Chapter 24

**Knowledge based**

1. What is globalization? Why is there such an intense debate about globalization and its consequences?
2. What are the major aspects of statehood that are relevant in a debate about globalization and states?
3. Describe the changes involved in the transformation from modern to post-modern statehood. Identify three states that you would consider post-modern.
4. Identify the characteristics of weak post-colonial statehood. Where can we find such states?
5. Can multilevel governance be democratic? Why or why not?

**Critical thinking**

1. Set out the standard image of the modern state. Does that image apply to your own country?
2. Are identities changing so that we are increasingly becoming citizens of the world rather than nationals belonging to our countries?
3. Are weak post-colonial states on the road to development or are they on the road to further breakdown and ‘state failure’? Discuss examples.
4. Will modernizing states gain from participating in economic globalization or will it further aggravate their problems? Discuss the case of China.
5. Will the process of state transformation lead to a more peaceful and prosperous world?