**Burnell, Randall & Rakner: Politics in the Developing World 4e**

**Study questions**

**Chapter 4**

1. Why have different developing countries experienced widely different fortunes as a result of engaging with the global economy?
2. Does greater South-South economic co-operation offer a viable alternative to increasing reliance on economic integration with the world's most affluent countries? What political conditions would have to be met for that option to succeed?
3. Do you envisage any circumstances in which developing countries might reverse recent and present neo-liberal economic trends and adopt development strategies that require much greater state involvement in domestic and foreign economic relations?
4. Is globalization on balance a positive or a negative factor for democracy, better governance, and human rights in the developing world?
5. Discuss the difference between free trade and protectionism using cases from the book. What appears to have been the most efficient for development, and how can the two be combined?
6. What can be some of the long-term political consequences of the shift of economic power away from the West towards Asia?
7. What was the legacy of western colonial rule for the economies of developing countries?
8. What is 'Import Substituting Industrialization'? Assess its past contribution to economic development in developing countries.
9. Does it make sense to talk of a ‘developing world’ in the context of the economy?
10. Does the growing industrialization of a number of developing countries alter fundamentally their relationship to the global political economy?
11. Do major increases in the price of oil make the oil exporting developing countries more politically independent of foreign interference?
12. What are the main risks of being dependent on exporting primary commodities?
13. What is new protectionism?
14. Discuss the merits of foreign direct investment. Who benefits most from FDI?
15. How can women be included in the global economy, and why is this important?
16. Chinese economic growth has slowed considerably the past few years. Why is this the case and what are the potential consequences for other developed countries?
17. Can the alternative financial institutions advocated by the BRICS countries better serve developing countries needs?
18. What lessons do you draw from the East Asian financial crisis in the late 1990s for governance in the countries that were affected?
19. Have developing countries been able to exercise more influence over the World Trade Organisation than over the other Bretton Woods institutions, and if so, why?
20. What have been the consequences of the 2007-08 financial crisis for developing countries? Are developing countries more at risk for such crises than developed countries?