Chapter 01 Land & People

1) Rodrigues, the Cargados Carajos Shoals, the Agalega Islands
2) Mark Twain
3) Textiles, sugar, and tourism

2) Because Mauritians are a mixed people whose ancestors had their roots in many places around the world, such as Africa, Madagascar, Europe, South Asia, China, etc.
2) Hindus.
3) On March 12, 1968.
4) The Westminster model, that is, the UK model. Under this system, members of parliament are voted into the unicameral National Assembly in first-past-the-post general elections held every five years.
5) The prime minister.
6) Because the dodo, as one of the only things one can claim to be native to Mauritius, became extinct at the hands of destructive human beings. Almost everything else — humans, other animals, languages, etc — was introduced from elsewhere.
Chapter 02 Values & Attitudes

1) Diplomacy, compromise, pragmatism, courtesy, respect, having good manners, etc.
2) unity in diversity, pluralism
3) Social connections
4) sacrifice, thrift; communities; prayer, church attendance
5) gender discrimination, domestic violence

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1) They do not think it is immoral; they may instead feel that they are acting religiously by helping their family and members of their own community.
2) With this remark, the writer refers to the racial intolerance and interethnic tension on the island.
3) The propensity of people to gossip and even be prone to hysteria.

Chapter 03 Beliefs, Traditions & Celebrations

1) Christianity, Islam and Hinduism
2) Hinduism
3) Catholicism
4) Sunni Hanafi
5) Maha Shivaratree
They should respect the local customs, remove their shoes and headwear when entering mosques and temples, dress modestly in all places of worship, etc.

They normally give money or items for the couple's new home.

Le Morne Brabant.

Chapter 04 Making Friends

1) T  2) F  3) F  4) T

1) A good friend is a person with whom you have shared good times and bad and built a solid foundation of trust and mutual respect.

2) Because Mauritian politics is often ethnically aligned and your friends and acquaintances will have deeply entrenched views about their political representatives.

3) Soccer, music, pop culture and entertainment.

4) No, because Mauritians generally follow an early-to-bed, early-to-rise regime.

Chapter 05 The Mauritian at Home

1) F  2) T  3) F  4) F
1) The Hindu, Muslim and Franco-Mauritian communities usually marry within their own ethno-religious group. Creoles tend to be more open and relaxed about the identity of marriage partners.

2) Considering the traditional religious background of Mauritians, many of them feel a sense of shame if their children get divorced.

3) Around Rs30,000.

4) Sino-Mauritian families.

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Chapter 06 Time Out

1) T 2) F 3) T 4) F 5) T 6) F

2) It takes the traditions of South Asia, Africa, China and Europe and adds a unique Mauritian twist. Many meals combine the different culinary traditions.

2) Chinatown in Port Louis.

3) Sega.

4) The history of Mauritius and the quest to understand its cultural identity.

5) They had better suggest a significantly lower price than what they expect to pay.
Chapter 07 Travel, Health & Safety

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1) T  2) F  3) F  4) F

2
1) Hotels that are registered with the Ministry of Tourism.
2) Women travelers should avoid walking alone at night in quiet areas.
3) Going to beaches, diving, hiking, visiting parks and colonial residences, etc.
4) Hepatitis A and B.
5) 114.

Chapter 08 Business Briefing

1
1) Hindus; Franco-Mauritians; Creoles
2) mediation
3) English, French
4) Supreme Court

2
1) The local contact can help you negotiate your way through the political and social minefields. Such a person could act as your intermediary and even help you deal with legal and administrative
matters.

2) A dark suit and tie would be appropriate for men, and a below-the-knee length skirt and generally modest clothing for women.

3) Their counterpart should treat it as an opportunity to bargain for something else in return.

4) Questions of a personal nature, especially as regards money, background or political allegiances.

Chapter 09 Communicating

1) F 2) F 3) T 4) F

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1) This perhaps serves as a compromise: since English is no one’s mother tongue, no one group can feel aggrieved that it has been chosen above any other language.

2) French.

3) Smile politely and nod.

4) Mauritius provides a fascinating example of different people trying to live together in the best way that they can. They are keen to welcome friendly outsiders and get along well with them.