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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.

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

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