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## 10.ASSESSMENT

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### Self-check Questions

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1. Which of the following is a core element generally associated with the concept of community?
    - a) High levels of social mobility and individual autonomy.
    - b) A strong sense of shared identity and belonging among members.
    - c) Primarily impersonal and contractual social relationships.
    - d) A large and geographically dispersed population.
  2. According to Tönnies, Gemeinschaft is primarily characterized by:
    - a) Rational self-interest and calculated exchange.
    - b) Impersonal interactions based on legal frameworks.
    - c) Close-knit, intimate, and traditional social bonds.
    - d) A focus on individual achievement and competition.
  3. Which of the following best exemplifies a relationship rooted in Gesellschaft, according to Tönnies?
    - a) The bond between siblings in a close-knit family.
    - b) The interaction between neighbors who regularly help each other.
    - c) A formal business transaction between two corporations.
    - d) The camaraderie among members of a long-standing religious group.
  4. Shared values, beliefs, and norms within a group contribute to which element of community?
    - a) Geographic proximity.
    - b) Social interaction.
    - c) Common culture.
    - d) Economic interdependence.



5. Tönnies argued that the shift from pre-industrial to industrial society involved a significant transition from:

a) Gesellschaft to Gemeinschaft.

b) Urban to rural forms of social organization.

c) Gemeinschaft to Gesellschaft.

d) Individualism to collectivism.

6. Geographic proximity is the sole defining element of a community.

7. In Tönnies' view, relationships in Gemeinschaft are often based on ascribed statuses and tradition.

8. Gesellschaft is characterized by a strong "we-feeling" and a focus on collective well-being.

9. Modern urban societies, according to Tönnies, tend to exhibit more characteristics of Gemeinschaft than Gesellschaft.

10. Social interaction is a necessary element for the development and maintenance of a community.

#### Self-Check Answers

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1. b) A strong sense of shared identity and belonging among members.

2. c) Close-knit, intimate, and traditional social bonds.

3. c) A formal business transaction between two corporations.

4. c) Common culture.

5. c) Gemeinschaft to Gesellschaft.

6. False

7. True

8. False

9. False

10. True

#### Short Answer Questions:

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1. Briefly describe three key elements that are commonly used to define a community.

2. In Tönnies' theory, what is the primary basis of social order in Gemeinschaft?

3. What are some potential social consequences of a society that is predominantly characterized by Gesellschaft-like relationships?



### Long Answer Questions:

1. Explain Tonnies' concepts of Gemeinschaft and Gesellschaft, highlighting their key differences in terms of social relationships, social order, and the nature of human association. Provide contemporary examples to illustrate both Gemeinschaft-like and Gesellschaft-like social settings in today's world.
2. Discuss the argument that modern societies are increasingly characterized by Gesellschaft. Analyze the potential benefits and drawbacks of this shift for individuals and social cohesion. Can elements of Gemeinschaft still exist and thrive within predominantly Gesellschaft-like societies? Support your answer with sociological perspectives and examples.