

# Consider the Scenarios

Directions: Discuss whether it is ethical to change the images in the ways described. Remember that the discuss command term requires a balanced view. A balanced view could mean considering both sides of the argument, or discussing advantages and disadvantages, or covering different approaches that could be used. If you have a clear opinion, you should still discuss the opposing viewpoint, and then say why you think it is wrong. You should finish with a clear conclusion.

**Scenario 1:** A common problem with photographs is 'red-eye' - when the flash on the camera is so bright that it causes the subject's eyes to appear in a red colour. Many modern cameras have features to reduce red-eye, and software programs often have very easy to use tools to remove it. [8 marks]

Pros	Cons

**Scenario 2:** A photojournalist covers a war. Many of her photographs show the carnage of war including dead bodies. Because the photographs contain large amounts of blood and gore the newspaper would be breaking the law of their country if they printed the picture. The editor of the paper suggests altering the picture to remove the pools of blood from the ground, thus making it acceptable for printing. He argues that it is better to show *some* of the impact of the *war* (by using the altered photograph) than to show no pictures of the *war* at all. [8 marks]

Pros	Cons

**Scenario 3:** A victim of a crime has agreed to a news interview in order to increase awareness of the crime and possibly help catch the criminal responsible. The victim agrees, provided that their name will not be mentioned in the article, and agrees for their photograph to be taken as long as their identity is disguised. The newspaper publishes the interview online and pixelates the victim's picture so that their face cannot be seen. [8 marks]

Pros	Cons

**Scenario 4:** Sports stars and young people are often used as models to promote products or companies. Frequently photographers alter the images they take using a computer. Examples of changes might include removing spots or blemishes from the skin, or removing evidence of a scar from an old injury. [8 marks]

Pros	Cons