



Fill in the gaps

Major-General's Song by Gilbert And Sullivan

...

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 very good at integral and differential calculus

I know the scientific names of (2)_____
animalculous

In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the very (3)_____ of a (4)_____

Major-General

...

I know our (5)_____ history

King Arthur's and Sir Caradoc's

I (6)_____ hard acrostics, I've a pretty taste for
paradox

I quote in elegiacs all the crimes of Heliogabalus

In conics I can floor (7)_____
parabolous

I can tell undoubted

Raphael's from Gerard Dow's and Zoffanies

I know the croaking chorus

From The Frogs of Aristophanes

Then I can hum a fugue

Of (8)_____ I've heard the music's din afore

(Ooh, din afore, din afore... Got it!)

And whistle all the airs

From (9)_____ infernal nonsense Pinafore

...

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

And tell you every detail of Caractacus's uniform

In short, in (11)_____ 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 (12) _____ 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 (13) _____ by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What progress has (14) _____ made in
(15) _____ gunnery
When I know more of tactics (16) _____ a
(17) _____ in a nunnery
In short, when I've a (18) _____ of
(19) _____ strategy
(Oh, that's a (20) _____ 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 (21) _____ vegetable, animal, and
mineral
I am the very model of a (22) _____ Major-General
...
(One (23) _____ 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 (24) _____ 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 (25) _____ of tactics than a novice in a
nunnery
In short, when I've a smattering 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 beginning of the century
But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the very (27) _____ of a modern Major-General!



Answer

1. Marathon
2. beings
3. model
4. modern
5. mythic
6. answer
7. peculiarities
8. which
9. that
10. Babylonian
11. matters
12. tell
13. meant
14. been
15. modern
16. than
17. novice
18. smattering
19. elemental
20. hard
21. matters
22. modern
23. more
24. surprises
25. more
26. better
27. model

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