



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 order categorical

I'm (1)_____ well acquainted, too, (2)_____

(3)_____ mathematical

I understand equations, both the simple 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 square of the hypotenuse

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I'm very (4)_____ at integral and

(5)_____ calculus

I know the scientific names of beings 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 answer 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 from Gerard Dows and Zoffanies

I know the (7)_____ 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 (8)_____ infernal (9)_____ Pinafore

...

Then I can write a washing (10)_____ in Babylonian
cuneiform

And tell you every (11)_____ of Caractacus's
uniform

In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the very model of a (12)_____ Major-General

...

In fact

When I know (13)_____ is meant by "mamelon" and
"ravelin"

When I can tell at sight a Mauser rifle (14)_____ 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 novice in a nunnery

In short, (15)_____ I've a (16)_____

of elemental strategy

(Oh, that's a hard one, strategy... Got it!)

You'll say a (17)_____ Major-General has

(18)_____ sat a-gee

...

For my military knowledge

Though I'm plucky and adventury

Has only been (19)_____ 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 (20)_____ rifle

(21)_____ a javelin

When (22)_____ affairs as sorties

And surprises I'm more wary at

And when I (23)_____ precisely

What is meant by "commissariat"

When I have learnt

What progress has been made in modern gunnery

When I know more of tactics (24)_____ a novice in a
nunnery

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

You'll say a (25)_____ Major-General has never
rode 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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Fill in the gaps

Answer

1. very
2. with
3. matters
4. good
5. differential
6. model
7. croaking
8. that
9. nonsense
10. bill
11. detail
12. modern
13. what
14. from
15. when
16. smattering
17. better
18. never
19. brought
20. Mauser
21. from
22. such
23. know
24. than
25. better