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Photography Contest
Secondary/Post-Secondary Category Examples

This document is to assist advisors in preparing for the NC-Skills USA Photography Contest. Contestants compete in ten different categories, each worth 100 points. Below are examples of entries and images for each contest.
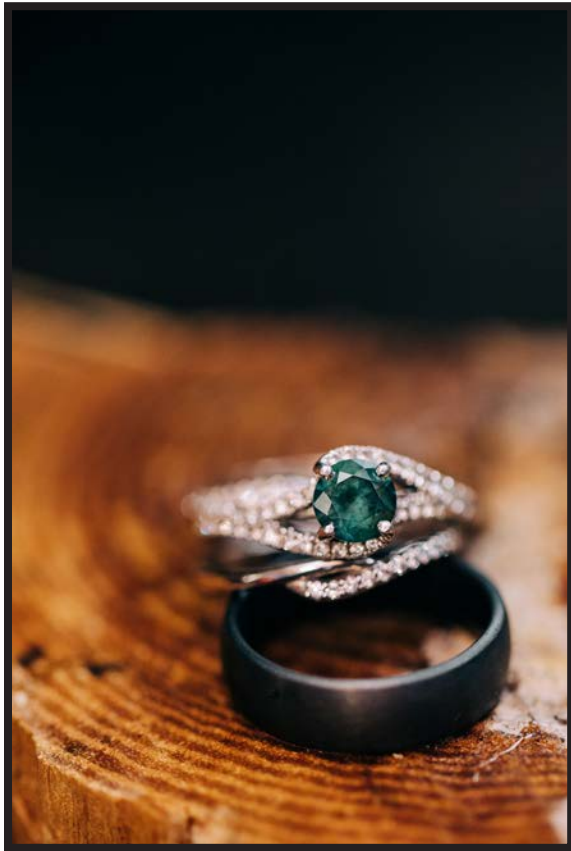
I-II. Field Assignment

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III. Color Correction

IV. Studio Product/Portrait Photography

V. Adobe Photoshop

VI. Troubleshooting/Color Balance

Troubleshooting

The following is a list of some of the more common problems that occur in digital photography. Some of these occur in the camera, some in the computer, and some in the printer.

- Out of focus
- Camera shake blur
- Blur due to subject movement
- Blur due to shallow depth-of-field
- Sensor dust
- Bronzing
- Blooming
- Color fringing
- Clogged inkjet nozzle
- Improper white balance
- Ink ran out during printing
- JPEG artifacts
- Lens distortion
- Lens flare
- Pixelization
- Rastering
- Aliasing
- Moiré pattern
- Digital noise
- Over-exposure
- Over-sharpening
- Poor copy & paste / edges
- Posterization
- Under-exposure
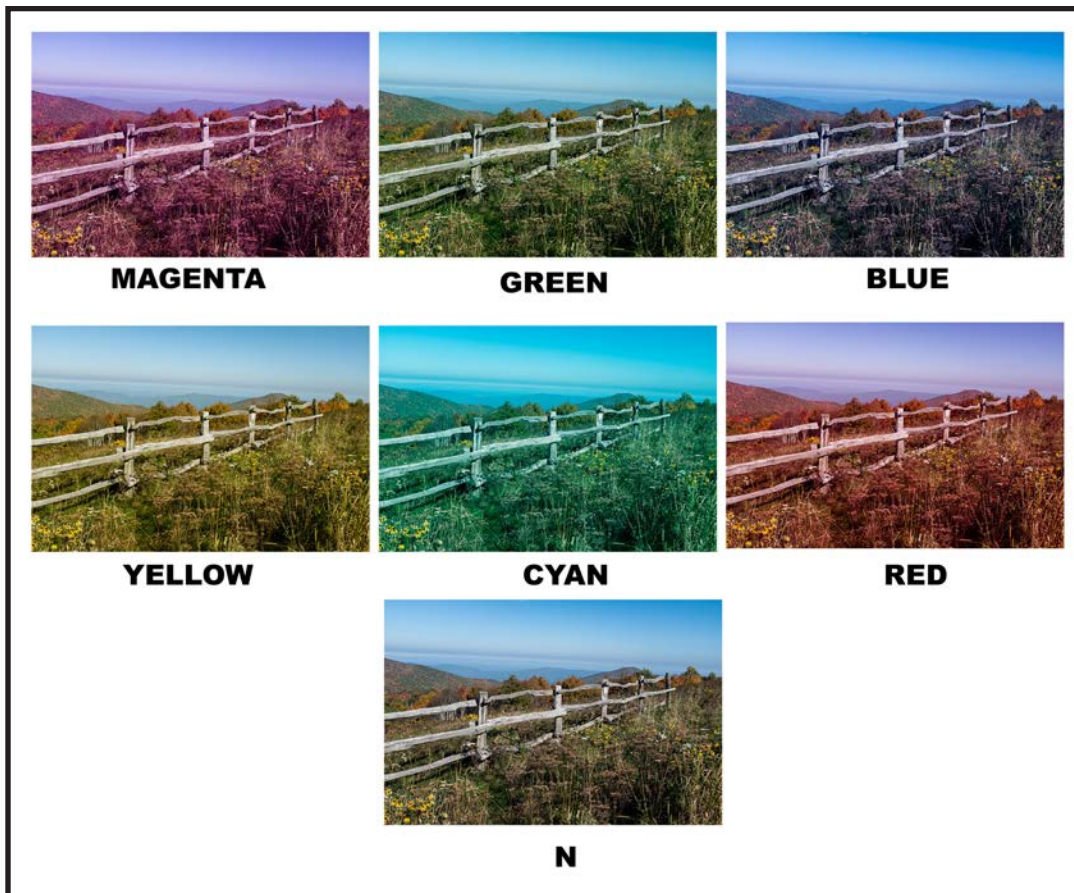

Camera Shake

Improper White Balance

Pixelated

Over-exposed

Over-sharpened

Color Balance

VII. Written Test

The words "picture" and "element" were combined to create what word?
A   Pica.
B   Pictele.
C   Pixel.
D   Pigment.

Answer: **C Pixel**

Freelance photographers
A   Can count on a steady source of income
B   Have insurance benefits and vacation time
C   Work only 40 hours a week
D   Are self-employed business people.

Answer: **D Are self-employed business people.**

In order to copyright one of your photographs, you must
A   Be a professional photographer
B   First register it with the Library of Congress Copyright Office
C   First publish it
D   Be the creator of the image

Answer: D Be the creator of the image

VIII. Job Interview

Resumes

Interview questions examples:

Where do you see yourself in the 10 years?
How do you measure success?

IX-X Print Judging

Print and Mat Dimensions

3"

14"

20"

3"

2.5"

11"

2.5"

16"