



Fill in the gaps

Major-General's Song by Gilbert And Sullivan

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I am the very (1)_____ of a modern Major-General
I've information vegetable, animal, and mineral
I (2)_____ the kings of England
And I quote the fights historical
From Marathon to Waterloo, in (3)_____ categorical
I'm very well acquainted, too, (4)_____ matters
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 (5)_____ cheerful facts
About the square of the hypotenuse

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I'm very (6)_____ at (7)_____ 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

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I know our mythic history
King Arthur's and Sir Caradoc's
I answer 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 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 that infernal nonsense Pinafore

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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 modern Major-General

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In fact
When I know what is meant by "mamelon" and "ravelin"
When I can tell at sight a Mauser rifle (10)_____ a javelin
When (11)_____ affairs as sorties

And surprises I'm (12)_____ wary at
And (13)_____ I know precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What (14)_____ has been made 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
(Oh, that's a hard one, strategy... Got it!)

You'll say a better Major-General has never sat a-gee

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For my military knowledge
Though I'm (15)_____ and adventure
Has only been (16)_____ down
To the beginning of the century
But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the very (17)_____ of a modern Major-General

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(One (18)_____ time?!)

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In fact
When I know what is meant by "mamelon" and "ravelin"
When I can tell at sight a Mauser (19)_____ from a
javelin
When such affairs as sorties
And (20)_____ I'm more wary at
And when I know precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What (21)_____ has been made in modern
gunnery
When I know more of (22)_____ than a novice in
a nunnery
In short, when I've a (23)_____ of
(24)_____ strategy
You'll say a better Major-General has never rode a horse!

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For my military knowledge
Though I'm plucky and adventure
Has only been brought down
To the beginning of the century
But still, in (25)_____ vegetable, animal, and
mineral
I am the very model of a modern Major-General!

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Fill in the gaps

Answer

1. model
2. know
3. order
4. with
5. many
6. good
7. integral
8. Frogs
9. which
10. from
11. such
12. more
13. when
14. progress
15. plucky
16. brought
17. model
18. more
19. rifle
20. surprises
21. progress
22. tactics
23. smattering
24. elemental
25. matters