

Structuring an Answer

Law

The standard structure for a legal problem question.

The four steps.

1

Issue

State the precise legal question the facts raise.

2

Rule

The applicable law, with authority.

3

Application

Apply the rule to these specific facts, both ways.

4

Conclusion

The likely outcome, stated clearly.

Educational reference. Most weak answers restate the law at length and apply it in one line. Reverse that proportion.