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Question # 1

Tell me How do you detect if two 8-bit signals are same?

Answer:-

By using XNOR gate if the signals are same then only the output will be one otherwise not.

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Question # 2

Design any FSM in VHDL or Verilog?

Answer:-

```
LIBRARY IEEE;
USE IEEE.STD_LOGIC_1164.ALL; ----using all functions of
specific package---
ENTITY tollbooth2 IS
  PORT (Clock,car_s,RE : IN STD_LOGIC;
        coin_s      : IN STD_LOGIC_VECTOR(1 DOWNT0 0);
        r_light,g_light,alarm : OUT STD_LOGIC);
END tollbooth2;
ARCHITECTURE Behav OF tollbooth2 IS
  TYPE state_type IS
(NO_CAR,GOTZERO,GOTFIV,GOTTEN,GOTFIF,GOTTWEN,CAR_PAID,CHEATE
D);
-----GOTZERO = PAID $0.00-----
-----GOTFIV = PAID $0.05-----
-----GOTTEN = PAID $0.10-----
-----GOTFIF = PAID $0.15-----
-----GOTTWEN = PAID $0.20-----
  SIGNAL present_state,next_state : state_type;
  BEGIN
  ----Next state is identified using present state,car &
coin sensors-----
  PROCESS(present_state,car_s,coin_s)
  BEGIN

  CASE present_state IS
  WHEN NO_CAR =>
  IF (car_s = '1') THEN
    next_state <= GOTZERO;
  ELSE
    next_state <= NO_CAR;
  END IF;
  WHEN GOTZERO =>
  IF (car_s='0') THEN
  next_state <= CHEATED;
  ELSIF (coin_s = "00") THEN
  next_state <= GOTZERO;
  ELSIF (coin_s = "01") THEN
  next_state <= GOTFIV;
  ELSIF (coin_s ="10") THEN
  next_state <= GOTTEN;
  END IF;
  WHEN GOTFIV=>
  IF (car_s='0') THEN
  next_state <= CHEATED;
  ELSIF (coin_s = "00") THEN
  next_state <= GOTFIV;
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ELSIF (coin_s = "01") THEN
  next_state <= GOTTEN;
ELSIF (coin_s <= "10") THEN
  next_state <= GOTFIV;
END IF;
WHEN GOTTEN =>
IF (car_s = '0') THEN
  next_state <= CHEATED;
ELSIF (coin_s = "00") THEN
  next_state <= GOTTEN;

ELSIF (coin_s="01") THEN
  next_state <= GOTFIV;
ELSIF (coin_s="10") THEN
  next_state <= GOTTWEN;
END IF;
WHEN GOTFIF =>
IF (car_s = '0') THEN
  next_state <= CHEATED;
ELSIF (coin_s = "00") THEN
  next_state <= GOTFIF;

ELSIF (coin_s="01") THEN
  next_state <= GOTTWEN;
ELSIF (coin_s = "10") THEN
  next_state <= GOTTWEN;
END IF;
WHEN GOTTWEN =>
  next_state <= CAR_PAID;
WHEN CAR_PAID =>
IF (car_s = '0') THEN
  next_state <= NO_CAR;
ELSE
  next_state <= CAR_PAID;
END IF;

WHEN CHEATED =>
  IF (car_s = '1') THEN
    next_state <= GOTZERO;
  ELSE
    next_state <= CHEATED;
  END IF;
END CASE;
END PROCESS;-----End of Process 1
-----PROCESS 2 for STATE REGISTER CLOCKING-----
PROCESS(Clock,RE)
BEGIN
  IF RE = '1' THEN
    present_state <= GOTZERO;
----When the clock changes from low to high,the state of
the system
----stored in next_state becomes the present state----
    ELSIF Clock'EVENT AND Clock = '1' THEN
      present_state <= next_state;
    END IF;
  END PROCESS;-----End of Process 2-----
-----Conditional signal assignment statements-----
r_light <= '0' WHEN present_state = CAR_PAID ELSE '1';
g_light <= '1' WHEN present_state = CAR_PAID ELSE '0';
alarm <= '1' WHEN present_state = CHEATED ELSE '0';
END Behav;
```

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Question # 3

Explain RC circuit's charging and discharging?

Answer:-

Charging a Capacitor:

The voltage across the capacitor is not instantaneously equal to that of the voltage across the battery when the switch is closed. The voltage on the capacitor builds up as more and more charges flow onto the capacitor until the battery is no longer able to "push" any more charge onto the capacitor, at which point the capacitor becomes fully charged.

The initial flow of charges from the battery to the capacitor means that there is a current flowing through the system until the capacitor is charged. This current flow decays exponentially from some initial value to zero.



DisCharging a Capacitor:

Switch remains open and voltage across capacitor decreases until it reaches zero.

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Question # 4

What are tri-state devices and why they are essential in a bus oriented system?

Answer:-

In a multiplexed bus system, many devices are connected to a common bus. If 2 or more devices attempt to use the bus at the same time, then data will be lost. Thus only one device must be allowed to use the bus at a time. One method is to connect the devices through tri-state devices, which when disabled will effectively disconnect devices from the bus.

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Question # 5

What is a program counter? What is its use?

Answer:-

It is a 16 bit special function register in the 8085 microprocessor. It keeps track of the next memory address of the instruction that is to be executed once the execution of the current instruction is completed. In other words, it holds the address of the memory location of the next instruction when the current instruction is executed by the microprocessor.

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Question # 6

How to detect a sequence of "1101" arriving serially from a signal line?

Answer:-

Use 4 D-bascules connected in serial, all synchronized with the same CLK. Then connect all 4 outputs, & 2nd output must reverse, of the D-basculc to an AND logic. The output of the AND logic should have '1' when it detects "1101". This technic oftenly use for glitch detection in the signal.

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Question # 7

Suppose you have a combinational circuit between two registers driven by a clock. What will you do if the delay of the combinational circuit is greater than your clock signal?

Answer:-

Put even number of not gates between clocks of reg A and Reg B. The not gates will introduce delay between clock of reg A and reg B.

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Question # 8

Explain the working of a binary counter?

Answer:-

In binary counter the flip flop of lowest order position is complemented with every pulse. This means that JK input position must be maintained with logic one

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Question # 9

Where can we find the sample ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE programs?

Answer:-

write a c code.
and generate the assembly for it using
cc -S xyz.c -o xyz.S
xyz.S will contain assembly for your c code with instructions of the processor of your computer/hardware

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Question # 10



Please give a circuit to divide frequency of clock cycle by two?

Answer:-

a T flip flop act as a frequency divider

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Question # 11

Give truth table for a Half Adder, Give a gate level implementation of the same?

Answer:-

```
x y c s
0 0 0 0
0 1 0 1
1 0 0 1
1 1 1 0
```

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Question # 12

What is ALE? Explain the functions of ALE in 8085?

Answer:-

address latch enable...in the case of microcontroller (8051) & microprocessor 8085 the data line & low order 8 bit address lines are multiplexed.in order to getting address from this line we uses a latch.ALE is the line connected to this latch saying that the take the address from the line. NB: this is used only when we connecting our micro controller to external mem.

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Question # 13

Explain two ways of converting a two input NAND gate to an inverter?

Answer:-

- 1)Short both I/Ps of NAND gate & use the gate as an inverter.
- 2)Connect any one of the two I/Ps to VCC & use the remaining I/P & use the gate as an inverter.

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Question # 14

Write an assembly code which can call function in a loop with al value from 0 to 9?

Answer:-

```
mov ro,#10h
here:
    acall fun
    inc al
    djnz ro,here
```

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Question # 15

Explain What is the difference between ISR & function call?

Answer:-

in isr there is no return value but in function call there is return value

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Question # 16

What are set up time & hold time constraints What do they signify Which one is critical for estimating maximum clock frequency of a circuit?

Answer:-

Set up time constraint signifies how late the input signal can arrive before the active edge of the flip-flop. Smaller the set up time, the better.

Hold time on the other hand signifies how long the value at the input needs to be held stable after the the active edge. Again the smaller the hold time, the better.

For estimating maximum clock frequency, set up time is critical.

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Question # 17



Design a divide-by-3 sequential circuit with 50% duty circle now?

Answer:-

incoming clock by ODD value as assigned in generic
CLK_DIV_BY generic with
50% duty cycle

```
-----  
library IEEE;  
USE ieee.std_logic_1164.all;  
USE ieee.std_logic_arith.all;  
USE ieee.std_logic_unsigned.all;  
entity FDIV is  
    generic(  
        CLK_DIV_BY : INTEGER :=15; --Give the  
        odd value with which you want to divide the clock i.e.  
        3,5,7,9  
        COUNTVALUE : INTEGER :=4 --Give the bit  
        count of division ratio value.Ex upto 3= 2 bits; 5 to 7 =  
        3; 9 to 15 = 4 and so on..  
    );  
    port(  
        CLK : in std_logic;  
        CLR : in std_logic;  
        DIV: out std_logic  
    );  
end FDIV;
```

```
-----  
Architecture beh of FDIV is  
signal DIV_pos, DIV_neg :std_logic;  
signal posedgcounter :std_logic_vector((COUNTVALUE - 1)  
downto 0);  
signal negedgecounter,test :std_logic_vector((COUNTVALUE -  
1) downto 0);  
begin
```

```
-----  
PROCESS(CLK,CLR)  
begin  
IF ( CLR = '0') THEN  
    posedgcounter <= (others =>'0');  
ELSIF RISING_EDGE(CLK) THEN  
    posedgcounter <= posedgcounter + 1;  
    if posedgcounter = conv_std_logic_vector((CLK_DIV_BY -  
1),(COUNTVALUE)) then  
        posedgcounter <= (others =>'0');  
    end if;  
    if posedgcounter <= conv_std_logic_vector(((CLK_DIV_BY -  
1)/2),(COUNTVALUE)) then  
        DIV_pos <= '1';  
    else  
        DIV_pos <= '0';  
    end if;  
END IF;  
END PROCESS;
```

```
-----  
PROCESS(CLK,CLR)  
begin  
IF ( CLR = '0') THEN  
    negedgecounter <= (others =>'0');  
ELSIF FALLING_EDGE(CLK) THEN  
    negedgecounter <= negedgecounter + 1;  
    if negedgecounter = conv_std_logic_vector((CLK_DIV_BY -  
1),(COUNTVALUE)) then  
        negedgecounter <= (others =>'0');  
    end if;  
    if negedgecounter <= conv_std_logic_vector  
(((CLK_DIV_BY -1)/2),(COUNTVALUE)) then  
        DIV_neg <= '1';  
    else  
        DIV_neg <= '0';  
    end if;  
END IF;  
END PROCESS;
```

```
-----  
DIV<= DIV_pos and DIV_neg;
```

```
-----  
end beh;
```

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Question # 18



Design a Transmission Gate based XOR. Now, how do you convert it to XNOR?

Answer:-

put one bubble in front of xor gate....

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Question # 19

Explain an interrupt?

Answer:-

used to interrupt cpu ,s normal execution routine and to get its attention .mostly generated by an external devices, timers,countres...etc

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Question # 20

What do you mean by embedded system?

Answer:-

it is a combination of hardware and software to perform desired task

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Question # 21

Which line will be activated when an output device require attention from CPU?

Answer:-

INTR (interrupt request)

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Question # 22

What are different Adder circuits you studied?

Answer:-

Half Adder (for addition of two bits)
Full Adder (for addition of three bits)
Carry propagate adder
Carry save adder
Carry look ahead adder

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Question # 23

Explain Transmission Gate-based D-Latch?

Answer:-

The Transmission-Gate input is connected to the D_LATCH data input (D), the control input to the Transmission-Gate is connected to the D_LATCH enable input (EN) and the Transmission-Gate output is the D_LATCH output (Q)

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