



Fill in the gaps

Major-General's Song by Gilbert And Sullivan

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I am the very model of a (1)_____ Major-General
I've information vegetable, animal, and mineral
I know the kings of England
And I quote the fights historical
From Marathon to Waterloo, in order categorical
I'm very (2)_____ acquainted, too, with matters
mathematical
I understand equations, both the (3)_____ 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 very good at integral and differential calculus
I (4)_____ 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 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 (5)_____ Gerard (6)_____ and Zoffanies
I know the (7)_____ 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
...

Then I can write a washing (8)_____ in Babylonian
cuneiform
And (9)_____ 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 (10)_____ by "mamelon" and
"ravelin"
When I can (11)_____ at sight a Mauser
(12)_____ (13)_____ a javelin
When (14)_____ affairs as sorties

And surprises I'm more (15)_____ at
And when I know precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I (16)_____ learnt
What progress has been made in modern gunnery
When I know (17)_____ 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 (18)_____ sat
a-gee
...

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 (19)_____ 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 (20)_____ rifle from a
javelin
When such affairs as sorties
And surprises I'm more (21)_____ at
And when I know precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I (22)_____ learnt
What (23)_____ has (24)_____ made in
modern gunnery
When I (25)_____ more of (26)_____ than a
novice in a nunnery
In short, (27)_____ I've a smattering of elemental
strategy
You'll say a better Major-General has never (28)_____ a
horse!
...

For my military knowledge
Though I'm plucky and adventury
Has only been brought down
To the (29)_____ 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. well
3. simple
4. know
5. from
6. Dows
7. croaking
8. bill
9. tell
10. meant
11. tell
12. rifle
13. from
14. such
15. wary
16. have
17. more
18. never
19. model
20. Mauser
21. wary
22. have
23. progress
24. been
25. know
26. tactics
27. when
28. rode
29. beginning