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1. (6 points) Draw the transistor-level diagram of a three-input CMOS NOR gate.

2. (6 points) Has the following VHDL model been created following good synthesis style? If not, identify any problems

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library IEEE;
use IEEE.std_logic_1164.all;
entity PAR TO SER is
port(START,SHCLK: in STD LOGIC; PAR IN: in STD LOGIC VECTOR(7 downto 0);
      SO: out STD LOGIC);
end PAR TO SER;
architecture ALG1 of PAR_TO_SER is
begin
  P1:process (START, SHCLK)
   variable COUNT: INTEGER := 0;
   variable DONE: BOOLEAN;
  begin
    if START = '1' then
      COUNT := 7;
      DONE := FALSE;
    elsif SHCLK'event and SHCLK = '1' then
      if DONE = FALSE then
        SO <= PAR IN(COUNT);
        COUNT := \overline{COUNT} - 1;
      end if;
      if COUNT < 0 then
        DONE := TRUE;
      else
        DONE := FALSE;
     end if;
   end if;
  end process;
end ALG1;
```

3. (15 points) For the following VHDL architecture, give the values of A, B, C, D, and E, each time a change occurs. Carry this out until no further change occurs.

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entity prob is
  port (D : inout bit);
end prob;
architecture PROB of PROB is
  signal A, B, C, E : bit;
begin
  P1: process (A, C)
 begin
   B <= A after 3 ns;</pre>
   E <= C after 5 ns;
  end process P1;
  C1: C <= A after 10 ns;
  C2: D <= ((A or B) and C)
           or E after 1 ns;
  process
  begin process
    A \leq 1' after 5 ns,
        `0' after 20 ns;
    wait;
  end process;
end PROB;
```

Time	А	В	С	D	Е
0 ns	0	0	0	0	0

Time Event Processes Triggered Scheduled Transactions Event?

Scheduling Rules	Transport	Inertial
New before existing	Overwrite existing	Overwrite existing
New after existing	Append new	If $v_{new} = v_{existing}$, append new
		Elsif t_{new} - $t_{existing}$ > reject append new
		Else overwrite existing

4. (10 points) Develop an entity and architecture for an inhibited toggle flip-flop. This flip-flop has inputs I0, T, and Reset, and outputs Q and QN. Reset is active high and overrides the action of the other inputs. The flip-flop works as follows. If I0 = `1`, the flip-flop changes state on the rising edge of T, if I0 = `0`, no state change occurs (except on reset). Make the propagation delays from T to output and reset to output generics.

- 5. (1 point) ______ files provide realistic delays for post-layout simulation.
- 6. (1 point) ______ and _____ are the two main FPGA vendors.
- 7. (1 point) _____ (True or False) Gate delay is by the biggest contributor to circuit delay.
- 8. (1 point) _____ (True or False) A synthesis tool will ignore all after clauses in a VHDL model.

9. (5 points) If the NRE costs for CBIC and ASIC circuits are \$100,000 and \$750,000, respectively, and the cost of individual parts for CBIC and ASIC circuits are \$20 and \$6, respectively, what is the break-even manufacturing volume for these two types of circuits?

10. (10 points) Write a VHDL procedure called scan_results with an in-mode std_logic_vector signal parameter results, and out-mode variable parameters majority_value of type std_logic, majority_count of type natural and tie of type Boolean. The procedure counts the occurrences of '0' and '1' values in results. It sets majority_value to the most frequently occurring value, majority_count to the number of occurrences and tie to true if there are an equal number of occurrences of '0' and '1'. If the number of occurrences is equal, the procedure sets majority_value to 'X' and majority_count to the number of occurrences.

- 11. (15 points) Design an FSM circuit for controlling a simple home security system. The operation of the system is as follows.
- Inputs: Front gate switch (FS) Motion detector switch (MS) Asynchronous reset switch (R) Clear switch (C)
- Outputs: Front gate melody (FM) Motion detector melody (MM)
 - When the reset switch (R) is asserted, the FSM goes to the initialization state (S_init) immediately.
 - From state S_init, the FSM unconditionally goes to the wait state (S_wait).
 - From state S_wait, the FSM waits for one of the four switches to be activated. All the switches are active-high, so when a switch is pressed or activated, it sends out a 1. The following actions are taken when a switch is pressed:
 - When FS is pressed, the FSM goes to state S_front. In state S_front, the front gate melody is turned on by setting FM = 1. The FSM remains in state S_frontuntil the clear switch is pressed. Once the clear switch is pressed, the FSM goes back to S_wait.
 - When MS is activated, the FSM goes to state S_motion. In state S_motion, MM is turned on with a 1. MM will remain on for two more clock periods and then the FSM will go back to S_wait.
 - From any state, as soon as the reset switch is pressed, the FSM immediately goes back to state S_init.
 - Pressing the clear switch only affects the FSM when it is in state S_front. The clear switch had no effect on the FSM when it is in any other state.
 - Any unused state encoding will have S_init as their next state.

12. (1 point) The starting point from which a verification plan can be created is a

13 (1 point) List one type of coverage considered during the verification process.

14. (2 points) List two layers that may be present in a layered testbench:

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15. (1 point) A(n) ______ is a construct in System Verilog that represents a bundle of wires and has intelligence.

16. (10 points) Create a VHDL entity named en_mux_821 that represents a 8:1 multiplexer with an active-low enable input which has an architecture that uses a case statement to represent the functionality of the multiplexer. Create a second entity and its accompanying architecture that represents a 16:1 decoder by using two instances of the en mux_821 entity.

- 17. (1 point) _____ (True or False) A signal initialized in its declaration will be properly initialized postsynthesis.
- 18. (1 point) _____ (True or False) Wait statements can be used to imply clocked behavior to the synthesis tool.
- 19. (1 point) The @ construct in System Verilog is similar to the _____ construct in VHDL.
- 20. (1 point) A ______ test environment allows you to run hundreds of tests without having to hand check the results.

21. (10 points) Develop a functional model of a 4-bit carry-look-ahead adder. The-adder has two 4-bit data inputs a (3 downto 0) and b (3 downto 0); a 4-bit data output, s (3 downto 0); a carry input, c_in; a carry output, c_out; a carry generate output, g, and a carry propagate output, p. The adder is described by the logic equations:

$$\begin{split} S_i &= A_i \oplus B_i \oplus C_{i\text{-}1} \\ G_i &= A_i B_i \\ P_i - A_i + B_i \\ C_i &= G_i + P_i C_{i\text{-}1} \\ G &= G_3 + P_3 G_2 + P_3 P_2 G_1 + P_3 P_2 P_1 G_0 \\ P &= P_3 P_2 P_1 P_0 \end{split}$$

where the G_i are the intermediate carry generate signals, the P_i are the intermediate carry propagate signals and the C_i are the intermediate carry signals. C_{-1} is c_{-1} in and C_3 is c_{-1} . Use a loop construct for S_i , G_i , P_i and C_i .

Bonus:

(5 points) A synchronous (4-bit) up/down decade counter with outputs COUNT and CO works as follows: All state changes occur on the rising edge of the CLK input, except the asynchronous clear (CLR). When CLR = 0, the counter is reset regardless of the values of the other inputs. The inputs are DATA, CLR, LOAD, EN, UP.

If the LOAD input is 0, the data input D is loaded into the counter. If LOAD = EN = UP = 1, the counter is incremented. If LOAD = EN = 1, and UP = 0, the counter is decremented. If LOAD = EN = UP = 1, the carry output (CO) =1 when the counter is in state 9. If LOAD = EN = 1 and UP = 0, the carry output (CO) =1 when the counter is in state 0.

Create a SystemVerilog interface for this circuit that has a clocking block that defines directions relative to the test bench.