



Fill in the gaps

Major-General's Song by Gilbert And Sullivan

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I am the very model of a (1)_____ Major-General
I've information vegetable, animal, and mineral
I know the kings of England
And I quote the (2)_____ historical
From Marathon to Waterloo, in (3)_____ categorical
I'm very well acquainted, too, (4)_____ matters
mathematical
I understand equations, both the (5)_____ and
quadratical
About binomial theorem I'm teeming with a lot o' news
(Hmm, lot of news.... Got it!)
With (6)_____ cheerful facts
About the (7)_____ of the hypotenuse
...

I'm very 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 (8)_____ model of a modern Major-General
...

I know our mythic history
King Arthur's and Sir Caradoc's
I answer hard acrostics, I've a (9)_____ taste for
paradox
I quote in (10)_____ all the crimes of
Heliogabalus
In (11)_____ I can floor peculiarities parabolous
I can tell undoubted
Raphaels from Gerard (12)_____ and Zoffanies
I know the croaking chorus
From The Frogs 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 (13)_____ infernal nonsense Pinafore
...

Then I can write a washing bill in Babylonian cuneiform
And tell you (14)_____ detail of Caractacus's uniform
In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the very 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 (15)_____ affairs as sorties

And surprises I'm more wary at
And when I know precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I (16)_____ learnt
What (17)_____ has (18)_____ made in
modern gunnery
When I know more of tactics than a novice in a nunnery
In short, when I've a smattering of (19)_____
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 plucky and adventury
Has only (20)_____ 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
...

(One more time?!)
...

In fact
When I know what is (21)_____ 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 wary at
And when I (22)_____ precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What progress has been made in modern gunnery
When I know (23)_____ 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 (24)_____ and adventury
Has only been brought down
To the (25)_____ of the century
But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the very (26)_____ of a (27)_____
Major-General!
...



Fill in the gaps

Answer

1. modern
2. fights
3. order
4. with
5. simple
6. many
7. square
8. very
9. pretty
10. elegiacs
11. conics
12. Dows
13. that
14. every
15. such
16. have
17. progress
18. been
19. elemental
20. been
21. meant
22. know
23. more
24. plucky
25. beginning
26. model
27. modern