

# 総合英語 読解問題演習

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- 次の英文を読み、その文意にそって(1)から(3)までの( )に入れるのに最も適切なものを 1、2、3、4の中から一つ選びなさい。
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## *Tipping*

One thing of life in the United States that I find rather difficult to accept is tipping. Here in New York, tipping in restaurants and taxis is a common and everyday practice but there are many other types of situations where it is optional but preferable to tip. For example, at Christmas many people give a small cash present to their apartment building superintendent, the mailman and even the garbage man! ( 1 ) mail is often unreliable in the United States and particularly in New York, it is often worth giving the mailman \$10 or \$20.

Last year, several letters and packages sent to me from friends and from my parents in Japan never arrived. Ever since I gave a \$20 tip to my mailman, the service has ( 2 ) considerably. I must say that this system bothers me, since after all, he is an employee of the United States government and should not officially accept tips. On the other hand, I do not want to have any more lost mail and am willing to pay a small price for better ( 3 ), even if I feel a slight pricking of my conscience.

\*superintendent : 管理者

- (1) 1 Until            2 Before            3 As though        4 Since
- (2) 1 developed    2 improved    3 invented        4 discovered
- (3) 1 system        2 labor        3 use            4 service