

SOUTH CENTRAL FEDERATION OF MINERAL SOCIETIES  
Score Sheet for ORIGINAL ADULT ARTICLES ADVANCED

<i>Federation:</i>	<i>Date Published:</i> Month		Year
<i>Title:</i>			
<i>Author:</i>			
<i>Club Editor:</i>			
<i>Editor's Address:</i>			
<i>City:</i>	<i>State:</i>	<i>Zip:</i>	
<i>Club Name:</i>			
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**ITEMS SCORED: (No award or penalty for color reproduction)**

	<i>Pts.</i>	<i>Deductions</i>
<b>1. AUTHOR'S STYLE &amp; LANGUAGE (Maximum – 20 points)</b>		
A. Title catchy and/or appropriate	3	
B. Author identified	3	
C. Writing interesting, easily understood, spelling & grammar correct/appropriate	10	
D. Free from irrelevant material and distortion	4	
<b>2. ARTICLE QUALITY: Subject appropriate, of general or special interest (Max – 20 points)</b>		
<i>Judges -- Score only one section – circle A, B, C, D, or E</i>		
A. Informational ( <i>How-to, identification, lapidary, historical, etc.</i> )	20	
B. Science ( <i>Mineralogy, geology, paleontology, etc.</i> )		
C. Collecting areas, old or new; Includes technical data ( <i>Not travelogue</i> )		
D. Club activities/member interests ( <i>editorials, shows, community/civic/schools</i> )		
E. Humor ( <i>must be hobby related</i> )		
<b>3. AUTHOR'S EFFORT (Maximum – 40 points)</b>		
<i>Select A-1 or A-2 or A-3 and circle the selection:</i>		
A-1. Research required or information drawn from books, magazines, internet, etc.	10	
A-2. Drawn from actual experience or observation		
A-3. Combination of experience/observation and research		
B. No apparent copyright violations	5	
C. References given for technical data, quotations/illustrations credited, etc.	10	
D. Appears to be accurate, facts seem correct	5	
E. Subject adequately covered for purpose intended; long enough so important facts are not omitted, no longer than necessary	10	
<b>4. EDUCATIONAL VALUE (Maximum – 20 points)</b>	20	

	<b>Total Deductions:</b>	
	<b>Total Points Awarded:</b>	

SCFMS Judge \_\_\_\_\_  
Judge's comments on back of sheet.

Checked by \_\_\_\_\_