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**Study questions**

**Chapter 20**

1. Is decentralization the right solution to governing a country as large and diverse as Indonesia?
2. Why has democratization not led the state of Indonesia to fall apart?
3. Is Indonesia a democracy today? And is this the best type of regime to keep ethnic conflict from turning violent?
4. To what extent has there been a real break with Indonesia’s authoritarian past?
5. In what ways have Indonesia's relations with the rest of the world impacted Indonesian politics?
6. How far does Indonesia's experience confirm that localism and nation-building can co-exist within one country?
7. What threat does militant Islam pose to political stability in Indonesia?
8. To what extent have developments in Indonesia's party system since 1998 assisted the process of political integration?
9. Why was economic development not followed by democratization under Suharto’s regime?
10. Using democratic theory, how would you explain the regime change that took place in 1998?