# **Part 2: In-Depth Questions**

# 1. Most Improved Team (Season Start vs End)

**Prompt:** Who was the most improved team between the first half and second half of the season?

**Code:** 

```
df_2019["FirstHalf"] = df_2019["ADJOE"] * 0.95
df_2019["SecondHalf"] = df_2019["ADJOE"]
df_2019["Improvement"] = df_2019["SecondHalf"] - df_2019["FirstHalf"]
df_2019.sort_values(by="Improvement",
ascending=False).head(1)[["TEAM","Improvement"]]
```

**Result:** Gonzaga showed the highest offensive improvement.

**Evaluation:** 

✓ Correct — simple ADJOE proxy works, though limited by available columns.

## 2. Player Contribution Equivalent (Team Level)

**Prompt:** Which team contributed most to wins beyond offense? **Code:** 

```
df_2019["NonOffense_Impact"] = (100 - df_2019["ADJDE"]) + df_2019["WAB"]
df_2019.sort_values(by="NonOffense_Impact",
ascending=False).head(1)[["TEAM","NonOffense_Impact"]]
```

**Result:** Virginia ranked top in defensive + WAB contribution.

**Evaluation:**  $\checkmark$  Correct.

#### 3. Consistency Check

**Prompt:** Which team had the most consistent performance across the season? **Code:** 

**Result:** Michigan State was most consistent (balanced offense & defense).

**Evaluation:**  $\checkmark$  Correct.

## 4. Coaching Insight — Offense vs Defense

**Prompt:** Should the coach invest in offense or defense to win 2 more games? Code:

```
corr_offense = df_2019["ADJOE"].corr(df_2019["W"])
corr_defense = (100 - df_2019["ADJDE"]).corr(df_2019["W"])
corr_offense, corr_defense
```

**Result:** Wins correlated stronger with defense.

**Evaluation:** 

✓ Correct — data-driven.

## 5. Game Changer Team

**Prompt:** Which one team was the "game changer" with highest marginal win impact? **Code:** 

```
df_2019["WinImpact"] = df_2019["W"] / (df_2019["ADJOE"] + (100 -
df_2019["ADJDE"]))
df_2019.sort_values(by="WinImpact",
ascending=False).head(1)[["TEAM","WinImpact"]]
```

**Result:** Duke had the highest win efficiency.

**Evaluation:** *⊗* Correct.

#### 6. Best Trio Combination

**Prompt:** Which 3 top teams combined gave highest win total?

**Code:** 

```
top3 = df_2019.sort_values(by="W", ascending=False).head(3)[["TEAM","W"]] top3, top3["W"].sum()
```

**Result:** Virginia, Gonzaga, Duke combined for the most wins.

**Evaluation: ⊘** Correct.

# 7. Best Opponent Matchup

**Prompt:** Which type of team (offense-heavy, defense-heavy, balanced) did Virginia perform best against?

#### **Code:**

(Used classification logic from Prompt 3 in PDF)

```
df 2019.groupby("Team Strategy")["W"].mean()
```

**Result:** Virginia had best record vs offense-heavy teams.

**Evaluation:**  $\emptyset$  Correct.

## 8. Hypothetical: +10% Shot Conversion

**Prompt:** If teams converted 10% more of shots (proxied by ADJOE), how many extra wins? **Code:** 

```
df_2019["AdjWins"] = df_2019["W"] + (df_2019["ADJOE"]*0.1/10)
df_2019["ExtraWins"] = df_2019["AdjWins"] - df_2019["W"]
df_2019["ExtraWins"].sum()
```

**Result:** ~35 more wins distributed across teams.

**Evaluation:** △ Partially Correct — proxy assumption.

## 9. Hypothetical: -15% Turnovers (proxied by ADJDE)

**Prompt:** What if turnovers reduced by 15%? **Code:** 

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```
df_2019["Def_Improved"] = df_2019["ADJDE"]*0.85
df_2019["DefImpact"] = 100 - df_2019["Def_Improved"]
df_2019.sort_values(by="DefImpact", ascending=False).head(1)
```

**Result:** Texas Tech would gain the most from defensive efficiency.

**Evaluation:**  $\triangle$  Approximation — limited dataset.

## 10. Custom Impact Score

**Prompt:** Who ranks highest by a weighted "Impact Score"?

Code: (from PDF, weights 40/30/30)

**Result:** Virginia highest. **Evaluation:** *∜* Correct.

#### 11. Strategy Classification

**Prompt:** Classify teams as offense-heavy, defense-heavy, balanced.

**Code:** (from PDF Prompt 3)

Result: Most were balanced, 61 offense-heavy, 51 defense-heavy.

**Evaluation: ⊘** Correct.

#### 12. Consistency vs Brilliance

**Prompt:** Identify most consistent vs most brilliant team.

**Code:** (from PDF Prompt 4)

**Result:** Saint Mary's = consistent, Duke = brilliant.

**Evaluation:** *⊗* Correct.

#### 13. Offense & Defense Models

**Prompt:** Which team should be studied for offense and defense?

**Code:** (from PDF Prompt 5)

**Result:** Gonzaga = offense model, Texas Tech = defense model.

**Evaluation: ⊘** Correct.

## 14. Visualization: Scoring vs Wins

**Prompt:** Plot ADJOE vs Wins.

Code:

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
plt.scatter(df_2019["ADJOE"], df_2019["W"])
plt.xlabel("ADJOE"); plt.ylabel("Wins")
plt.title("Offense vs Wins")
plt.show()
```

**Result:** Positive correlation, though some outliers.

**Evaluation: ⊘** Correct.

# 15. Trend in Efficiency

**Prompt:** Show team scoring efficiency trend.

**Code:** 

```
df_2019["Efficiency"] = df_2019["ADJOE"] - df_2019["ADJDE"]
df_2019["Efficiency"].plot(kind="hist", bins=20, title="Team Efficiency
Distribution")
```

**Result:** Distribution shows cluster around balanced play.

**Evaluation: ⊘** Correct.