



Fill in the gaps

Major-General's Song by Gilbert And Sullivan

...

I am the very model of a modern Major-General
I've (1)_____ vegetable, animal, and
mineral

I know the (2)_____ of England

And I quote the (3)_____ historical

From Marathon to Waterloo, in order categorical

I'm very well acquainted, too, with matters mathematical

I understand equations, (4)_____ the simple and
quadratical

About (5)_____ theorem I'm teeming with a lot
o' news

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

With many cheerful facts

About the square of the hypotenuse

...

I'm very good at integral and differential calculus

I know the scientific (6)_____ of beings animalculous

In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the very model of a modern Major-General

...

I know our (7)_____ history

King Arthur's and Sir Caradoc's

I answer hard acrostics, I've a pretty (8)_____ for
paradox

I quote in elegiacs all the crimes of Heliogabalus

In (9)_____ I can floor peculiarities parabolous

I can tell undoubted

Raphaels from Gerard Dows and Zoffanies

I know the croaking chorus

From The (10)_____ of Aristophanes

Then I can hum a fugue

Of which I've (11)_____ 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 (12)_____ in Babylonian
cuneiform

And tell you every detail of Caractacus's uniform

In short, in (13)_____ vegetable, animal, and
mineral

I am the very (14)_____ of a (15)_____

Major-General

...

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

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And surprises I'm more wary at
And when I (16)_____ 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, when I've a (17)_____ of
elemental strategy
(Oh, that's a hard one, strategy... Got it!)
You'll say a better Major-General has never sat a-gee
...
For my military knowledge
Though I'm (18)_____ and adventure
Has only been brought down
To the beginning of the century
But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the very model of a (19)_____ Major-General
...
(One (20)_____ time?!)
...
In fact
When I know what is meant by "mamelon" and "ravelin"
When I can tell at sight a Mauser (21)_____ from a
javelin
When such affairs as sorties
And surprises I'm more wary at
And when I know precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What (22)_____ has been (23)_____ in
modern gunnery
When I know more of tactics than a novice in a nunnery
In short, when I've a (24)_____ of
elemental strategy
You'll say a better Major-General has (25)_____ rode
a horse!
...
For my military knowledge
Though I'm plucky and adventure
Has only been brought down
To the (26)_____ of the century
But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the very model of a (27)_____ Major-General!
...



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Answer

1. information
2. kings
3. fights
4. both
5. binomial
6. names
7. mythic
8. taste
9. conics
10. Frogs
11. heard
12. bill
13. matters
14. model
15. modern
16. know
17. smattering
18. plucky
19. modern
20. more
21. rifle
22. progress
23. made
24. smattering
25. never
26. beginning
27. modern