

How to Answer a Case Study

A case study requires applying legal rules to a factual situation using a clear method.

Steps:

Understand the facts → identify parties and important elements

Find the legal issue → what is the legal question?

State the rule → relevant law or principle

Apply the rule → connect the law to the facts

Conclude → give a clear answer by summarizing the given case

Method (FIRAC):

F → Facts

I → Issue

R → Rule

A → Application

C → Conclusion

Key idea:

Good answers are clear, structured, and justified, not just descriptive

Case Study – Contract Law

Facts

Karim agrees to sell his car to Yacine for 80 million DA. After the agreement, Yacine discovers that Karim had hidden a serious defect in the car (engine problem). Yacine wants to cancel the contract.

Answer Using FIRAC Method

1. Facts (F)

Karim sold a car to Yacine. After the sale, Yacine discovered a hidden defect that Karim did not mention.

2. Issue (I)

Can the contract be annulled because of the hidden defect?

3. Rule (R)

A contract may be annulled if consent is affected by fraud. Fraud occurs when one party intentionally hides important information that influences the other party's decision.

4. Application (A)

In this case, Karim knew about the defect but did not inform Yacine. This hidden information influenced Yacine's decision to buy the car. Therefore, Karim's behavior may be considered fraud, which affects Yacine's consent.

5. Conclusion (C)

The contract can be annulled due to fraud, and Yacine may also claim compensation, or a summary