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**Study questions**

**Chapter 24**

1. How important is political stability in North Korea to South Korea's ability to continue to enjoy both development and democracy?
2. Was democratization essential if South Korea were to maintain the impressive economic and social progress it had made under military rule?
3. For how many countries in the developing world does South Korea's political and economic model of development up until the 1990s offer an example they should try to emulate?
4. Why has the weakness of political parties in South Korea not proved a major obstacle to democratization?
5. Is liberal democracy in South Korea sustainable and how do you assess its quality?
6. Recent leaders have had to resign or been impeached for various scandals. What does this say about the state of South Korean democracy?
7. Could South Korea's democracy withstand Korean reunification?
8. Compare the principal challenges that South Korea's political leaders now face and explain why and in what sense some of the challenges are more serious than others.
9. What were the economic and political consequences of the 1997 financial crisis?
10. Which policies within the South Korean ‘developmental state’ framework would be opposed by the International Financial Institutions today, and why?