



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 order
categorical
I'm very well acquainted, too, (2)_____
(3)_____ mathematical
I understand equations, both the simple and quadratical
About binomial (4)_____ 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 (5)_____ 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 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 (7)_____ Dows and Zoffanies
I know the croaking chorus
From The (8)_____ of Aristophanes
Then I can hum a fugue
Of (9)_____ I've heard the music's din afore
(Ooh, din afore, din afore... Got it!)

And whistle all the airs
From (10)_____ infernal nonsense Pinafore
...

Then I can write a washing bill in Babylonian cuneiform
And tell you every detail of Caractacus's uniform
In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the very model of a (11)_____ Major-General
...

In fact
When I know what is meant by "mamelon" and "ravelin"
When I can (12)_____ at sight a Mauser rifle from a
javelin
When (13)_____ 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 (14)_____ has been (15)_____ in
modern gunnery
When I know (16)_____ of tactics than a novice in a
nunnery
In short, (17)_____ I've a smattering of
(18)_____ 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 been brought down
To the beginning of the century
But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the (19)_____ model of a modern Major-General
...

(One more time?!)

...

In fact
When I know what is meant by "mamelon" and "ravelin"
When I can tell at sight a (20)_____
(21)_____ (22)_____ a javelin
When (23)_____ affairs as sorties
And surprises I'm more wary at
And when I (24)_____ precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What progress has been (25)_____ 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 plucky and adventury
Has (26)_____ been (27)_____ 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. Marathon
2. with
3. matters
4. theorem
5. very
6. answer
7. Gerard
8. Frogs
9. which
10. that
11. modern
12. tell
13. such
14. progress
15. made
16. more
17. when
18. elemental
19. very
20. Mauser
21. rifle
22. from
23. such
24. know
25. made
26. only
27. brought