

P405 - Management of Asbestos in Buildings (including Asbestos Removal)

Written Examination Guidance

It is important that candidates prepare thoroughly for all exams, as poor exam technique can result in lost Marks.

The following advice is applicable to all candidates and should be contained in the examination briefing:

- ✓ Read questions carefully before answering, and only then answer the question.
- ✓ Look for key words in the exam question, such as 'How...', 'Why...' etc.
- ✓ Look for indicators of how many answers to write (for example, 'List TWO options that...' tells you to write two answers only).
- ✓ This is a short-answer examination – candidates may write short sentences or list points in their answers.
- ✓ The number of Marks available for each answer is shown. This will help to assist in determining how much to write. For example, a question worth one or two Marks will require just one or two sentences or bullet points, however one worth 10 Marks will require a more comprehensive answer.
- ✓ Avoid getting bogged down unnecessarily in earlier questions. Give priority to questions that can be readily answered before tackling more challenging ones.
- ✓ Exam papers are structured to follow the sections of the syllabus, so candidates can easily find all questions relating to each sub-section.
- ✓ It is recommended that candidates take a couple of minutes to skim through the exam paper before they start answering the questions. They can then answer the questions they find easiest first, which will help them to accumulate Marks and hopefully give them confidence to tackle more challenging questions.
- ✓ Many questions are short answer questions based on diagrams, real-life scenarios, or photographs. They test whether the candidate can apply what they've learnt during the course and the practical sessions.

Sample Examination Questions

The questions are worth a variety of Marks, from 1 Mark up to 10 Marks. Questions are based on real-life scenarios and include the use of photographs, diagrams and tables. Each question is based on a specific syllabus item, examples of which are shown below:

Question 1 How and when is 'Notifiable Non-Licensed Work' with asbestos notified to the enforcing authority? **(4 Marks)**

ANSWER (Max 4 Marks):

By using online **(1 Mark)** form ASB>NNLW1 **(2 Marks)** any time before the work starts **(1 Mark)**

Question 2 Identify 3 ways you could reduce the risk posed by an unsealed AIB application. **(6 Marks)**

ANSWER (Max 6 Marks):

- Encapsulate it **(2 Marks)**
- Enclose it **(2 Marks)**
- Remove it **(2 Marks)**
- Label it **(2 Marks)**

Question 3 The photograph below shows a decontamination unit which has arrived on site and is located in this position for planned asbestos removal works. List three concerns that you have with this unit. **(3 Marks)**



ANSWER (Max 3 Marks):

- Not level **(1 Mark)**
- No steps to obtain access **(1 Mark)**
- No appropriate warning signage on doors **(1 Mark)**
- Not suitably segregated from public areas **(1 Mark)**
- Drainage pipework presenting a trip hazard **(1 Mark)**

Question 4 Prior to selecting and appointing an analyst to undertake asbestos clearance procedures, what checks should you undertake? **(6 Marks)**

ANSWER (Max 6 Marks):

- That the company is UKAS accredited **(2 Marks)** to 17025 **(2 Marks)**
- That the analysts are competent **(2 Marks)**
- That there are no associations with the LARC conducting the abatement work **(2 Marks)**

Question 5 Identify four things that should be checked as part of the fourth stage of the clearance process. **(4 Marks)**

ANSWER:

- Inspection of enclosure area **(1 Mark)**
- Check all ACMs have been removed or abated as per the scope of works **(1 Mark)**
- Check all enclosure materials – polythene, tape, staples etc. – have been removed **(1 Mark)**
- Check all waste has been removed **(1 Mark)**
- Check all equipment has been removed **(1 Mark)**
- Check any polyurethane foam used has been cut back and sealed **(1 Mark)**
- Check transit and waste routes are free from materials / equipment / debris **(1 Mark)**