**PHOTOGRAPHY 11**

**Photoshop: Levels Adjustment and Colour Balance**

**WHAT IS LEVELS ADJUSTMENT?**

Levels adjustment can be used to adjust tonal range and the *contrast* of an image by adjusting intensity levels of image shadows, midtones, and highlights.

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| To find levels adjustment go to the **menu bar > Image > Adjustments > Levels** (or CTRL+L/Command+L) and an adjustment box with a histogram will pop up (image on the right)  **A. shadow slider** (black arrow): controls the level of shadow; the more the slider shifts right, the greater darkness.  **B. midtone slider** (gray arrow): controls the level of midtones; shifting left makes it lighter, shifting right makes it darker (works similarly to “exposure”).  **C. highlight slider** (white arrow): controls the level of highlights; the more the slider shifts left, the greater the highlights.  **D. output slider**: maximum dark and maximum highlight allowance in your image. | **A**. shadow **B**. midtones **C.** highlights = input  **D**. output level sliders = output |