

# Tips & Tricks Entrance Exam Master Forensics, Criminology and Law

Make sure you always refer to the legal rules and case law relevant for your answer.

## Solving the Cases<sup>1</sup>

The exam will be based on, among others, solving cases. Each case consists of legal questions that have to be answered. An answer could be formulated by using the IRAC-method, which will help one structuring it.

- 1. Issue**  
Firstly, the problem statement of this particular case should be formulated. For this, one can mention the relevant case facts, necessary for answering the question.
- 2. Rule**  
Secondly, based on the specific issue mentioned, the legislation or case law applicable should be mentioned. The legal rules laid down are mostly interpreted in case law, therefore the availability of both must be checked and referred to.
- 3. Apply**  
Thirdly, in order to solve the case, the legal rules (and case law) should be applied to the issue.  
For example, explain whether the criteria of a certain legal rule are fulfilled in this specific case and check this in the light of the interpretation of the legal rule or criteria laid down in case law.
- 4. Conclusion**  
Lastly, a conclusive and concrete answer to the question must be formulated.

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<sup>1</sup>The University of Western Australia, 'IRAC Guide' (2004) <<http://www.law.uwa.edu.au/students/Wellbeing/survival-guide/irac-guide>> accessed 2 June 2018.; USC Australia, 'IRAC Method' (2018) <<https://libguides.usc.edu.au/c.php?g=508700&p=3478850>> accessed 2 June 2018.