



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 (1)_____ the kings of England
And I quote the fights historical
From (2)_____ to Waterloo, in order
categorical
I'm very well acquainted, too, with 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 (3)_____ cheerful facts
About the square of the hypotenuse
...

I'm very good at integral and differential calculus
I (4)_____ the scientific names of (5)_____
animalculous
In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the very model of a modern Major-General
...

I (6)_____ 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 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 (7)_____ all the airs
From that 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 modern Major-General
...

In fact
When I know what is (8)_____ by "mamelon" and
"ravelin"
When I can tell at (9)_____ a Mauser rifle from a
javelin
When such affairs as sorties

And surprises I'm more (10)_____ at
And when I know precisely
What is (11)_____ by "commissariat"
When I (12)_____ learnt
What progress has been made in modern gunnery
When I know more of (13)_____ 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 (14)_____ Major-General has never sat
a-gee
...

For my military knowledge
Though I'm plucky and adventury
Has only (15)_____ 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 meant by "mamelon" and "ravelin"
When I can (16)_____ at sight a Mauser rifle from a
javelin
When such (17)_____ as sorties
And surprises I'm more wary at
And (18)_____ I know precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What (19)_____ has been made in modern
gunnery
When I know more of tactics than a (20)_____ in a
nunnery
In short, when I've a smattering of elemental strategy
You'll say a better Major-General has (21)_____ rode
a horse!
...

For my military knowledge
Though I'm (22)_____ 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 model of a modern Major-General!
...



Fill in the gaps

Answer

1. know
2. Marathon
3. many
4. know
5. beings
6. know
7. whistle
8. meant
9. sight
10. wary
11. meant
12. have
13. tactics
14. better
15. been
16. tell
17. affairs
18. when
19. progress
20. novice
21. never
22. plucky