



Fill in the gaps

Major-General's Song by Gilbert And Sullivan

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I am the (1)_____ 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 Marathon to Waterloo, in order categorical

I'm very well acquainted, too, with (2)_____

mathematical

I understand 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 (3)_____ of the hypotenuse

...

I'm very (4)_____ 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 answer hard acrostics, I've a pretty taste for paradox

I (5)_____ in elegiacs all the crimes of Heliogabalus

In (6)_____ I can floor peculiarities parabolous

I can (7)_____ undoubted

Raphaels from Gerard Dows and Zoffanies

I know the (8)_____ chorus

From The Frogs of Aristophanes

Then I can hum a fugue

Of which I've (9)_____ the music's din afore

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

And (10)_____ all the airs

From (11)_____ infernal nonsense Pinafore

...

Then I can write a washing bill in Babylonian cuneiform

And (12)_____ you every 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 (13)_____ what is (14)_____ 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 (16)_____ 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 (17)_____ in a
nunnery

In short, (18)_____ I've a smattering of elemental
strategy

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

You'll say a better Major-General has (19)_____ 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 very (20)_____ of a (21)_____

Major-General

...

(One (22)_____ time?!)

...

In fact

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

When I can tell at sight a (23)_____ rifle from a
javelin

When (24)_____ 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 progress has been made in (25)_____
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 (26)_____ a
horse!

...

For my military knowledge

Though I'm plucky and adventury

Has only been (27)_____ down

To the beginning of the century

But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the very (28)_____ of a modern Major-General!

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Fill in the gaps

Answer

1. very
2. matters
3. square
4. good
5. quote
6. conics
7. tell
8. croaking
9. heard
10. whistle
11. that
12. tell
13. know
14. meant
15. such
16. when
17. novice
18. when
19. never
20. model
21. modern
22. more
23. Mauser
24. such
25. modern
26. rode
27. brought
28. model