



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 (1)_____ 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 (3)_____ 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 (4)_____ good at (5)_____ and
differential calculus
I know the scientific names of beings animalculous
In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the very (6)_____ of a modern Major-General
...

I (7)_____ 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
Raphael's from (8)_____ Dows and Zoffanies
I know the croaking chorus
From The (9)_____ 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 bill in Babylonian cuneiform
And (10)_____ you every detail of Caractacus's uniform
In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the very model of a (11)_____ Major-General
...

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 (12)_____ as sorties

And surprises I'm (13)_____ wary at
And when I know precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What progress has (14)_____ made in modern gunnery
When I know (15)_____ of tactics than a novice in a
nunnery
In short, when I've a smattering of (16)_____
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 (17)_____ 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
...

(One more time?!)

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In fact
When I know what is (18)_____ by "mamelon" and
"ravelin"
When I can tell at sight a Mauser rifle from a javelin
When such affairs as sorties
And surprises I'm more wary at
And (19)_____ I know precisely
What is (20)_____ by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What progress has (21)_____ made in modern gunnery
When I know more of tactics (22)_____ 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 (23)_____ knowledge
Though I'm plucky and adventury
Has only (24)_____ brought down
To the beginning of the century
But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the (25)_____ (26)_____ of a modern
Major-General!
...



Answer

1. fights
2. very
3. binomial
4. very
5. integral
6. model
7. know
8. Gerard
9. Frogs
10. tell
11. modern
12. affairs
13. more
14. been
15. more
16. elemental
17. plucky
18. meant
19. when
20. meant
21. been
22. than
23. military
24. been
25. very
26. model

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