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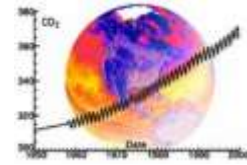
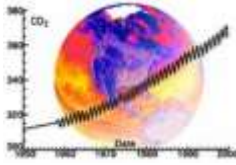
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Instructions: In a separate document please respond to these questions. To start with, “copy-and-paste” each question into a document of your own, and then write a brief response to each question.

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“Responses to Questions for Session 5”

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Questions for Session 5

After reviewing the lecture for [Session 5 \(9 August\)](#) and the [Slides for the session](#), please read the following questions and write short answers to them in response.

1) Why is there a built-in tension between “global problems” like our changing climate and “international solutions?” In preserving institutions that were created essentially in the nineteenth century – like the “nation-state” or the “corporation” – are we in danger of destroying Earth’s ecosystem? If you feel “international solutions” can never be adequate to solve “global problems” what are some alternative means of addressing the global issues?

2) When did the phrase “climate justice” begin to receive recognition as a demand in the evolution of international climate negotiations.

3) From what you know, what do you think was an important and memorable feature of the Copenhagen COP 15 meetings held in 2009?

4) What happened during the COP 22 meetings in 2016 that was a cause for global concern about climate issues?

5) Since the COP22 in Marrakech and before the [COP23 meetings in Bonn](#) (held in Bonn in late 2017) the world has had to learn to cope with a major shift in the position of the United States on climate issues. What were the key features of this “shift,” and where did they become glaringly apparent to the world in general?

6) In your estimation, what kinds of opportunities and challenges does our current circumstance present for China? What, in your opinion, would China have to undertake to become an effective world leader on climate issues?

