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**QUESTION 2:**

**ANSWER:**

Force majeure is a common clause in contracts and it essentially frees both parties involved from liabilities and obligations when extraordinary circumstances beyond the control of both parties explained by the legal term “**act of God**”, prevents one or both parties from fulfilling their obligations under the contract.

Simply put, it is an undesired occurrence that allows both parties to be free under an agreement or contract when the following apply:

1. An event beyond their control takes place;
2. The event hinders, delays or prevents the parties performances as stated in the contract;
3. Both parties have taken steps to mitigate their consequences.

Scenarios which can lead to such circumstances are:

1. **Pandemics:** over time the world has been hit with various pandemics and quarantine or total lockdowns as observed during the COVID-19 pandemic force a lot of electrical and computer engineers and bodies to be under majeure clause.
2. **Natural disasters:** conditions such as tsunamis, earthquakes and floods can put a lot of contractors under majeure clause as they will be keep in shelters and have no means to carry out their activities.
3. **Wars:** during wars most activities are at a standstill because of the use of weaponry. This situation could also put contractors and engineers under majeure clause.