



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 information vegetable, animal, and mineral
I know the kings of England
And I quote the fights historical
From Marathon to Waterloo, in (2)_____ categorical
I'm (3)_____ well acquainted, too, with matters
mathematical
I understand equations, both the simple and quadratical
About binomial (4)_____ 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
(5)_____ calculus
I know the scientific names of beings animalculous
In short, in (6)_____ vegetable, animal, and
mineral
I am the very model of a (7)_____ Major-General

...

I (8)_____ 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 (9)_____
(10)_____ 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 (11)_____ 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 (12)_____ a washing (13)_____ in
Babylonian cuneiform
And tell you every (14)_____ of Caractacus's
uniform
In short, in (15)_____ vegetable, animal, and
mineral
I am the very model of a (16)_____ Major-General
...
In fact



Fill in the gaps

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 (17)_____ wary at

And when I know precisely

What is meant by "commissariat"

When I have learnt

What progress has been (18)_____ in modern gunnery

When I know more of (19)_____ (20)_____

a (21)_____ in a nunnery

In short, when I've a (22)_____ of

(23)_____ strategy

(Oh, that's a hard 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 matters vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the very (24)_____ of a modern Major-General

...

(One (25)_____ time?!)

...

In fact

When I know (26)_____ 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 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 (27)_____

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 (28)_____ brought down

To the beginning of the century

But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the (29)_____ model of a modern Major-General!

...



Fill in the gaps

Answer

1. very
2. order
3. very
4. theorem
5. differential
6. matters
7. modern
8. know
9. floor
10. peculiarities
11. which
12. write
13. bill
14. detail
15. matters
16. modern
17. more
18. made
19. tactics
20. than
21. novice
22. smattering
23. elemental
24. model
25. more
26. what
27. elemental
28. been
29. very