

Gamer Purity Test

Answer the following 100 questions with “Yes” or “No”. At the end, count the total number of “Yes” responses you have. This total will prove how pure of a gamer you truly are! (You see, most purity tests weigh how much you are **not** something—this test reveals how much of a **gamer** you are, so if you score 100%, you are a pure gamer! Let the world hear you roar!)

Author’s Note: Before anyone gets upset by reading these questions and accuses me of trivializing gamers, know that my own personal score is 87%, so I’m right down there in the trenches with you!

- 1) Would you rather hang out at the game store than go on a blind date?
- 2) Have you ever spent a night at a game table when you **could** have been on a date (with someone who was good looking)?
- 3) Do you believe that all good-looking women (or men) you see mysteriously overlook or snub you?
- 4) Did you ever take a potential girlfriend (or boyfriend) to your game group to “show her (or him) what it’s all about?”
- 5) Did you meet your current girlfriend (or boyfriend) at a game?
- 6) Have you ever been dumped because of gaming?
- 7) Have you ever dumped someone else because they didn’t game or accept your need to make it to the game group every week?
- 8) Do you proudly wear game-related T-shirts around beautiful gals (or guys)?
- 9) Does your car have at least one game-related sticker on it?
- 10) Did you reach 10th Level before having your first date?
- 11) Do you own a full set of dice (4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 20 sided)?
- 12) Do you own more than one set of dice?
- 13) Is your dice-bag heavier than your school bookbag (or was it ever)?

- 14) Do you have a special pouch or other container for dice?
- 15) Do you have swords hanging on the walls of your home?
- 16) Do you have battlements on the outside walls of your home?
- 17) Does your formal clothing hang right next to a cloak or other costuming?
- 18) Whenever you walk down the mall do you fail to pass by “Excalibur” or “Cutlery” stores without being drawn inside, at least for a “quick look”?
- 19) Are you ever puzzled about what is currently in fashion?
- 20) When you visit a church do you super-impose over it images of devils or battles in your mind’s-eye?
- 21) Can you quote Lord of the Rings, chapter and verse, like a priest quotes the Bible?
- 22) Have you ever waited outside a theater for more than 2 hours for the opening night of a game-related movie?
- 23) More than 4 hours?
- 24) More than 24 hours?
- 25) Have you seen the Dead Gentlemen film “The Gamers?”
- 26) Do you think “Monty Python and the Holy Grail?” should have won the Best Picture Oscar for 1974?
- 27) Do you think anything else winning **any** Oscars was a crime?
- 28) Do you detest the Oscars on the basis of their being genre-racist?
- 29) Do you call out game statistics or roll-spots during a movie like a sports commentator?
- 30) Do you find professional sports boring?
- 31) Do you know what “haggis” is?
- 32) Do you at least **think** you know what it is?
- 33) Have you ever argued anything with your history teacher based on its presentation in an RPG book?

- 34) Have you ever saved pizza boxes for no apparent reason?
- 35) Have they ever stacked all the way to the ceiling?
- 36) Have you spent enough money necessary to get a decent car or repair for it on a plane ticket and hotel room for a game convention?
- 37) Would you defend that investment to your parents?
- 38) Do you use your parent's credit card?
- 39) Do you have more miniature figures than silverware in your home?
- 40) Did you ever feel that school was getting in the way of your gaming?
- 41) Have you read more genre books than you have books assigned in school?
- 42) Do you know the significance of this number in the galaxy?
- 43) Does the thought of being tied to a chair and forced to watch two minutes "Highlander II" make you vomit?
- 44) Have you ever insulted anyone by calling them "pigdog?"
- 45) Have you ever stood before a total stranger and with a perfectly straight face said "Ni!" with a very commanding voice.
- 46) Do you save Styrofoam packaging for purposes of "dungeon building?"
- 47) Have you ever been "outcast" or named "evil" for playing games?
- 48) Was your response to that emotional or long-winded enough to be worthy of religious conviction?
- 49) On Christmas morning, while tossing socks and underwear aside along with the wrapping, do you ooh, ahh, and cry with joy over raising a demonic head-shaped goblet from a box sent by "Darth Hideous?"
- 50) Did you roll D100 to determine which question on this list to answer first (or last)?
- 51) Have you ever claimed to have been abducted by aliens?
- 52) Is your Ebay account name a former Character's name or title?

53) Are you offended that people get days off of work or school for such meaningless holidays as “Lincoln’s birthday?” but not the day after Halloween?

54) Are you pissed off that people can miss work simply because their baby is sick or their house caught fire but a boss can’t respect and work your schedule around a weekly game night?

55) Do you see shapes of dice in other mundane objects as some people do in clouds, such as a D12 in a soccer ball or a D6 in a salt-lick?

56) Have you ever raided a stale old board game from yesteryear just to get those two miserable D6s to add to your arsenal of dice?

57) Do you think dice are imperative to the gaming world?

58) Do you think I should ask another dice question?

59) Do you agree that I am wasting valuable question space on a meaningless and obviously filler-joke?

60) Have you ever had a nightmare that somehow involved graph-paper?

61) Have you ever tried practicing dice rolling (in the belief that with enough practice, theoretically, one can actually pre-determine his results)?

62) Have you ever built a candlelit shrine for your dice and set them in it during game time to “warm up?”

63) Would you argue your right to re-roll a dice because someone else said jinx-worthy words during its supposedly random roll?

64) Do you ever go on a rant about the “good ol’ days” or “golden age” of gaming (i.e. before it became politically correct)?

65) Would you rather meet Larry Elmore or Gary Gygax than the United States President?

66) Would you rather Larry Elmore or Gary Gygax **be** the United States President?

67) Do your gamebooks hold a place of honor on the shelves in your home?

68) Have you reached a point where ghosts and demons no longer scare you in the real world but politicians and priests give you cause for true alarm?

69) Have you ever gone into a late-night diner in full costume or at least sporting fangs?

70) Have you done this with several others (also in costume or fangs)?

71) Did you feel more joy than embarrassment at the odd looks given to you by the “normal” customers?

72) Would you strip naked, smear yourself with blood and dance around a bonfire burning the evil gamebooks to impress the detractors of games in the hopes of proving that the greatest power of evil lies within yourself and not mere books?

73) Was the last question not pushing the bounds of good taste far enough?

74) Do you know when I was born? (shame on you—I’m the god of all games)

75) Have you ever referred to yourself with a game statistic, such as telling your doctor during a checkup that you have a high HP score?

76) Do you believe that role-playing games have been around for more than two thousand years?

77) And have evidence to prove it?

78) Have you ever consumed an entire case (24 cans) of soda pop within a 24-hour period?

79) Do you feel that role-playing gamebooks should be purchased by and kept within public school libraries for the benefit of students?

80) Do you think they would disappear rather quickly?

81) Do you think it’s unfair that money enough to do this ten times over is wasted on textbooks or sports gear that last an even shorter amount of time?

82) Have you ever played a Character of the opposite gender?

83) The opposite gender **and** race (in the same Character)?

84) Have you ever lost a friendship over a game-related argument because the other person was just too stupid to see your marvelous point of view?

85) And were you both sitting at the same game table next week?

86) Do you often wonder when reading classic books why all the dragons are green **and** breathe fire, or wonder why dragons of other colors are never mentioned?

87) Do you find fairytales and other classic literature boring because there aren't enough mazes, variety of monsters or demi-human heroes within it?

88) Do you consider fantasy movie soundtracks to be on the same level as "classical" music?

89) Do you feel that all new Characters should start at 0 Experience Points and **earn** whatever they get?

90) Would you help the monsters kill off some Player Character who waltzed into the game mysteriously at 60th Level and it was allowed because he says he earned it in his old Campaign?

91) Do you feel that somewhere within these 100 questions this author will sneak in a shameless plug for his 15-year dedication to creating and marketing his own RPGs for "New Dimension Games?"

92) Have you ever thrown a dice across the room?

93) At the GM?

94) Out the window and backed over it with your car several times?

95) If you ever visit Europe would your tourist itinerary include castles and graveyards?

96) And exclude postcard destinations such as palaces and art galleries?

97) Will you revise at least 3 of these questions in order to fit your "house rules" version of this Purity Test?

98) Will you do it because "the questions don't ask things exactly right?"

99) Will you do it simply to re-word questions so that you score higher?"

100) Will you take this test again to try and get a better score?

101) Will you say "Yes" to this obvious bonus question just to get a better score?