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**Study questions**

**Chapter 19**

1. Given Pakistan's circumstances and past history, do any more viable alternatives to a strong role by the military in politics exist there?
2. In Pakistan, would a prolonged period of elected civilian rule be any more likely than military rule to provide progressive leadership for social and economic change?
3. How much of the contemporary politics of India and of Pakistan can only be understood by reference to the historical relationship between the two?
4. Since partition, why has Pakistan failed to develop a strongly institutionalized party system comparable to that in India?
5. What conditions would allow the military to stay out of politics in Pakistan and do you envisage those conditions coming about?
6. Does Pakistan's recent experience suggest that economic improvement is more likely to bolster the political status quo than increase pressure for democratic reform?
7. Does the rise of political Islam pose a threat to Pakistan's chances of establishing stable democracy?
8. To what extent is the political situation in Pakistan beholden to events in India and Afghanistan?
9. How would politics in India and Pakistan be affected by a peaceful resolution to their long standing dispute over the status of Kashmir?
10. What are the main sources of pressure for democratization in Pakistan?