Manual Photography Cheat Sheet
Explore the Manual Side of Photography

Nikon Exposure
+1.0 -0.1 -1
Try to keep your light meter at 0
+1.0 -0.1 -1
Overexposed
+1.0 -0.1 -1
Underexposed

Canon Exposure
-2.1 -0.1 -2

Aperture

SHALLOW DEPTH OF FIELD
f/1.4 f/2 f/2.8
BRIGHTER
*SHALLOW: BLURRED BACKGROUND*

DEEP DEPTH OF FIELD
f/4 f/5.6 f/8 f/11 f/16
DARKER
*DEEP: EVERYTHING IN FOCUS*

Shutter

BULB 30” 15” 10” 2” 1” 1/25 1/30 1/50 1/100 1/125 1/250 1/320 1/500 1/1000

Longer Exposure
BRIGHTER
*BULB: EXPOSURE TIME UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE PHOTOGRAPHER*

Shorter Exposure
DARKER

ISO

100 200 400 800 1600 3200

Low sensitivity to light
Use during day time
Higher quality (smooth)

High sensitivity to light
Use during night time
Lower quality (noisy)

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Good Luck!

Note: Values may vary due to different lenses & cameras.