

Quiz: Intro and Verilog basics

1. What are the different design options for Integrated Circuits? Compare them.
2. In a declaration `reg [0:7] A, B;` Which of the following is correct
 - a. Both A and B are 8 bit, A[0] and B[0] is MSB ✓
 - b. Both A and B are 8 bit, A[7] and B[7] is MSB
 - c. A is 8 bit with A[0] as MSB, whereas B is a single bit
 - d. None of the above
3. Write the following steps in correct order **F--B--E--C--G--D--A**
 - a. Post synthesis simulation
 - b. Logic optimization
 - c. Placement
 - d. Routing
 - e. Floor-planning
 - f. HDL simulation
 - g. Clock tree synthesis
4. Describe the FPGA design flow and Semicustom IC designflow.
5. Verilog is used for
 - a. Hardware description ✓
 - b. Hardware verification
 - c. software description
 - d. software verification
6. Which of the followings are not a keyword in Verilog 95?
 - a. module
 - b. always
 - c. assign
 - d. process
 - e. entity ✓
 - f. architecture ✓
7. In Verilog simulator infers, x when, it identifies:
 - a. Signal is Uninitialized
 - b. Conflicting drivers to a wire ✓
 - c. Undefined behavior
 - d. All the above
8. In Verilog, the equivalent binary of number-8'd6 is
 - a. 11111010
 - b. 00000110 ✓
 - c. 11111001
 - d. d.01111001

9. Which of the following statements are wrong

- a. A wire can hold values even after connection is removed ✓
- b. Wire is default Net type for all signals
- c. Reg can hold values even after connection is removed
- d. The default value of reg data type is "x"

10. In Verilog, the two statements $C_IN = A;$ and $c_in = A;$ are equivalent .

- a. True
- b. False ✓

1. Ans (a) Full Custom Design:

Full custom design involves creating a circuit from scratch, designing every transistor and interconnection based on the specific requirements of the application.

Advantages:

High performance: Optimal transistor placement and sizing for specific functions.

Lower power consumption: Tailored designs for power efficiency.

Limitations:

Time-consuming: Designing from the ground up can be a lengthy process.

Expensive: Customization increases manufacturing costs.

(b) Semi-Custom Design:

Semi-custom design involves using predefined building blocks or standard cells while allowing customization of specific parts of the circuit.

Advantages:

Faster time to market: Standard cells reduce design time.

Cost-effective: Standardized components can be mass-produced, reducing manufacturing costs.

Limitations:

Less flexibility: Customization is limited to specific parts of the circuit.

Performance may not be as optimized as full custom.

(c) Programmable Logic Devices (PLDs):

PLDs are a type of IC where the functionality can be programmed or configured by the user after manufacturing. Examples include Field-Programmable Gate Arrays (FPGAs).

Advantages:

Flexibility: Can be reprogrammed for different functions after manufacturing.

Rapid prototyping: Accelerates the development cycle.

Limitations:

Lower performance: Generally not as fast as full custom designs.

Higher power consumption: Configurability comes at the cost of increased power usage.