



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 know the kings of England
And I quote the fights historical
From Marathon to Waterloo, in order categorical
I'm very well acquainted, too, (2)_____ (3)_____ 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 (4)_____ cheerful facts
About the square of the hypotenuse

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I'm very (5)_____ at integral and differential calculus
I (6)_____ the scientific names of beings animalculous
In short, in (7)_____ vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the (8)_____ model of a modern Major-General

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I know our mythic history
King Arthur's and Sir Caradoc's
I (9)_____ hard acrostics, I've a (10)_____ taste for paradox
I quote in elegiacs all the crimes of Heliogabalus
In conics I can floor (11)_____ parabolous
I can tell undoubted
Raphaels (12)_____ Gerard Dows 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 (13)_____ all the airs
From that (14)_____ nonsense Pinafore

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Then I can write a (15)_____ 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 know what is meant by "mamelon" and "ravelin"
When I can tell at sight a Mauser rifle (16)_____ a javelin
When such affairs as sorties

And surprises I'm more wary at
And when I (17)_____ precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What progress has been made in modern gunnery
When I (18)_____ more 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 never sat a-gee

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For my military knowledge
Though I'm (19)_____ and adventure
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

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(One more time?!)

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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 (20)_____ 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 (21)_____ (22)_____ of tactics than a novice in a nunnery
In short, (23)_____ I've a smattering of elemental strategy
You'll say a (24)_____ Major-General has never rode a horse!

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For my military knowledge
Though I'm (25)_____ and adventure
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!

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Answer

1. model
2. with
3. matters
4. many
5. good
6. know
7. matters
8. very
9. answer
10. pretty
11. peculiarities
12. from
13. whistle
14. infernal
15. washing
16. from
17. know
18. know
19. plucky
20. more
21. know
22. more
23. when
24. better
25. plucky

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