



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 know the kings of England
And I quote the fights historical
From (1)_____ to Waterloo, in (2)_____
categorical
I'm very 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

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I'm (4)_____ good at integral and
(5)_____ calculus
I know the scientific names of (6)_____
animalculous
In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the (7)_____ 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 (8)_____ of Heliogabalus
In conics I can floor peculiarities parabolous
I can tell undoubted
Raphaels from Gerard (9)_____ 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 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 (10)_____ what is (11)_____ by
"mamelon" and "ravelin"
When I can tell at sight a Mauser (12)_____ from a
javelin



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And surprises I'm more (13)_____ at
And when I know precisely
What is (14)_____ by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What progress has been made in modern gunnery
When I know more of (15)_____ than a
(16)_____ 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 brought down
To the (17)_____ of the century
But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the very model of a modern Major-General
...
(One (18)_____ time?!)
...
In fact
When I know (19)_____ is (20)_____ by
"mamelon" and "ravelin"
When I can tell at sight a Mauser (21)_____ from a
javelin
When such affairs as sorties
And surprises I'm more wary at
And when I know precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I (22)_____ learnt
What progress has been made in modern gunnery
When I know more of tactics than a novice in a nunnery
In short, (23)_____ I've a (24)_____
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 (25)_____ been brought down
To the (26)_____ of the century
But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the very model of a modern Major-General!
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Answer

1. Marathon
2. order
3. teeming
4. very
5. differential
6. beings
7. very
8. crimes
9. Dows
10. know
11. meant
12. rifle
13. wary
14. meant
15. tactics
16. novice
17. beginning
18. more
19. what
20. meant
21. rifle
22. have
23. when
24. smattering
25. only
26. beginning