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1. Discuss the Principle of common but differentiated responsibilities within the climate change regime:

a) Explain its content and how it is reflected in the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto protocol.

b) Explain the purpose of the Flexibility Mechanisms as provided for in the Kyoto Protocol, and discuss arguments for and against the use of these mechanisms.

c) Without the cooperation of the developing countries, greenhouse gas reductions made in the North (developed countries) would not make a significant difference in the overall climate change trend. Discuss and express your own opinion if and to what extent the developing countries should agree to some limitations as well.

2. Compliance and enforcement of multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) are essential to making these treaties work. Explain these concepts and their importance and describe the particular challenges they meet in the context of international environmental law.

Several MEAs have adopted special non-compliance mechanisms. Explain the objective of such mechanisms and give examples of such mechanisms.

Both questions below shall be answered.