

Part 1

F: In India, Hindu wedding traditions vary from state to state. But most families are known to go out of their way to make a wedding a huge celebration..... which can last for as long as five days or more. It is for wedding preparations to start a year before the actual date. After a couple gets to be married, the date for the wedding is chosen very carefully based on the bride and groom's—and other details—to bring Two days before the wedding, celebrations begin at the groom's home. This is called "Making the Groom." visit his home as early as four in the morning and play music while the groom's relatives and neighbors come to see him. While there, they make decorations from , which will later be used at the wedding ceremony. Next, someone washes the groom with or olive oil. His face is painted with a black dot on each cheek and a spot between his eyes. Then an older person in the family offers the groom money as a

The bride goes through a ceremony before the wedding called "Making the Bride." Her face, arms, hands, and feet are painted by her relatives, leaving her skin a red color. This process takes many hours to do and requires a lot of

Part 2

F: The wedding ceremony is usually held in the evening. When the bride and groom arrive, there is a lot of _____ and music. Members of the family wash their feet and sprinkle flowers and water on them. The couple sits in chairs under a special roof made of _____ and flowers. While the bride is seated behind the cloth so the groom can't see her, the guests

_____ and enjoy the wedding feast. Then when it's near the end of the feast, the cloth is removed and the music is played again.

It is considered bad luck to _____ at this moment. All the guests clap their hands while the music is playing. Then one by one the guests come to the couple and throw _____ grains at their heads for prosperity. Everyone wishes the couple well. Then the couple gives each other _____ made of flowers and handfuls of rice. The groom places a _____ necklace over the bride's neck. Finally, the groom places a second necklace around the bride's neck to signify the end of the wedding.