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HW7

1)

All candidate keys must contain C because C is never on the right side of a FD.  
CE and CG cannot be candidate keys because all information cannot be derived from them.  
 $AC^+ = BC^+ = CD^+ = \{A, B, C, D, E, G\}$   
Therefore candidate keys are AC, BC, CD

2)

For example,  $R = (1, 2, 3)$  which breaks down into  $R_1 = (1, 2)$  and  $R_2 = (2, 3)$ . Here, there is no way to reconstruct  $(1, 2, 3)$  from  $(1, 2)$  and  $(2, 3)$  because there is no dependency that describes how to combine these tuples. If  $B \rightarrow C$  were added, this decomposition would be lossless.

3)

Because  $B \rightarrow C$  then  $B \rightarrow BC$ . Since B is the intersection of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  and B determines  $R_2$ , this decomposition is lossless. If you were to naturally join these two relations, you would be left with the original tuple  $(A, B, C)$ .

4)

$R = (A, B, C, D, E, G)$  and let F be  $\{A \rightarrow BDG, BG \rightarrow DE, B \rightarrow D, D \rightarrow A\}$   
I assume that you are asking for a decomposition.  
 $R$  can be losslessly decomposed into  $R_1 = (A, B, D, G)$   $R_2 = (B, C)$   $R_3 = (A, C, D, E)$ , which is in 3NF.  
I don't believe it can be decomposed into BCNF.