



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 Marathon to Waterloo, in (1)_____ categorical
I'm very well acquainted, too, with matters mathematical
I understand equations, both the (2)_____ 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 (3)_____ of the hypotenuse
...

I'm (4)_____ good at integral and differential calculus
I know the scientific names of (5)_____
animalculous
In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the very (6)_____ of a modern Major-General
...

I know our mythic history
King Arthur's and Sir Caradoc's
I (7)_____ 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 (8)_____ Gerard Dows and Zoffanies
I know the (9)_____ 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 whistle all the airs
From that infernal nonsense Pinafore
...

Then I can write a washing (10)_____ in Babylonian
cuneiform
And tell you every detail of Caractacus's uniform
In short, in (11)_____ 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
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 know more of tactics than a (12)_____ in a
nunnery
In short, when I've a (13)_____ of
(14)_____ strategy
(Oh, that's a (15)_____ 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 (16)_____ down
To the beginning of the century
But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the very model of a (17)_____ Major-General
...

(One more time?!)
...

In fact
When I know (18)_____ is meant by "mamelon" and
"ravelin"
When I can tell at sight a Mauser rifle from a javelin
When such affairs as sorties
And (19)_____ I'm more wary at
And when I know precisely
What is (20)_____ by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What (21)_____ has (22)_____ 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 never rode a horse!
...

For my (23)_____ knowledge
Though I'm (24)_____ and adventury
Has only been (25)_____ 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!
...



Fill in the gaps

Answer

1. order
2. simple
3. square
4. very
5. beings
6. model
7. answer
8. from
9. croaking
10. bill
11. matters
12. novice
13. smattering
14. elemental
15. hard
16. brought
17. modern
18. what
19. surprises
20. meant
21. progress
22. been
23. military
24. plucky
25. brought