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The Amazing Pancreas: A Dual-Purpose Organ

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. The pancreas is located behind the stomach.
2. The pancreas contributes to maintaining overall health by aiding in digestion and regulating blood sugar levels.
3. An endocrine gland secretes hormones directly into the bloodstream, while an exocrine gland releases substances through ducts to the outside of the body or into another organ.
4. It's important for the pancreas to regulate blood sugar levels to prevent health problems like diabetes and maintain proper energy levels in the body.

