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I. Define the following linguistic terms. Provide examples to support your answers. (25%)

1. phonotactics
2. communicative competence
3. polysemy
4. code-switching
5. innateness hypothesis in terms of language origins

II. Depending on contexts, sentences are interpreted literally or nonliterally. For example, *She broke his heart*. The sentence can mean: a. She caused physical harm to his heart. b. She caused great sorrow or sadness in him. Read the following five sentences and state two meanings they carry, one of which should be literal and the other nonliteral. (25%)

1. I got the picture.
2. She's on the edge.
3. My brother is a wet blanket.
4. That will keep him on his toes.
5. I just take it with a grain of salt.

III. What are derivational and inflectional affixes? What are their differences? Give at least three examples of each in English. (25%)

IV. Assimilation is one of the most common phonological rules across all languages and can be manifested in different types. Write at least three types of assimilation process in English and give examples. (25%)