Read through the Financial Times or any other financial newspapers and then pick an article that may be dealing with one or more of the topics taught namely:

1. Relevant costs for decision making (choosing between options)

2. Volume based decisions – variable and fixed costs

3. Volume based decisions – break even analysis etc.

4. Budgeting

5. Working capital management

6. Sources of Finance

Your task is to write a short report answering the following questions:-

1. What is the title of your article, who is/are the author/s, when was it written and where did you find the article?
2. Write a brief summary of the article
3. Identify, within the above summary, the Management Accounting concepts being discussed in the article
4. Define at least two those Management Accounting terms (with appropriate referencing)

Please make sure you clearly include your name and student number on your file.

**Word count:**300 to 500 words maximum

**Deadline:**

Submit your report online on My Learning (Unihub), in the folder “Research & Analysis Task- Accounting”.

The deadline for submission is Friday 27thJanuary 2016 at 9pm, (week 14).

**Assessment criteria and guidance:**

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|  | Marking Weighting |
| **1. What is the title of your article, who is/are the author/s, when was it written and where did you find the article?**  *Student has clearly stated the details of articles*  *Student has clearly identified the source (website/newspaper/journal) of the article* | 1.5 |
| **2. Write a brief summary of the article** | 2 |
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| **5. Professional presentation**  *The report was well laid out. Appropriate references and bibliography were used, where necessary. Grammar and spelling errors were minimal. Word limit has been respected.* | 1.5 |
| **Total marks available:** | **10** |