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5. Norwegian researcher G.A. Hansen identified the bacterium responsible for it:
6. *Mycobacterium leprae*.
7. His discovery laid the foundation for scientific research into the disease and the
8. development of a treatment for humans.
9. Initial attempts to cultivate *M. leprae* in the laboratory, however, only yielded
10. small amounts, which prevented any useful research from being carried out.

11. Further Questions & Sample Answers

12. 1) What symptoms are caused by Leprosy?
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15. *He identified the bacteria responsible for leprosy.*

16. In the late 1960s, an American biochemist named Eleanor Storrs tried
17. cultivating *M. leprae* in the nine banded armadillo, a mammal common in the
18. southern United States.
19. She knew that in humans, *M. leprae* thrives in cooler extremities such as toes
20. and fingers.
21. Because the body temperature of the nine-banded armadillo is lower than that of
22. humans, she thought they would be a good breeding ground for the bacterium.
23. Furthermore, nine-banded armadillos give birth to four genetically identical
24. young, a fact Storrs knew would be useful when conducting experiments to
25. compare the condition of diseased and healthy animals.

Further Questions & Sample Answers



26. 3) Why were the bodies of armadillos a good breeding ground for bacterium?
27. *It was a good breeding ground because their body temperatures are lower than*
28. *that of humans.*
29. 4) What's unusual about the young of nine-banded armadillo?
30. *They give birth to four genetically identical young.*

31. Storrs found that nine-banded armadillos injected with *M. leprae* developed
32. infection resulting in large numbers of the bacterium.
33. Over the next 25 years, researchers studied bacteria taken from infected
34. nine-banded armadillos to learn more about leprosy.
35. A major breakthrough eventually came when a substance called lepromin was
36. produced.
37. When injected, lepromin causes a skin reaction in those infected with *M. leprae*.
38. If diagnosed in this way at an early stage, leprosy is now curable with long-term
39. treatment using a combination of antibiotics.

Further Questions & Sample Answers

40. 5) What happened when the nine-banded armadillo were injected with *M.*
41. *leprae*?
42. *They developed an infection resulting in large numbers of the bacterium.*
43. 6) What was the result of 25 years of study of bacteria taken from the armadillo?
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45. Thanks to the development of easy diagnosis methods and effective treatment,
46. cases of leprosy worldwide have dropped dramatically.
47. Unfortunately, many of the 200,000 or so people who still become infected each
48. year fail to be diagnosed and receive medication before the disease causes
49. permanent damage because they live in poor and difficult-to-reach areas of the
50. world.

Further Questions & Sample Answers

51. 7) What has happened thanks to the development of easy diagnosis methods?
52. *The cases of leprosy worldwide have dropped dramatically.*
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54. medication?
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64. usually infectious.

65. (33) One reason nine-banded armadillos proved useful in leprosy research was that
66. 1. the high rate at which they contracted leprosy in the wild provided researchers with a large study sample.
67. 2. the young of the armadillos infected with *M. leprae* demonstrated a natural immunity to the disease.
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75. nine-banded armadillos.
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125. アルマジロの体はなぜ細菌の温床となりましたか。

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152. 簡易な診断法の開発により、どうなっていますか。

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154. 8) Why can't many of the people infected each year be diagnosed and receive medication?

156. なぜ各年の感染者の多数は診断されず、薬物治療も受けられないのですか。

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