GAME TRIVIA QUIZ - ANSWERS

Role Playing Game (RPG) Questions:

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1. *This* cyberpunk RPG blends magic and fantasy with advanced weaponry and complex computer systems, so you might have an ork hacker and an elf with submachine guns battling a dragon who owns a giant corporation?

   A. "Top Secret"
   B. "Shadowrun" **CORRECT**
   C. "Deadlands"

"Shadowrun" was first published in 1989 and is currently on its fifth edition.

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2. Some of the science-fictional aspects of the earlier "Shadowrun" editions have been surpassed by real-world technology. **Before wireless technology existed in "Shadowrun," how did hackers connect to the Matrix?**

   A. A physical neural interface was required, which was usually a data-jack implanted in the hacker's head.   **CORRECT**

   B. A technomage had to be present to cast a spell that sent the hacker's astral self into the Matrix.

   C. Only hackers who'd had their consciousness uploaded into a robotic body could connect to the Matrix.

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3. An **RPG** published by **West End Games** in the 1980s and 90s established much of the canonical information in the Expanded Universe of what science fiction franchise?

   A. "Farscape"
   B. "Star Trek"
   C. "Star Wars" **CORRECT**

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4. The acclaimed **D6 system** West End Games used for their "Star Wars" RPG originally appeared in **what other licensed game**?

   A. "The Last Starfighter"
   B. "Ghostbusters"   **CORRECT**
   C. "Back to the Future"

The D6 system debuted with the "Ghostbusters" RPG, which was only in print for a few years. Strangely, no one's ever made an official "Back to the Future" RPG.

5. "Dungeons & Dragons" was the first tabletop RPG **(by Tactical Studies Rules, Inc. 1974)**, and its success inspired quite a few similar games. What other RPG, also released in the 1970s, duplicated the "Dungeons & Dragons" naming convention but swapped in a different underground structure and monster?

A. "Tunnels & Trolls"   **CORRECT**
B. "Bunnies & Burrows"
C. "Basements & Banshees"

"Tunnels & Trolls" by Flying Buffalo Inc. was the second RPG published (1975) — it aimed to be less complicated than D&D.

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6. Much of the inspiration for Dungeons & Dragons and other Fantasy Role-playing games set in a pseudo-medieval fantasy setting were inspired by early fiction stories. Which American fantasy book author coined the term "sword and sorcery" in 1961?

A. Robert E. Howard
B. Fritz Leiber   **CORRECT**
C. Michael Moorcock

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7. One of the first **post-apocalyptic RPGs** set in a world seeded with barely functioning technology and some very, very strange mutants **was called?**

A. "Paranoia"
B. "Gamma World"   **CORRECT**
C. "Rifts"

"Gamma World" first published in 1978 can be run as a *fairly serious* "grim future" game, but, depending on the edition, it also worked/works as a *bizzaro surreal comedy game*.

NOTE: "Aftermath", a more gritty para-military RPG was published by FGU in 1981.

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8. What **current RPG**, produced by Monte Cook Games, takes the idea of the inhabitants of a far-future Earth encountering advanced technology they don't understand and molds it into a science-fantasy setting called the **Ninth World**?

A. "Numenera"   **CORRECT**
B. "Torment"
C. "Savage Worlds"
    The "Numenera" Kickstarter campaign raised over USD $500,000, a record for a tabletop RPGs at the time.

9. Plenty of tabletop RPGs have explored **H.P. Lovecraft's Cthulhu mythos**, but the first to do it (published by Chaosium in 1981) was a game **called**?

A. "Call of Cthulhu"   **CORRECT**
B. "Mansion of Madness"
C. "Delta Green"

"Call of Cthulhu" shifted the focus of RPGs from <u>combat</u> to <u>investigation</u>, and from <u>heroics</u> to <u>almost certain insanity</u> and <u>death</u>.

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10. What RPG allows players to take on the roles of <u>Vampires</u> vying for political advantage in a setting that's a *dark mirror of the modern world*?

A. "Vampire: the Masquerade"   **CORRECT**
B. "Kult"
C. "Bury Me in Black"

"Vampire: the Masquerade" attracted quite the crowd of 'Goth' sub-culture players and spawned a popular Live Action Roleplaying (LARP) called "The Masquerade" in 1994.

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11. M.A.R. Barker, known as "the American Tolkien," created one of the earliest RPGs, and one of the first to emphasize storytelling and role-playing over tactical combat. **What was it called?**

A. "Empire of the Petal Throne" **CORRECT**
B. "RuneQuest"
C. "RoleMaster"

"Empire of the Petal Throne" was set in <u>Tékumel</u>, a fantasy realm Barker had spent years detailing and creating languages for w*ell before tabletop RPGs even existed*.

Incidentally… the first RPG set in *J.R.R. Tolkien's Middle-earth* was "Middle-earth Role Playing" (**MERP)** by <u>Iron Crown Enterprises</u> (I.C.E.) first published in 1984.

12. "Pathfinder" is a best-selling RPG that's actually based on an earlier edition of **what other RPG**?

   A. "Hackmaster"
   B. "Dungeons & Dragons"   **CORRECT**
   C. "GURPS"

Pathfinder was first published by Paizo Inc in 2009.

Paizo first started publishing Dragon and Dungeon magazine (after acquiring the license from WOTC in 2002). Articles in these magazines supported their popular major multi-issue adventures such as the Age of Worms and Savage Tide. Wizards of the Coast didn't renew the license after 2007, but by then, Paizo had established a name for quality that many found preferable to WOTC's products.

Pathfinder is in effect a different branch of the Dungeons and Dragons game starting after D&D 3rd edition.

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13. "BattleTech" is a tactical miniatures game involving giant robots fighting wars in the distant future. **What is the name of the RPG** about the <u>pilots</u> of these robots?

   A. "The Inner Sphere"
   B. "Star League"
   C. "Mech Warrior"   **CORRECT**

A series of computer games with the same name were also created – confusingly featuring the piloting of Battlemechs and not the pilots themselves.

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14. What does "GURPS" stand for?

   A. "Generic Universal Role Playing System"   **CORRECT**
   B. "Generating Unique Realistic Player Statistics"
   C. "Gerry's Ultimate Random Power Selector"

GURPS was and still is published by Steve Jackson Games (the makers of "Munchkin" and "Car Wars")

Board Game Questions:

15. In a standard 4-player game of <u>The Settlers of Catan</u>, **how many points** constitutes a win?   **10**

16. In a 6-player game of <u>The Settlers of Catan</u>, how **many points are required** to win?

10 (but the recommendation is to increase it to 12)

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17. In the 7th century what game is regarded as the **earliest precursor of modern chess** because it had *two key features found in all later chess variants*?

A. Chaturanga   CORRECT
B. Shogi
C. Shatranj

> The game of Japanese Chess or Shogi is played on a board of 81 squares - 9 x 9.
> The pieces for <u>each player</u> consist of:
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> 9 Foot soldiers (aka Pawns)
> 2 Lances
> 2 Honorable Horses (aka Knights)
> 2 Silver Generals
> 2 Gold Generals
> 1 Bishop
> 1 Flying Chariot (aka Rook)
> 1 Jeweled General (aka King).
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> The pieces are flat counters, all the same hue but with a point. Pieces are laid so that they point towards the opponent.

18. What is the largest known variant of Shogi (Japanese chess)?

A. Taikyoku Shogi   CORRECT aka "Ultimate Shogi"
B. Xiangqi Shogi
C. Shatranj Shogi

19. In the standard game of Monopoly how much money (in dollars) is in the game's bank?   **$20,580**

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20. What is the one published product (*of his own making*) that Klaus Teuber (the inventor of The Settlers of Catan) doesn't own a copy of?

A first edition print of "The Settlers of Catan"

The first 5,000 copies of The Settlers of Catan sold out so fast that inventor Klaus Teuber doesn't have a copy!

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21. The original Game of Life [board pictured below - *which featured among other things, spaces for suicide, disgrace, poverty and prison*] was named?
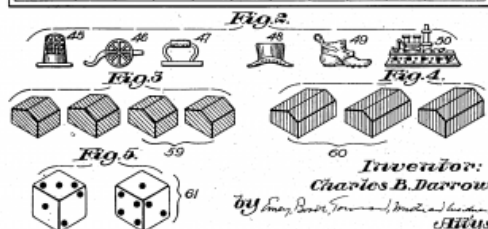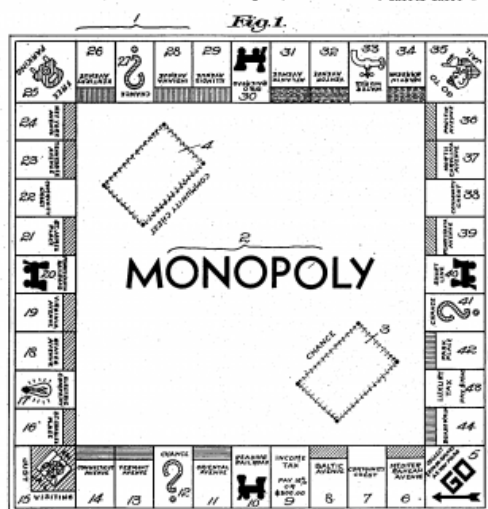
The Checkered Game of Life

22. How many territories are there in Risk?

42

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23. Who is <u>credited</u> with inventing Monopoly in 1935?

A. **Charles B. Darrow**   **CORRECT**
B. **Lizzie Magie**
C. **John L. Kellogg**

24. Who <u>really</u> invented Monopoly?

A. **Charles B. Darrow**
B. **Lizzie Magie**   **CORRECT (1904)**
C. **John L. Kellogg**

On December 31, 1935, Charles Darrow received his <u>Monopoly</u> patent, sparking controversy decades later as details surrounding Lizzie Magie's <u>Landlord's Game</u> and other early pre-Parker Brothers games surfaced.

25. Professor Plum is a character in which board game?

    A. Risk
    B. The Game of Life
    C. Pandemic
    D. Cluedo   **CORRECT**

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26. Who is the unfortunate victim in the game <u>Clue</u>?

    A. Mr. Mustard
    B. Mr. Scarlett
    C. Mr. Boddy   **CORRECT**

The game of Clue/Cluedo is set at the Tudor Mansion, home to host John Boddy.

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27. What ancient civilization may have played <u>draughts (aka Checkers)</u> in their <u>free time</u>?

    A. Egyptians   **CORRECT**
    B. Mesopotamians
    C. Aztecs

References to the game of draughts/checkers have been found in texts dating back more than 4,000 years.

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28. What ancient game was carved into stone by the Romans as they spread their empire around the world?

    A. Draughts (Checkers)
    B. Backgammon
    C. Nine Men's Morris   **CORRECT**

29. **What else did the Romans carve into the stone near such boards?**

    A. **Names of Enemies**
    D. **Trash talk**   **CORRECT**
    B. **Names of winners**

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30. **What is the most ancient board game we can find actual evidence of boards for?**

    A. **The Royal Game of Ur**   **CORRECT**
    B. **Mancala**
    C. **Nine Men's Morris**

Examples have been dated to around 2400 to 2600 BC and it is the oldest playable* board game originating around 4,600 years ago in ancient Mesopotamia.

(*The game's rules were discovered written on a cuneiform tablets by a Babylonian astronomer in 177 BC which makes it the oldest boardgame in the world that we know the rules for)

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31. **What ancient African board game was said to be linked to the spirits of the dead who had once played on those boards?**

    A. **Mancala**   **CORRECT**
    B. **The Royal Game of Ur**
    C. **Chess**

This game was only known as 'Mancala' in East Africa. In West Africa it is known as 'Oware', 'Warri', 'Awale', and 'Awele' and in Angola it is called 'Kiela'.

The oldest Mancala boards were found in An Ghazal, Jordan in the floor of a Neolithic dwelling dating back to 240 BC.

Before wooden boards and marbles became more commonplace, Mancala was played using holes dug into the ground or beach, and anything from stones to seeds to sea-shells were used as game pieces.

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32. What ancient Asian Game has pieces representing <u>The Great Wall of China</u>?

    A. **Mah-Jongg**   CORRECT
    B. **The Royal Game of Ur**
    C. **Go**

In some versions of the rules, the pieces are initially stacked into 4 equal walls joined into a square setup between the players.

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33. What mythical beast is represented in the suits in Mah-Jongg?

    A. **Ki-Rin**
    B. **Dragons**   CORRECT
    C. **Phoenix**

The Dragon suits include Green, Red and White Dragons.

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34. What ancient Egyptian board game (*depictions of which were found painted on the walls of pyramids and tombs*) was used in religious rituals?

    A. **Mehen**
    B. **Senet**   CORRECT
    C. **Twenty Squares**
    D. **Hounds and Jackals**

In fact <u>all 4 of the above games</u> were played on the <u>same board</u> with different rules.

35.What fictional board game featured holographic pieces onboard the Millenium Falcon and physical pieces in Rogue One?

A. **Space Checkers**
B. **Sabacc**
C. **Dejarik**   CORRECT
D. **Jedi's Gambit**

aka 'Star Wars chess', 'Holographic Chess' or 'Holo-chess' **it was first seen being played by R2D2 and Chewbacca. 'Space Checkers' was how they referred to it in the** <u>Robot Chicken</u> **Star Wars spoof series.**

'Sabacc' was a popular <u>card game</u> **in the Star Wars universe with numerous variations, many of them including a hard-to-beat hand also called sabacc.**

'Jedi's Gambit' is a *made-up name…*

36. **What card game was one of Starbuck's favourite gambling games?**

   A. **Pyramid** CORRECT for the original 1980's show (Male Starbuck)
   B. **Triad** CORRECT for the 2004 re-make (Female Starbuck).
   C. **Tall Card**
   D. **Fizbin**

'Fizbin' was a fake card game from an episode of Star Trek:TOS.

'Tall Card' was a card game played in Firefly.

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37. **What fictional card game was mentioned throughout the 'Zork' computer game series?**

   A. **Thunderhand**
   B. **Double Fanucci** CORRECT
   C. **XYZZY**