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**Study questions**

**Chapter 27**

1. How has religion shaped the political system and the current regime of Sudan?
2. Why has Sudan been so unstable?
3. Using democratic theory, what can explain Sudan’s persistent failure in democratizing?
4. Is the conflict between the North and South primarily a religious conflict?
5. Despite the often arbitrary boarders left by colonial rule secession has been very rare in Africa. Why is that so? And why did South Sudan succeed?
6. Is Sudan a rentier state? Has this changed?
7. How has oil influenced the Sudanese political system?
8. Using the example of Sudan, discuss the extent to which religion and its close association with the state is compatible with women’s rights.
9. Why have popular uprisings been unable to cause regime change in Sudan?
10. The International Criminal Court (ICC) has so far only convicted African heads of state. Do you think there is an African bias in the ICC? What should African states do in the face of this perceived injustice?