick as head coach of the Miami Dolphins. This man coached running backs Trent Richardson and Heisman winner (*) Mark Ingram. Bear Bryant being the other, he is one of two head coaches to win national championships at two different schools. Two of those national championships have come in the past two years, including one where he defeated his former team, LSU 21-0. For 10 points, name this current head coach of the Alabama Crimson Tide.

ANSWER: Nick Saban