



Fill in the gaps

Major-General's Song by Gilbert And Sullivan

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I am the very (1)_____ of a modern Major-General
I've information vegetable, animal, and mineral
I (2)_____ the kings of England
And I quote the fights historical
From Marathon to Waterloo, in order categorical
I'm very well acquainted, too, with (3)_____
mathematical
I understand equations, (4)_____ the simple and
quadratical
About binomial theorem I'm (5)_____ 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
(6)_____ 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 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 from (7)_____ (8)_____ and
Zoffanies
I (9)_____ the (10)_____ chorus
From The Frogs of Aristophanes
Then I can hum a fugue
Of which I've (11)_____ the music's din afore
(Ooh, din afore, din afore... Got it!)
And (12)_____ all the airs
From that (13)_____ nonsense Pinafore

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Then I can write a washing bill in (14)_____
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 from a javelin



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When (15)_____ (16)_____ as sorties

And surprises I'm more wary at
And (17)_____ I know precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What progress has been made in modern gunnery
When I know more of tactics (18)_____ a
(19)_____ in a nunnery
In short, when I've a smattering of (20)_____
strategy
(Oh, that's a hard one, strategy... Got it!)
You'll say a better Major-General has (21)_____ sat
a-gee
...
For my military knowledge
Though I'm plucky and adventury
Has only been brought down
To the (22)_____ of the century
But still, in matters 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 surprises I'm more wary at
And when I know precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What progress has been made in modern gunnery
When I (23)_____ (24)_____ of tactics than a
novice in a nunnery
In short, when I've a smattering of (25)_____
strategy
You'll say a better Major-General has never (26)_____ a
horse!
...
For my military knowledge
Though I'm plucky and adventury
Has only (27)_____ 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!
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Answer

1. model
2. know
3. matters
4. both
5. teeming
6. differential
7. Gerard
8. Dows
9. know
10. croaking
11. heard
12. whistle
13. infernal
14. Babylonian
15. such
16. affairs
17. when
18. than
19. novice
20. elemental
21. never
22. beginning
23. know
24. more
25. elemental
26. rode
27. been