



Fill in the gaps

Major-General's Song by Gilbert And Sullivan

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I am the (1)_____ 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 Marathon to Waterloo, in order categorical
I'm very well acquainted, too, with matters mathematical
I understand equations, both the simple and quadratical
About (2)_____ theorem I'm teeming with a lot
o' news
(Hmm, lot of news.... Got it!)
With (3)_____ 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 model of a (6)_____ 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 (7)_____
parabolous
I can tell undoubted
Raphaels from Gerard (8)_____ and Zoffanies
I know the (9)_____ chorus
From The (10)_____ 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 whistle all the airs
From that infernal nonsense Pinafore

...

Then I can (12)_____ a washing bill in Babylonian
cuneiform
And tell you every detail of Caractacus's uniform
In short, in (13)_____ vegetable, animal, and
mineral
I am the very (14)_____ of a modern Major-General

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In fact
When I (15)_____ (16)_____ is meant by
"mamelon" and "ravelin"
When I can tell at sight a (17)_____ rifle from a



javelin

When such affairs as sorties

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And surprises I'm (18)_____ wary at
And when I (19)_____ precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What progress has been made in modern gunnery
When I know more of tactics (20)_____ a novice in a
nunnery
In short, (21)_____ I've a smattering of elemental
strategy
(Oh, that's a hard one, strategy... Got it!)
You'll say a (22)_____ 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 matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the very (23)_____ 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 (24)_____ 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 know (25)_____ 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 never rode a horse!
...
For my (26)_____ knowledge
Though I'm (27)_____ and adventury
Has only (28)_____ 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. very
2. binomial
3. many
4. know
5. beings
6. modern
7. peculiarities
8. Dows
9. croaking
10. Frogs
11. heard
12. write
13. matters
14. model
15. know
16. what
17. Mauser
18. more
19. know
20. than
21. when
22. better
23. model
24. surprises
25. more
26. military
27. plucky
28. been