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Women workers are known for being industrious, submissive, and cheaper than men. They are the driving __1__ behind Thailand's top export industries such as textiles, garments, and electronics, which brought in more than 250,000 billion baht in __2__ last year.

Long working hours, low __3__ and lack of job security, as well as health and __4__ hazards such as respiratory and urinary problems, ulcers, and backache are the common __5__ of women assembly line workers. Their __6__, however, have received little attention. Women unionists in Bangkok have recently called for an extension of paid maternity __7__ from one to three months so that they can breastfeed their newborns longer.

Policy-makers, however, fear that __8__ the request might make the country less __9__ to foreign investors. The government also expressed concern that if mothers were allowed to stay away from work longer, it might __10__ because employers would then prefer to hire men. Now it seems that the authorities care more about investors than about mothers and their babies.

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| 1. a people | b. force | c. work | d. labor |
| 2. a. expenditure | b. revenue | c. investment | d. budget |
| 3. a. bonus | b. money | c. pay | d. cash |
| 4. a. natural | b. environmental | c. industrial | d. occupational |
| 5. a. asset | b. plight | c. status | d. class |
| 6. a. components | b. complaints | c. confrontations | d. consolations |
| 7. a. recess | b. vacation | c. leave | d. break |
| 8. a. drafting | b. joining | c. submitting | d. granting |
| 9. a. attractive | b. enthusiastic | c. affluent | d. sophisticated |
| 10. a. withdraw | b. benefit | c. backfire | d. prosper |