

# Question Support

## LITERARY ANALYSIS

For questions 1–3, see page 1374 of the Student Edition.

**Directions:** Answer each question.

**4. Analyze Conflict** How does Rakesh’s education lead to conflict with his father?

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**5. Interpret Imagery** Desai contrasts images of traditional India with those suggesting modern attitudes. Circle each word or phrase that describes a traditional view of India. Then underline each word or phrase that emphasizes a modern view.

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| <b>a.</b> rag-pickers                           | <b>e.</b> a new, sky-blue Ambassador  |
| <b>b.</b> the most prestigious of all hospitals | <b>f.</b> charms revolving on strings |
| <b>c.</b> stainless steel                       | <b>g.</b> bazaar                      |
| <b>d.</b> transistor                            | <b>h.</b> samosas                     |

**6. Interpret Irony** Complete these sentences.

The title of the story is ironic because \_\_\_\_\_

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Varma’s fate is ironic because \_\_\_\_\_

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**7. Evaluate Characters’ Actions** Rakesh restricts his father’s diet in order to protect his health.

Do you think this was a positive or negative action? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

Varma breaks a glass to rebel against his son’s control of his life. Do you think this was a

positive or negative action? Why? \_\_\_\_\_