



Fill in the gaps

Major-General's Song by Gilbert And Sullivan

...

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 (2)_____ acquainted, too, with
(3)_____ mathematical
I (4)_____ equations, both the simple and
quadratical
About binomial (5)_____ 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 (6)_____ good at integral and differential calculus
I know the scientific names of beings animalculous
In short, in (7)_____ vegetable, animal, and
mineral
I am the very (8)_____ of a modern Major-General

...

I (9)_____ our mythic history
King Arthur's and Sir Caradoc's
I (10)_____ hard acrostics, I've a pretty
(11)_____ for paradox
I quote in elegiacs all the crimes of Heliogabalus
In conics I can floor peculiarities parabolous
I can tell 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 (12)_____ a (13)_____ 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"
When I can tell at sight a Mauser rifle from a javelin



Fill in the gaps

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 novice in a nunnery
In short, when I've a (14)_____ 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 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 (15)_____ by "mamelon" and
"ravelin"
When I can tell at sight a Mauser rifle from a javelin
When such (16)_____ as sorties
And surprises I'm more wary at
And (17)_____ I know precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I (18)_____ learnt
What (19)_____ has been made in modern
gunnery
When I know more of tactics (20)_____ a novice in a
nunnery
In short, when I've a (21)_____ of
(22)_____ strategy
You'll say a better Major-General has never rode a horse!
...
For my military knowledge
Though I'm plucky and adventury
Has only been brought down
To the (23)_____ of the century
But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the very (24)_____ of a modern Major-General!
...



Fill in the gaps

Answer

1. model
2. well
3. matters
4. understand
5. theorem
6. very
7. matters
8. model
9. know
10. answer
11. taste
12. write
13. washing
14. smattering
15. meant
16. affairs
17. when
18. have
19. progress
20. than
21. smattering
22. elemental
23. beginning
24. model