



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 (2)_____ 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 (3)_____ good at integral and differential calculus
I know the scientific (4)_____ of beings animalculous
In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the (5)_____ (6)_____ of a modern Major-General

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I know our mythic history
King Arthur's and Sir Caradoc's
I answer hard acrostics, I've a (7)_____ taste for paradox
I quote in elegiacs all the crimes of Heliogabalus
In conics I can floor peculiarities parabolous
I can (8)_____ undoubted
Raphaels from Gerard Dows and Zoffanies
I (9)_____ 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

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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 modern Major-General

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In fact
When I (10)_____ (11)_____ 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 (12)_____ by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What progress has been made in (13)_____ gunnery
When I (14)_____ more of tactics than a novice in a nunnery
In short, when I've a smattering of (15)_____ strategy
(Oh, that's a hard one, strategy... Got it!)
You'll say a (16)_____ Major-General has never sat a-gee

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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 (17)_____ model of a modern Major-General

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(One more time?!)

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In fact
When I (18)_____ (19)_____ is meant by
"mamelon" and "ravelin"
When I can (20)_____ at sight a Mauser rifle
(21)_____ a javelin
When such affairs as sorties
And surprises I'm (22)_____ (23)_____ at
And (24)_____ I know precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What progress has been made in (25)_____ 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 plucky and adventury
Has only (26)_____ (27)_____ 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. order
2. matters
3. very
4. names
5. very
6. model
7. pretty
8. tell
9. know
10. know
11. what
12. meant
13. modern
14. know
15. elemental
16. better
17. very
18. know
19. what
20. tell
21. from
22. more
23. wary
24. when
25. modern
26. been
27. brought