



Fill in the gaps

Major-General's Song by Gilbert And Sullivan

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I am the very model of a modern Major-General

I've information vegetable, animal, and mineral

I know the kings of England

And I quote the fights historical

From (1)_____ to Waterloo, in (2)_____ categorical

I'm very well acquainted, too, with (3)_____ mathematical

I understand equations, both the simple and quadratical

About (4)_____ theorem I'm teeming

(5)_____ a lot o' news

(Hmm, lot of news.... Got it!)

With many cheerful facts

About the square of the hypotenuse

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I'm (6)_____ good at integral and differential calculus

I know the scientific names of beings animalculous

In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the very model of a modern Major-General

...

I (7)_____ our (8)_____ history

King Arthur's and Sir Caradoc's

I answer hard acrostics, I've a pretty taste for paradox

I (9)_____ in elegiacs all the crimes of Heliogabalus

In conics I can (10)_____ peculiarities parabolous

I can tell undoubted

Raphaels from Gerard Dows and Zoffanies

I know the (11)_____ chorus

From The (12)_____ of Aristophanes

Then I can hum a fugue

Of which I've (13)_____ the music's din afore

(Ooh, din afore, din afore... Got it!)

And whistle all the airs

From that infernal nonsense Pinafore

...

Then I can write a washing bill in Babylonian cuneiform

And (14)_____ you every detail of Caractacus's uniform

In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the very (15)_____ of a modern Major-General

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In fact

When I know what is meant by "mamelon" and "ravelin"

When I can tell at sight a Mauser rifle from a javelin

When such affairs as sorties

And (16)_____ I'm more wary at

And when I know precisely

What is meant by "commissariat"

When I have learnt

What progress has been made in modern gunnery

When I know more of tactics than a novice in a nunnery

In short, (17)_____ I've a smattering of elemental strategy

(Oh, that's a hard one, strategy... Got it!)

You'll say a better Major-General has never sat a-gee

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For my military knowledge

Though I'm plucky and adventury

Has only been (18)_____ down

To the beginning of the century

But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the very model of a modern Major-General

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(One more time?!)

...

In fact

When I know what is meant by "mamelon" and "ravelin"

When I can tell at sight a Mauser rifle from a javelin

When such affairs as sorties

And (19)_____ I'm more (20)_____ at

And when I know precisely

What is meant by "commissariat"

When I (21)_____ learnt

What (22)_____ has been made in modern gunnery

When I know more of tactics than a novice in a nunnery

In short, (23)_____ I've a smattering of elemental strategy

You'll say a better Major-General has never rode a horse!

...

For my military knowledge

Though I'm plucky and adventury

Has (24)_____ been brought down

To the beginning of the century

But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the very model of a modern Major-General!

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Fill in the gaps

Answer

1. Marathon
2. order
3. matters
4. binomial
5. with
6. very
7. know
8. mythic
9. quote
10. floor
11. croaking
12. Frogs
13. heard
14. tell
15. model
16. surprises
17. when
18. brought
19. surprises
20. wary
21. have
22. progress
23. when
24. only