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Based on the notes given, complete the passage below with the correct information.

A mummy is a person's body that is being preserved after death. According to ancient Egyptian religious beliefs, the preservation of a human body after death was very important. The ancient Egyptians had developed a method of _____ known as mummification. The process took about _____.

The first step was _____ the body. The organs were removed except _____. Then the body was filled with stuffing and dried using a substance that absorbed moisture from the body. After 40 – 50 days, they removed the stuffing and put in sawdust. The body is wrapped in _____ and covered in a sheet called a shroud. Finally, the body is put in a stone coffin called a sarcophagus.

strands of linen

the heart

70 days

artificial preservation

washing and purifying