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2) What does the smoky bacon incident show about Anwar's religious feelings? (5')

**Point of view**

3) Explain what point of view Hanif Kureishi uses in his novel. Find evidence for your answer in the text. (5')

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