Worksheet 9, May 5, 2020

I advise you to work through the following problems /questions well and as a group (make sure though that no one is free-riding); it's the ticket to performing reasonably well on the exams. Number of points indicates the expected scope of the answer (should roughly correspond to time in minutes).

- 1) [10 points] In your own words briefly describe the main differences between the EU and the US approach to environmental protection. Also sum up the most important factors behind.
- **2)** [10 points] What are Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement? <u>Briefly</u> summarize the underlying international context. In your own words summarize the differences between the two approaches.
- 3) [5 points] Briefly explain what are carbon sinks, what is their purpose and the main international controversy about them.
- 4) [5 points] What is Clean Development and Joint Implementation?
- 5) [20 points] "There is no point in one country cutting its emissions if others do not. But this does not mean that a Kyoto-type approach -- a global treaty specifying exact binding limits on emissions, regardless of the consequences -- is the way to go. The difficulties in that method are obvious and have been amply demonstrated." Clive Crook. Discuss. Also discuss in terms of more recent Paris agreement. Do you think it is a way to go? In other words which are the strengths, and which are the weaknesses of this approach as compared to Kyoto protocol; is it, in your opinion, more likely to help the world to start winning the global climate change battle?