



Fill in the gaps

Major-General's Song by Gilbert And Sullivan

...

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 (1)_____ the fights historical

From Marathon to Waterloo, in order categorical

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

I understand equations, both the simple and quadratical

About binomial theorem I'm (3)_____ with a lot o'
news

(Hmm, lot of news.... Got it!)

With many cheerful facts

About the square of the hypotenuse

...

I'm (4)_____ 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 (5)_____ history

King Arthur's and Sir Caradoc's

I answer hard acrostics, I've a (6)_____ taste for
paradox

I (7)_____ in elegiacs all the crimes of Heliogabalus

In conics I can floor peculiarities parabolous

I can tell undoubted

Raphaels (8)_____ Gerard Dows and Zoffanies

I know the (9)_____ 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 nonsense Pinafore

...

Then I can write a washing (11)_____ in Babylonian
cuneiform

And tell you every detail of Caractacus's uniform

In short, in (12)_____ vegetable, animal, and
mineral

I am the very (13)_____ of a modern Major-General

...

In fact

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

When I can tell at sight a Mauser (14)_____ from a
javelin



When such (15)_____ as sorties

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And surprises I'm more wary at
And when I know precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I (16)_____ learnt
What progress has been (17)_____ in modern gunnery
When I know (18)_____ 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 (19)_____ Major-General has never sat
a-gee
...
For my military knowledge
Though I'm plucky and adventury
Has only (20)_____ brought down
To the beginning of the century
But still, in (21)_____ 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 tell at sight a Mauser rifle from a javelin
When such affairs as sorties
And (22)_____ I'm more wary at
And when I know precisely
What is (23)_____ by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What progress has (24)_____ made in modern gunnery
When I know more of (25)_____ than a novice in
a nunnery
In short, when I've a smattering of (26)_____
strategy
You'll say a better Major-General has never rode a horse!
...
For my (27)_____ 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 (28)_____ Major-General!
...



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Answer

1. quote
2. very
3. teeming
4. very
5. mythic
6. pretty
7. quote
8. from
9. croaking
10. that
11. bill
12. matters
13. model
14. rifle
15. affairs
16. have
17. made
18. more
19. better
20. been
21. matters
22. surprises
23. meant
24. been
25. tactics
26. elemental
27. military
28. modern