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**Study questions**

**Chapter 25**

1. How far do the pressures from ethnopolitics, religion, poverty and inequality make Nigeria ungovernable by a western-style liberal democracy?
2. Compare and contrast Nigeria and South Africa's leadership positions in their respective regions and in Africa as a whole.
3. Does Nigeria's political and military engagement with the wider West African region provide a model for other developing regions to become more self-reliant as regions in managing their internal affairs?
4. What lessons for nation-building do we learn from Nigeria's experience?
5. Is the 2015 election a sign that Nigeria is democratizing?
6. What are the main governance weaknesses in Nigeria and how could they be reduced or overcome?
7. What features of politics in Nigeria cannot be explained by reference to its position as a rentier state?
8. What is the relationship between longstanding ethnic rivalries and the more recent growing religious animosities in Nigerian politics?
9. What are the main security challenges facing Nigeria, and what are their links to broader regional and international trends and developments?
10. Why has Nigeria's 'vibrant' civil society not contributed more to the securing of democracy in Nigeria?