



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 (2)_____ historical
From Marathon to Waterloo, in order categorical
I'm (3)_____ (4)_____ acquainted, too, with matters
mathematical
I understand equations, both the simple and quadratical
About (5)_____ theorem I'm teeming 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 differential calculus
I know the scientific (6)_____ of beings animalculous
In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the very model of a modern Major-General
...

I know our (7)_____ history
King Arthur's and Sir Caradoc's
I answer hard acrostics, I've a (8)_____ taste for
paradox
I quote in elegiacs all the (9)_____ of Heliogabalus
In (10)_____ I can floor peculiarities parabolous
I can (11)_____ undoubted
Raphaels from 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 whistle all the airs
From that infernal nonsense Pinafore
...

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

In fact
When I know (14)_____ is meant by "mamelon" and
"ravelin"
When I can tell at sight a Mauser (15)_____ from a
javelin
When such (16)_____ as sorties

And surprises I'm more wary at
And when I know precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What (17)_____ has been made in
(18)_____ gunnery
When I know (19)_____ of tactics than a novice in a
nunnery
In short, when I've a smattering of (20)_____
strategy
(Oh, that's a (21)_____ 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 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 (22)_____ (23)_____ as sorties
And surprises I'm more wary at
And (24)_____ I know precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What (25)_____ 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 never rode a horse!
...

For my military knowledge
Though I'm (26)_____ and adventury
Has (27)_____ been brought down
To the beginning of the century
But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the very (28)_____ of a modern Major-General!
...



Fill in the gaps

Answer

1. model
2. fights
3. very
4. well
5. binomial
6. names
7. mythic
8. pretty
9. crimes
10. conics
11. tell
12. every
13. modern
14. what
15. rifle
16. affairs
17. progress
18. modern
19. more
20. elemental
21. hard
22. such
23. affairs
24. when
25. progress
26. plucky
27. only
28. model