

TASK 5

Read the text below. For questions (23-32) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

OX-EYE DAISY

Undeniably showy, due to its corona of brilliant white ‘petals’ or ray florets, and much (23) to enjoying the company of its own kind, the ox-eye daisy (or moon daisy) is emblematic of this moment – when the (24) bluebells have faded, the birds are in full song and spring is (25) on to greet the start of summer.

Seen at its best in the soft, low-angled light at either end of the day, *Leucanthemum vulgare* forms rivers of white (26) roadside verges where it is (27) to be left unmown and sends its pristine sheets rippling across young meadows (28) its copious seeds have grown up unchallenged.

Each wiry (29) bears a single flower, some 1in – 2in across, the business end being its golden, central disc (30) more than 100 tightly packed flowers, a nectar-rich magnet for hungry hoverflies, (31) butterflies and bees.

Native ox-eye daisies are increasingly (32) components of *laissez-faire* garden plantings, enhancing unmown areas of turf and seen to good effect under the canopies of fruit trees or against the dark background of an old yew hedge, continuing in bloom through June and into July. [69]

23	A	given	B	taken	C	done	D	spent
24	A	spring	B	first	C	latest	D	last
25	A	ready	B	coming	C	racing	D	going
26	A	near	B	far	C	along	D	alone
27	A	allowed	B	afforded	C	let	D	forbidden
28	A	where	B	whenever	C	whatever	D	wherever
29	A	root	B	stem	C	petal	D	leaf
30	A	enclosing	B	containing	C	consisting	D	comprising
31	A	numerous	B	endless	C	enormous	D	plentiful
32	A	spread	B	popular	C	common	D	famous