New uses for salt mines

Geological **(0)** of salt were formed millions of years ago, when what is now land, lay under the sea. It is hard to believe that salt is now such a cheap **(1)** , because centuries ago it was the commercial **(2)** of today's oil. The men who mined salt became wealthy and, although the work was **(3)** …….. and frequently dangerous, a job in a salt mine was highly **(4)** …….. .

Nowadays, the specific microclimates in disused mines have been **(5)** …….. for the treatment of respiratory illnesses such as asthma, and the silent, dark surroundings in a mine are considered **(6).....**in encouraging patients to relax.

In addition, some disused mines have been **(7)** …….. to different commercial enterprises, although keeping up-to-date with the technology of mining is essential to **(8)** visitors' safety. Some of the largest underground chambers even host concerts, conferences and business meetings.

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