China’s impressive economic growth for the past few decades has been attributed to an

“export-led growth” model1 adopted since economic reforms began in 1978 through to

China’s accession into World Trade Organisation (WTO). US President Donald Trump

has, in recent years, accused China of adopting practices that provide “unfair competition”

in favour of Chinese companies2.

Assume that you are an economist being asked to write an article entitled *“Unfair*

*Competition fuelling China’s Export-Led Growth?”* to be published in a business journal.

The editor has requested that your article should be a balanced one (offering arguments

from different perspectives) on this issue for a general audience from the business

community. The editor further requested that your article should be around 1,200 words.

**Note:**

You should explain and apply relevant economic concepts relating to your understanding

of China’s economic transformation journey in your discussion. Where relevant, cite

examples, information and data from a wide range of research materials to support your

arguments.

Your answer should be around 1,200 words. The materials from which you draw to make

and support your arguments should NOT be limited to the course readings and non academic

internet sources. Specifically, your sources should include at least two academic sources – journal articles, book chapters and/or books.

You should write clearly with appropriate terminology, and structure a smooth-flowing

response. Use proper and consistent citation for ALL sources, including the course study

guide, and provide a list of end-text references to support your citations. Late submissions

will be penalized.

1 Felipe, J. & Lanzafame, M. 2018, “The PRC Long-Run Growth through the Lens of the Export-Led Growth Model”, ADB

Economics Working Paper Series, Asian Development Bank, Manila

2 *The Washington Post*, November 28, 2016