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**Section 38-3 The Excretory System** (pages 985-989)**Key Concepts**

- What are the functions of the kidneys?
- How is blood filtered?

**Functions of the Excretory System** (page 985)

1. The process by which metabolic wastes are eliminated is called excretion.
2. List four organs that are used for excretion.
  - a. Skin
  - b. Lungs
  - c. Kidneys
  - d. Liver
3. List three ways that the kidneys help maintain homeostasis.
  - a. Regulating water content and volume of blood
  - b. Maintaining blood pH
  - c. Removing waste products from blood

**The Kidneys** (pages 986-988)

4. Circle the letter of each sentence that is true about the kidneys.
  - a. They are the main organs of the excretory system.
  - b. They are located on either side of the spinal column.
  - c. They remove excess water and waste products from the urine.
  - d. They receive blood through the renal vein.

Match each term with its definition.

Term	Definition
<u>d</u> 5. ureter	a. Saclike organ where urine is stored
<u>a</u> 6. urinary bladder	b. Functional unit of the kidney
<u>a</u> 7. renal medulla	c. Outer part of the kidney
<u>c</u> 8. renal cortex	d. Tube that carries urine from the kidney to the urinary bladder
<u>b</u> 9. nephron	e. Inner part of the kidney

10. Is the following sentence true or false? Nephrons are located in the renal medulla.  
false
11. What ends up in the collecting duct? Waste products removed from the blood end up there.
12. List the two processes involved in blood purification.
  - a. Filtration
  - b. Reabsorption
13. The small network of capillaries in the upper end of the nephron is referred to as the glomerulus.
14. The glomerulus is enclosed by a cup-shaped structure called the Boerhan's capsule.

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