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(You can choose any four of the five questions to answer)

1. What is a polysemy? How do the various senses of a word get developed? Try to explain its development in terms of central, peripheral, metaphorical, and extended meanings. Illustrate this using at least TWO English words.
2. Generally speaking, the English spatial particle "in" in English refers to a sense of being in an enclosed container, such as "in the classroom," "in the hospital", but why "in the park" and "in the field"? Furthermore, how would you explain the differences between "in the street" and "on the street"?
3. Please explain Chomsky's "Innate Hypothesis". You should include evidence that either support or refute his theory.
4. Explain "speech act" theory. Why it is challenging in cross-cultural communications? Illustrate your answer with some specific examples.
5. Chinese is considered a topic-prominent language which can create syntactical issues for learners when acquiring English, especially in writing. How would you go about to help learners to overcome this issue? Please provide specific examples.