



Clothing companies blamed for Bangladesh factory deaths

Part 1. Questions 1 - 9

Listen to the recording and fill in the gaps in the summary below with no more than three words (one number equals a word, e.g. 2013 is counted as one word). You might need to listen more than one time.

Clothing companies and ¹ _____ are constantly on the hunt for the location that offers the lowest ² _____. At present, Bangladesh is their best option as clothing workers take home a monthly wage of around ³ _____, while their counterparts in coastal China are paid around ⁴ _____. This comprises a saving of about a few cents ⁵ _____. While some brands are interested in investing into the welfare of the staff, others are not prepared to finance even fire, ⁶ _____ upgrades, as has seen recently in Bangladesh.

National Garment Workers Federation holds both government and ⁷ _____ responsible for the death of the workers as, according to the Federation, they ⁸ _____ the workers. At the same time, part of the blame should also rest with multinational corporations. However, some global corporations also recognise that to some extent it's their responsibility to ensure the safety of the workers though ⁹ _____.

Part 2. Questions 10 - 14

Answer the questions below

10. Which of the following countries are not mentioned as the lowest labour cost?

- A. Vietnam B. China C. Cambodia D. Burma

11. Some African countries offer low wages as well but clothing companies are not interested in going there. What is the reason behind this?

12. From Shelley Marshall's point of view, are things going to improve or get worse over the next 10 years? Explain your answer.

13. What is Asian Floor Movement?

14. How would this affect clothing manufacturing?