Fill in the gaps

Major-General's Song by Gilbert And Sullivan

...

I am the very model of a (1)_____ Major-General

I've (2)_____ vegetable, animal, and mineral

I know the kings of England

And I quote the (3)_____ historical

From Marathon to Waterloo, in order categorical

I'm very well acquainted, too, with matters mathematical

I (4)_____ 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 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 (6)_____ Major-General

...

I know our mythic history

King Arthur's and Sir Caradoc's

I (7)_____ hard acrostics, I've a (8)_____ taste for paradox

I quote in elegiacs all the crimes of Heliogabalus

In conics I can (9)_____ 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 whistle all the airs

From (10)_____ infernal (11)_____ Pinafore

...

Then I can (12)_____ a (13)_____ bill in (14)_____ cuneiform

And (15)_____ you every detail of Caractacus's uniform

In short, in (16)_____ vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the very model of a (17)_____ Major-General

...

In fact

When I (18)_____ what is meant by "mamelon" and "ravelin"

Fill in the gaps

When I can tell at sight a Mauser rifle from a javelin
When such (19)_____ 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 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
...
For my military knowledge
Though I'm plucky and adventury
Has only been (20)_____ down
To the (21)_____ of the century
But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the very model of a (22)_____ Major-General
...
(One more time?!)
...
In fact
When I know what is (23)_____ by "mamelon" and "ravelin"
When I can tell at sight a Mauser rifle from a javelin
When such affairs as sorties
And (24)_____ I'm more (25)_____ at
And when I know precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What progress has (26)_____ made in (27)_____ gunnery
When I know (28)_____ 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 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. modern
2. information
3. fights
4. understand
5. very
6. modern
7. answer
8. pretty
9. floor
10. that
11. nonsense
12. write
13. washing
14. Babylonic
15. tell
16. matters
17. modern
18. know
19. affairs
20. brought
21. beginning
22. modern
23. meant
24. surprises
25. wary
26. been
27. modern
28. more