Some practice complexity questions

Answers are in a separate file. The first three questions are from a Computer Science bachelors course, so they are just for checking your understanding, they are not of the kind that will be in the exam.

1. The smallest complexity class to which the function $T(n) = n^2 \times (n + 1)$ belongs is:

   (a) $O(n)$
   (b) $O(n + 1)$
   (c) $O(n^2)$
   (d) $O(n^3)$
   (e) $O(2^n)$

2. Time complexity of breadth-first search (V is the number of vertices, E the number of edges) is in

   (a) $O(V)$
   (b) $O(V + E)$
   (c) $O(E)$
   (d) $O(V^2)$
   (e) $O(E^2)$

3. What is the worst case time complexity of the search algorithm below (where n is the length of the array):

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boolean search(int[] array, int value){
   for (int j = 0; j < array.length; j++) {
      if (array[j] == value) return true;
   }
   return false;
}
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   (a) $O(1)$
   (b) $O(log_2 n)$
   (c) $O(n)$
   (d) $O(n^2)$
   (e) $O(n + value)$

4. An input to an algorithm is a model with n states. The algorithm checks every pair of states, so it makes n^2 steps. Is it polynomial or exponential in n?

5. An input to an algorithm is a model with n states, k agents, d actions, and m transitions. The algorithm traverses each transition once for every state, so it makes nm steps. Is it polynomial or exponential in n and m?

6. An input to an algorithm is a model with n states, k agents, d actions, and m transitions. The algorithm generates all possible memoryless strategies for each of the agents. A memoryless strategy is an assignment of a single action to each state.

   (a) assuming each agent has d actions in each state, how many different memoryless strategies are there for one agent?

   (b) how many strategies does the algorithm generate? Is this number polynomial or exponential in k? Is this number polynomial or exponential in n?

7. An input to an algorithm is a model with n states, k agents, d actions, and m transitions, and a state q in the model. The algorithm generates all possible choices of actions in q for each agent, i.e., the set of pairs $(agent, action)$. How many pairs does the algorithm generate? Is this number exponential in any of the parameters n, k, d, m?

8. An input to an algorithm is a model with n states, k agents, d actions, and m transitions, a state q in the model, an agent i, and a proposition p. The algorithm needs to check if the agent has a strategy to enforce p in the next state. To check whether i can enforce p in the next state, how many actions do we need to check? Can this check be done in time polynomial in m? (Assume that checking whether a state resulting from a transition satisfies p can be done in constant time.)