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Instructions to the Candidates :

1. Type the following passage in DOUBLE LINE spacing.
2. Typewrite on only ONE SIDE of the paper.
3. Set the margins at 10 and 75 degrees.
4. Special attention should be paid to accuracy and neatness of execution.

Faith in a higher power infuses all of life in India. When things are tough or taxing, you see god is at every corner. There are countless ways spirituality merges into all aspects of life from small roadside shrines to massive temples, how nothing begins without the invocation to Ganesha, be it a new store, a new film or just a school examination. There is a puja or prayer ritual for every joyous occasion, from the birth of a child to a new job to settling into a new house. There is even a puja to bless a newly acquired car, with flowers, incense and a priest. Since life in urban India is lived out in the open with multitudes in close

proximity, you often get to see these interactions first hand. Every small temple has just so many visitors, laden with garlands and fruits. Alongside each temple sprout up flower, food and sweets stalls. There is so much belief in the power of the Almighty that gods play a civic watch dog role to as cleanliness inspectors. The ideal way to discourage people from throwing garbage in a public location is to paint Lakshmi or Ganesha on the walls. The space immediately becomes sacred, ultra clean, a space for worship.

Ganesha, the Lord of Good Beginnings, sits on the dashboard of

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many a car and symbolically steers the wheel. I have seen many drivers fold their hands in prayer before beginning a driving journey. In fact, huge trucks which regularly ply the frenetic highways have colourful images and names of God painted on them. Even the smallest auto rickshaw has a makeshift shrine on the dashboard. After all, what can be better than having God on your side, a combination of infallible driving instructor and guardian angel.

Weddings are of course big on divine blessings and Hindu rituals invite all three lakh Gods and Goddesses to bear witness and bless the couple. Every region has its own intricate wedding rituals and favourite Gods are invoked in different regions of India. There are also temple visits by the couple, feeding of the poor and rituals like hawans and kathas at home, all to connect with the Godly Power. Ganesha is the favorite at weddings and most Hindu wedding invitation cards will have his image embossed on them. Major Hindu festivals are a parade of the power of belief as hundreds of thousands gather to celebrate these auspicious days. On

Ganesh Chaturthi, the ten day celebration as birth of Ganesha, entire cities are involved. On the last and final day they carry small and big images of Ganesha to immerse them in the ocean and to bid him farewell. There is just so much love and devotion and children often have their own small idols to worship. For Hindus God is not someone sitting far away in the sky, he is within them and a friend. Many have an intimate relationship with lord, even creating images of playing cricket or in the image of a Super hero. The love and devotion that they feel is expressed in these forms of art and decor.

Faith however, is a daily part of life which begins with a special routine for each individual. One person may begin the day with early morning meditations, another might pick marigolds from the garden to place in the home shrine. Another may choose a quick visit to a temple before work, yet another may stop at a roadside shrine with urban chaos all around. I have seen others begin their day on the waterfront by feeding the pigeons, fish as an act of devotion to God.
