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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