



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 (2)_____ 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, (3)_____

(4)_____ mathematical

I (5)_____ equations, both the

(6)_____ 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

...

I'm very good at integral and

(7)_____ calculus

I know the scientific names of (8)_____

animalculous

In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the (9)_____ model of a modern Major-General

...

I know our (10)_____ history

King Arthur's and Sir Caradoc's

I (11)_____ 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 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 (12)_____ all the airs

From that infernal nonsense Pinafore

...

Then I can write a washing 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 (13)_____ Major-General

...

In fact

When I know what is meant by "mamelon" and "ravelin"

When I can tell at sight a (14)_____ rifle from a



javelin

When (15)_____ (16)_____ as sorties

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And surprises I'm more wary at
And when I (17)_____ 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 smattering of elemental strategy
(Oh, that's a hard one, strategy... Got it!)
You'll say a (18)_____ 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 such affairs as sorties
And surprises I'm (19)_____ wary at
And when I know precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What (20)_____ has (21)_____ made in
modern gunnery
When I know (22)_____ of tactics (23)_____ a
novice in a nunnery
In short, when I've a smattering of elemental strategy
You'll say a (24)_____ 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 (25)_____ Major-General!
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Answer

1. very
2. information
3. with
4. matters
5. understand
6. simple
7. differential
8. beings
9. very
10. mythic
11. answer
12. whistle
13. modern
14. Mauser
15. such
16. affairs
17. know
18. better
19. more
20. progress
21. been
22. more
23. than
24. better
25. modern