What’s your cultural IQ?

1. Can you describe the major religion(s)/spiritual beliefs of the host country and their effects on its culture?

2. Discuss some of the current events and hot topics (e.g. government scandals) going on in the host country.

3. Describe any recent conflicts and the role of the U.S. in those conflicts.

4. What type of government is in your place your future host country? List the names of major current political leaders.

5. Are the values of your future host country more individualistic or collectivistic? Give examples.

6. Describe some of the essential norms and taboos present in your future host culture?

7. What are the current economic conditions in your future host country?

8. How can the world markets overseas affect your intended career?

9. Describe the educational system of your future host country. What is the status of students in this culture?

10. What skills and knowledge do you believe you will gain while abroad? How can this relate to what employers in your field want when looking for employees?