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**Newspaper Refection (CNY Holiday extended work 2)**

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**Why Wuhan is so important to China's economy and the potential impact of the coronavirus**

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The economic effect on Wuhan, the capital(首府) of Hubei province(湖北省) and the headquarters(總部) of major domestic(家用) car and steel producers, is likely to be unavoidable(不可避免) as public transport in and out the Wuhan ground to a halt on Thursday morning as authorities(當局) placed the city on lockdown to try to contain the spread of the coronavirus outbreak(冠狀病毒爆發).

Wuhan's GDP growth was 7.8 per cent in 2019, 1.7 percentage points higher than the national average(國家平均), local government data showed. The total value of imports and exports reached 244 billion RMB last year, a record high that was 13.7 per cent above the previous year and accounted for(佔) 61.9% of Hubei province's overall foreign trade value. There are more than 300 of the world's top 500 companies in the city. In recent years, the city has invested in becoming a hi-tech hub, particularly for the optics(光學) industry, but its reputation(名聲) as China's "motor city" for its booming car industry and its significance(重要性) as a major logistics(物流) centre is where it has the greatest influence(影響力) on China's economy.

As many as 15 million people were expected to pass through Wuhan during the Lunar New Year holiday period, according to government-run hubeidaily.net. The sudden restrictions(管制) on travel to and from the city could upend(翻倒) the holiday plans of millions of people in China, and hit the economy during a period where Chinese consumers typically splash out(湧出) on restaurants and shopping.

The virus could shave between 0.5 to 1 percentage point off China's GDP growth this year against a baseline forecast(基線預測) of 5.9%, the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)(經濟學人信息社) said. And if the outbreak becomes an epidemic(疫症), rising expenditure(開支) on health care will limit the spending in other areas, including on infrastructure investment(基建投資) and other stimulus(刺激) measures(措施) aimed at shoring up(支撐) the economy, it added.

Please read the following newspaper carefully and answer the questions at the back page.

<p><b>What:</b> <i>(Hint: What is the <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">main</span> <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">controversy</span> and <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">concepts</span> of LS are mentioned in the news above?)</i></p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
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<p><b>Reflection</b> <b>(30-50 words):</b> <i>(Hint: What are your feelings/ opinions towards the news above? Any suggestion/ solutions to solve the problem or situation mentioned above?)</i></p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>