



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 fights historical

From (1)_____ to Waterloo, in order
categorical

I'm very well acquainted, too, with matters mathematical

I (2)_____ equations, both the simple and
quadratical

About binomial theorem I'm teeming (3)_____ 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 (5)_____
animalculous

In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the very (6)_____ of a (7)_____
Major-General

...

I know our (8)_____ history

King Arthur's and Sir Caradoc's

I answer (9)_____ acrostics, I've a pretty taste for
paradox

I (10)_____ in elegiacs all the crimes of Heliogabalus

In conics I can floor peculiarities parabolous

I can (11)_____ undoubted

Raphaels from Gerard Dows and Zoffanies

I know the croaking chorus

From The (12)_____ 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 infernal nonsense Pinafore

...

Then I can (14)_____ 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

...

In fact

When I know what is meant by "mamelon" and "ravelin"



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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 (17)_____ I (18)_____ precisely

What is meant by "commissariat"

When I have learnt

What (19)_____ has been made in modern
gunnery

When I know more of tactics than a (20)_____ 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 military knowledge

Though I'm plucky and adventury

Has only been brought down

To the beginning of the century

But still, in (21)_____ vegetable, animal, and
mineral

I am the very (22)_____ of a modern Major-General

...

(One more time?!)

...

In fact

When I know what is meant by "mamelon" and "ravelin"

When I can (23)_____ at sight a Mauser rifle from a
javelin

When such affairs as sorties

And surprises I'm more wary at

And (24)_____ I know precisely

What is (25)_____ by "commissariat"

When I have learnt

What progress has been made in modern gunnery

When I know more of tactics than a novice in a nunnery

In short, when I've a smattering of elemental strategy

You'll say a better Major-General has (26)_____

(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 very model of a modern Major-General!

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Answer

1. Marathon
2. understand
3. with
4. know
5. beings
6. model
7. modern
8. mythic
9. hard
10. quote
11. tell
12. Frogs
13. whistle
14. write
15. washing
16. from
17. when
18. know
19. progress
20. novice
21. matters
22. model
23. tell
24. when
25. meant
26. never
27. rode

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