



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 (1)_____ the fights historical
From (2)_____ to Waterloo, in order
categorical
I'm very well acquainted, too, with matters mathematical
I (3)_____ equations, both the simple and
quadratical
About binomial 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
(4)_____ calculus
I (5)_____ 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 know our mythic history
King Arthur's and Sir Caradoc's
I (6)_____ hard acrostics, I've a pretty taste for
paradox
I quote in elegiacs all the crimes of Heliogabalus
In conics I can floor peculiarities parabolous
I can tell undoubted
Raphaels from Gerard (7)_____ and Zoffanies
I (8)_____ the croaking chorus
From The (9)_____ of Aristophanes
Then I can hum a fugue
Of which I've heard 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 (10)_____ you every detail of Caractacus's uniform
In short, in (11)_____ vegetable, animal, and
mineral
I am the (12)_____ model of a modern 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 (13)_____ as sorties

And (14)_____ I'm more wary at
And when I know precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What (15)_____ has (16)_____ made in
modern gunnery
When I know more of (17)_____ than a novice in
a nunnery
In short, when I've a smattering of elemental strategy
(Oh, that's a hard one, strategy... Got it!)
You'll say a better Major-General has (18)_____ sat
a-gee
...

For my (19)_____ knowledge
Though I'm plucky and adventury
Has only been brought down
To the beginning of the century
But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the very (20)_____ of a modern Major-General
...

(One more time?!)
...

In fact
When I know (21)_____ is (22)_____ by
"mamelon" and "ravelin"
When I can tell at sight a Mauser rifle from a javelin
When such affairs as sorties
And surprises I'm more (23)_____ at
And when I (24)_____ precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What (25)_____ has been (26)_____ in
modern gunnery
When I know more of tactics than a novice in a nunnery
In short, when 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 (27)_____ and adventury
Has (28)_____ (29)_____ 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!
...



Fill in the gaps

Answer

1. quote
2. Marathon
3. understand
4. differential
5. know
6. answer
7. Dows
8. know
9. Frogs
10. tell
11. matters
12. very
13. affairs
14. surprises
15. progress
16. been
17. tactics
18. never
19. military
20. model
21. what
22. meant
23. wary
24. know
25. progress
26. made
27. plucky
28. only
29. been