



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 (1)_____ to Waterloo, in order
categorical
I'm very well acquainted, too, with matters 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
...

I'm (2)_____ good at (3)_____ and
(4)_____ calculus
I (5)_____ the scientific names of beings animalculous
In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the very model 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 (6)_____ for
paradox
I (7)_____ 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 write a (8)_____ (9)_____ in
Babylonian cuneiform
And (10)_____ you every detail of Caractacus's uniform
In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the (11)_____ 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
When such (12)_____ as sorties
And surprises I'm more wary at
And (13)_____ I know precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What progress has (14)_____ made in modern gunnery
When I know (15)_____ 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 (16)_____ 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 (17)_____ vegetable, animal, and
mineral
I am the very model of a (18)_____ Major-General
...

(One (19)_____ time?!)
...

In fact
When I know what is meant by "mamelon" and "ravelin"
When I can tell at (20)_____ a Mauser rifle
(21)_____ 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 (22)_____ made in modern gunnery
When I know more of tactics than a (23)_____ in a
nunnery
In short, (24)_____ I've a (25)_____
of elemental strategy
You'll say a (26)_____ Major-General has never
rode a horse!
...

For my military knowledge
Though I'm plucky and adventury
Has only been brought down
To the (27)_____ 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. Marathon
2. very
3. integral
4. differential
5. know
6. taste
7. quote
8. washing
9. bill
10. tell
11. very
12. affairs
13. when
14. been
15. more
16. better
17. matters
18. modern
19. more
20. sight
21. from
22. been
23. novice
24. when
25. smattering
26. better
27. beginning
28. model