



Fill in the gaps

Major-General's Song by Gilbert And Sullivan

...
I am the very (1)_____ of a (2)_____
Major-General
I've information vegetable, animal, and mineral
I (3)_____ the kings of England
And I quote the fights historical
From Marathon to Waterloo, in (4)_____ categorical
I'm very well acquainted, too, (5)_____ matters
mathematical
I understand 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 very 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 (6)_____ of a modern Major-General
...
I (7)_____ our mythic history
King Arthur's and Sir Caradoc's
I (8)_____ hard acrostics, I've a pretty taste for
paradox
I (9)_____ in (10)_____ all the crimes
of Heliogabalus
In conics I can floor peculiarities parabolous
I can tell undoubted
Raphaels from (11)_____ (12)_____ and
Zoffanias
I know the croaking chorus
From The (13)_____ 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 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
...
In fact
When I know what is meant by "mamelon" and "ravelin"
When I can tell at sight a Mauser rifle (14)_____ a javelin
When such affairs as sorties

And surprises I'm more wary at
And (15)_____ I know precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What progress has been made in modern gunnery
When I (16)_____ more of (17)_____ 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 (18)_____ knowledge
Though I'm plucky and adventury
Has only been brought down
To the (19)_____ of the century
But still, in (20)_____ vegetable, animal, and
mineral
I am the very model of a (21)_____ Major-General
...
(One more time?!)
...
In fact
When I know what is meant by "mamelon" and "ravelin"
When I can tell at sight a (22)_____ rifle 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 have learnt
What progress has (23)_____ made in modern gunnery
When I (24)_____ more of (25)_____ than a
novice in a nunnery
In short, (26)_____ I've a smattering of elemental
strategy
You'll say a better Major-General has never (27)_____ 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 (28)_____ model of a modern Major-General!
...



Fill in the gaps

Answer

1. model
2. modern
3. know
4. order
5. with
6. model
7. know
8. answer
9. quote
10. elegiacs
11. Gerard
12. Dows
13. Frogs
14. from
15. when
16. know
17. tactics
18. military
19. beginning
20. matters
21. modern
22. Mauser
23. been
24. know
25. tactics
26. when
27. rode
28. very