



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 (2)_____ to Waterloo, in order
categorical
I'm very well acquainted, too, with matters mathematical
I understand equations, (3)_____ 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 (4)_____
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 taste for paradox
I quote in (5)_____ all the crimes of
Heliogabalus
In conics I can floor peculiarities parabolous
I can tell undoubted
Raphael's from Gerard Dow's and Zoffany's
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 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
...
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 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 (6)_____ 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 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 model of a modern Major-General
...
(One more time?!)
...
In fact
When I know (7)_____ is meant by "mamelon" and
"ravelin"
When I can tell at sight a Mauser rifle from a javelin
When (8)_____ affairs as sorties
And surprises I'm more wary at
And when I (9)_____ precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What progress has been made in modern gunnery
When I know (10)_____ 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 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!
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Answer

1. very
2. Marathon
3. both
4. beings
5. elegiacs
6. tactics
7. what
8. such
9. know
10. more

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