

## **M504 Asbestos and Other Fibres – Answers to revision questions**

### **Section 4 – Personal protective equipment**

1. How should exposure to asbestos be controlled? When is the use of personal protective equipment justified? (Page 39)
  - Prevent or reduce exposure by means other than PPE
  - Controlled by good work practice, engineering controls
  - Used as additional layer of protection when all other options have been implemented
2. How should the type of respiratory protection used be selected? (Pages 39 to 42)
  - Expected exposure level, assigned protection factors
  - Also take into account suitability for task, correct use, correct fit, working environment, worker consultation
3. Why should face mask fit testing be undertaken? (Pages 42 and 43)
  - People are different – one type of mask will not fit all
4. What factors can affect the face seal of a respirator? (Pages 43 and 44)
  - Correct fitting
  - Beards / facial hair
5. What features would you expect to see for personal protective clothing used when working with asbestos? (Pages 44 to 46)
  - Impervious to fibres
  - No pockets
  - Elasticated cuffs
  - Cover head
  - Preferably disposable – if not able to be easily cleaned