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## The Exquisite Excretory System

### Short Answer Key

1. The two main functions of the kidneys in the excretory system are filtering the blood to remove waste products and regulating the balance of substances like water, salt, and electrolytes.
2. The bladder stores urine until it is ready to be expelled from the body.
3. The urethra carries urine from the bladder to the outside of the body during urination.
4. It is essential for the excretory system to maintain a balance of substances in the body to ensure that various bodily functions can operate properly, preventing health issues.
5. The excretory system helps eliminate toxins from the body by filtering them out of the bloodstream and excreting them in urine.

