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a) Best key: **a, c**

b) No. Because **d** and **b** depend on a part of the best key (primary key).

c) $R(b, o, a, q, c, d) \rightarrow R1(\underline{c}, a, q, d)$ and $R2(\underline{c}, b, o)$

Now, we are decomposing R1 and R2 to satisfy the third normal form:

$R1 \rightarrow R1.1(\underline{a}, d)$ and $R1.2(\underline{c}, a, q)$

$R2 \rightarrow R2.1(\underline{c}, b)$ and $R2.2(\underline{b}, o)$

d) No, because **o** depends on **b** that at the same time depends on **c**. For the same reason **q** depends on **a** and **c**, but **d** only depends on **a**.

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R = RESERVATION:

p = passengerName

SSN = SSN

f = flightID

d = departureAirport

a = arrivalAirport

t = time

date = date

c = cost

F = FLIGHTS

f = flightID

t = time

d = departureAirport

a = arrivalAirport

dC = departureCity

aC = arrivalCity

Examining all the requirements we can assume those functional dependencies:

R = RESERVATION:

$SSN \rightarrow P$

$\{SSN, f, date\} \rightarrow c$

$\{f, date\} \rightarrow t, a, d$

$\{t, date, d\} \rightarrow f, a$

F = FLIGHTS

$d \rightarrow dC$

$a \rightarrow aC$

$flightID \rightarrow \{t, d, a, dC, aC\}$

$\{time, d\} \rightarrow \{flightID, a, dC, aC\}$

a) Candidates Key:

R-Cand1 = {SSN, f, date}

F-Cand1 = {flightID}

note: {time, d} also describes uniquely a row but it is not minimal.

R-PK = {SSN, f, date}

F-PK = {flightID}

b)

R = RESERVATION:

$SSN \rightarrow P$

$\{SSN, f, date\} \rightarrow c$

$\{f, date\} \rightarrow t, a, d$

$\{t, date, d\} \rightarrow f, a$

F = FLIGHTS

$d \rightarrow dC$

$a \rightarrow aC$

$flightID \rightarrow \{t, d, a, dC, aC\}$

$\{time, d\} \rightarrow \{flightID, a, dC, aC\}$

c)

R and F satisfy first NF, but they don't satisfy 2nd and 3rd.

d)

$R = \{\underline{SSN}, p, \underline{f}, d, a, t, \underline{date}, c\}$

$R.1 = \{\underline{SSN}, p\}$

$R.2 = \{\underline{SSN}, \underline{f}, d, a, t, \underline{date}, c\}$

$R2.1 = \{\underline{SSN}, \underline{f}, \underline{date}, c\}$

$R2.2 = \{\underline{f}, \underline{date}, t, a, d\}$

$F = \{\underline{f}, t, d, a, dC, aC\}$

$F1 = \{\underline{f}, t, d, a\}$

$F2 = \{\underline{a}, aC\}$

$F3 = \{\underline{d}, dC\}$

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Due to the fact all relations have to have a Primary Key, let's suppose three cases:

$A \rightarrow B$: A is the determinant and at the same time it's the Primary Key (which is one of the possible Candidates Keys). So it satisfies BCNF.

$B \rightarrow A$: B is the determinant and at the same time it's the Primary Key (which is one of the possible Candidates Keys). So it satisfies BCNF.

$AB \rightarrow AB$: Now AB is the determinant and at the same time it's the Primary Key (which is one of the possible Candidates Keys). So it satisfies BCNF.