準1級「要約」問題 3

- Instructions: Read the article below and summarize it in your own words as far as possible in English.
- Suggested length 60-70 words.
- Write your summary in the space provided on your answer sheet. Any writing outside the space will not be graded.

With the world's population continuing to grow rapidly, a wide variety of issues will occur over the next century. Our population is expected to increase by 2 billion over the next three decades and could peak at around 10.4 billion by the mid-2080s. This overpopulation will disrupt wildlife, the environment and cause huge amounts of air and water pollution. Moreover, how to feed such a growing population is causing a great amount of concern all over the world. Despite our need for a more adequate food supply, destructive climate change is leading to increasing temperatures, evaporating lakes and droughts, which means more food shortages are being predicted for the future. We cannot precisely estimate the levels of shortage we will see; however, as many places are experiencing famine already, the situation is expected to get much worse.

In response to these concerns, companies are trying to develop genetically modified crops that will grow in more challenging environments. There are drought resistant varieties of corn being tested that will increase the yield of cereals in areas with less rainfall. Thanks to these developments, scientists are hopeful we can sustain our growing population.

