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Chapter **01** Land & People

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

- 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.
- 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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- 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

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- They should respect the local customs, remove their shoes and headwear when entering mosques and temples, dress modestly in all places of worship, etc.
- 2) They normally give money or items for the couple's new home.
- 3) Le Morne Brabant.

Chapter 04 Making Friends

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- 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.
- 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 Mauritians at Home

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

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- 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.

Chapter 06 Time Out

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

- 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.

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

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- 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

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

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 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 006

matters.

- 2) A dark suit and tie would be appropriate for men, and a below-theknee length skirt and generally modest clothing for women.
- 3) Their counterpart should treat it as an opportunity to bargain for something else in return.
- Questions of a personal nature, especially as regards money, background or political allegiances.



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

- 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.