

Observe the picture carefully and answer the questions that follow:



1. What does the above figure show? **The Coat of Arms of Mauritius**
2. List the different features present on the Coat of Arms and what they represent.

	Features	They represent
(i)	A sailing ship	refers to the Europeans travelling to the island (Portuguese, Dutch, French and British).
(ii)	The three palm trees -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The symbol refers to the tropical vegetation of Mauritius • They also represent the three dependencies of Mauritius, the Cargados, Agalega and Rodrigues.
(iii)	A key	It symbolises the strategic position/importance of the island
(iv)	A star	It shows the island as the star of the Indian Ocean
(v)	A dodo	It represents the extinct wildlife
(vi)	A deer	It represents the present wildlife
(vii)	The two green sugar canes	They show the importance of sugar for the local economy

3. What does the motto “Stella Clavisque Maris Indici” based on the lower part of the arms mean?

The Star and Key of the Indian Ocean