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How will we conduct assessments
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Acknowledgement of Country

Direct Entry Course (DEC) Assessment at the Centre for English Teaching (CET)

Course Length:

- 36 weeks Summative assessment tasks take place in the final seven weeks.
- 25 weeks
- 15 weeks
- 10 weeks

- 5 weeks Summative assessment tasks take place in the final three weeks.

Before and After March 2020

– Students

Semester	Total	
July 2023	435	Total 4095
February 2023	695	
July 2022	353	
February 2022	654	
July 2021	477	
February 2021	746	
July 2020	735	
February 2020	1452	Total 7073
July 2019	657	
February 2019	1215	
July 2018	587	
February 2018	1220	
July 2017	671	
February 2017	1271	

- Teachers: over 200
- Assessment Quality Team (AQT)

Listening and Reading Assessment

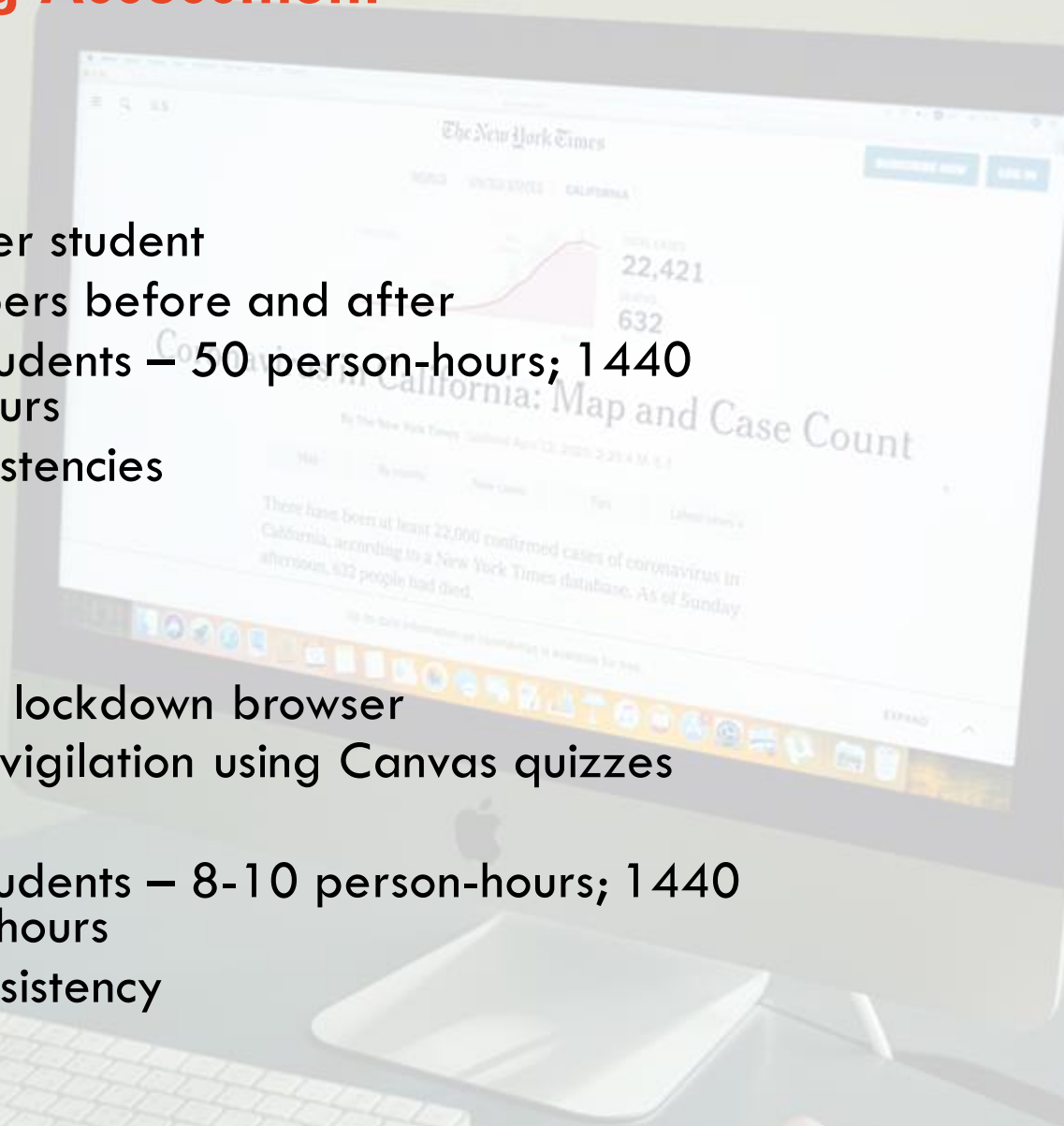
Paper or Screen?

Before March 2020

- 19-24 sheets of paper per student
- Security: storing tests papers before and after
- Scoring workload: 360 students – 50 person-hours; 1 440 students – 200 person-hours
- Scoring errors and inconsistencies
- Score entry errors

After March 2020

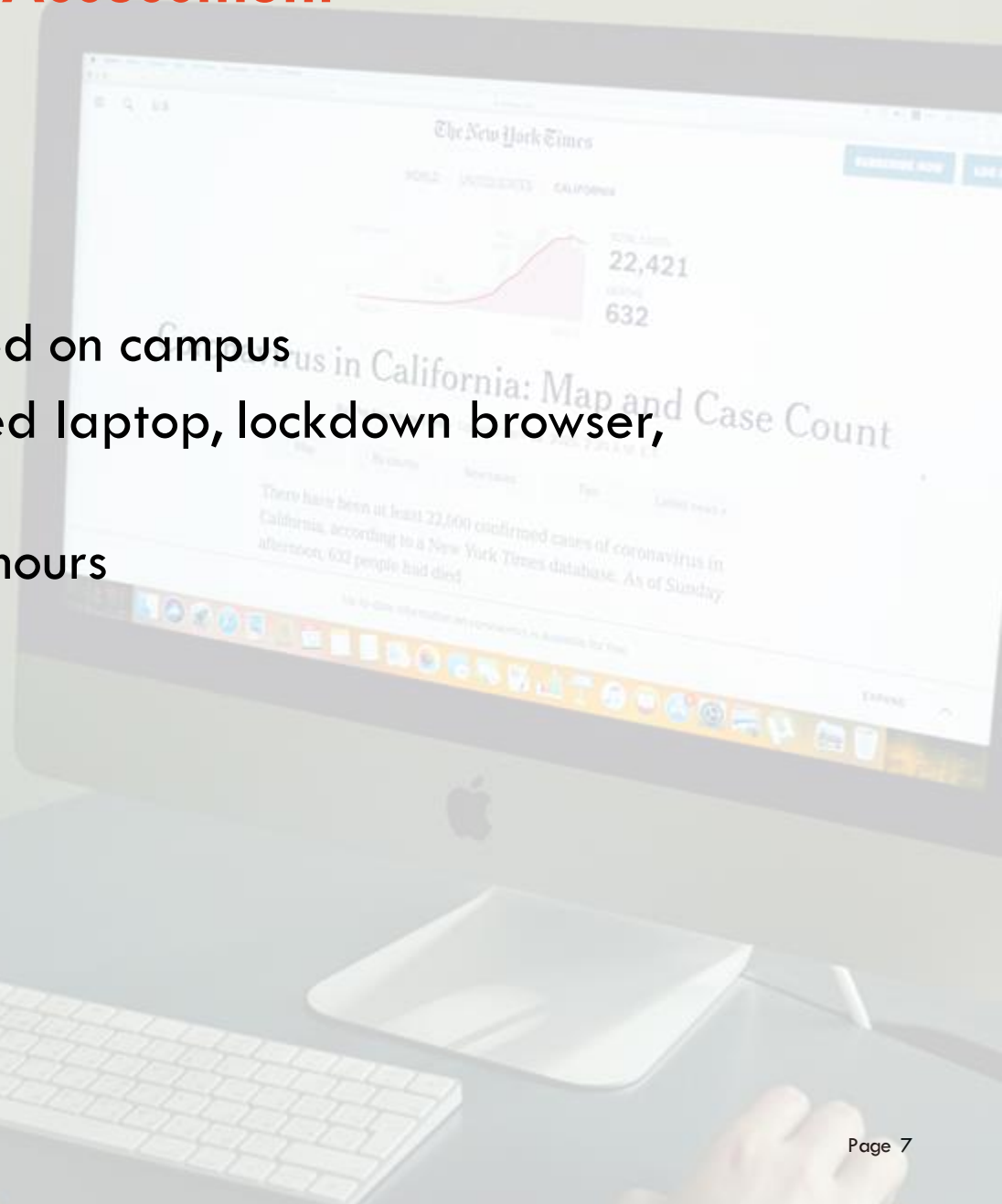
- Tech preparation: laptop, lockdown browser
- Remote and on-campus invigilation using Canvas quizzes
- Security: invigilation
- Scoring workload: 360 students – 8-10 person-hours; 1 440 students – 10-12 person-hours
- Scoring accuracy and consistency



Listening and Reading Assessment Paper or Screen?

From December 2023

- All tests online
- Conducted and invigilated on campus
- Tech preparation: charged laptop, lockdown browser, disabling other tools
- Scoring workload: 8-12 hours



Listening Assessment

Who controls the audio?

Before March 2020

- Teacher plays audio
- One listening only
- No pausing, no repeating

After March 2020

- Student has control of audio
- Can pause and replay sections of the recording

Listening Assessment

Who controls the audio?

From December 2023

- Audio controlled by the teacher, played only once without pausing or repetition

Writing Assessment

Paper or Screen?

Before March 2020

- Input texts and writing paper (with task question) printed for each student
- Printing ordered two weeks in advance
- Teachers photocopy answers before marking and file soft copies for potential review
- Potential loss of answers
- Occasional scanning errors

After March 2020

- Input texts included in online task
- Students enter answer online
- Answers filed on Canvas
- Students can cut and paste from source texts

Writing Assessment Paper or Screen?

From December 2023

– Screen

Writing Assessment

When do students receive the input texts?

Before March 2020

- Texts distributed at the beginning of the task
- Reading time allowed : 30-60 minutes

After March 2020

- Texts distributed 24 hours before the task
- Also included in the task
- Planning and writing time allowed: 40-60 minutes
- Demonstrated understanding of input texts
- Risk of prepared answers

Writing Assessment

When do students receive the input texts?

From December 2023

- Texts distributed 24 hours before the task

Writing Assessment

Marking on paper or on screen?

Before March 2020

- Teacher chooses whether to provide scores and feedback on paper or soft copy
- Potential errors in score calculation and entry
- Convenience of marking at home, on the train

After March 2020

- All marking on SRES (Student Relationship and Engagement System)
- Rubric included for reference when entering scores
- Comment space for each criterion and/or overall
- Scores entered for each criterion, overall score calculated automatically

Writing Assessment

Marking on paper or on screen?

From December 2023

- All marking on SRES (Student Relationship and Engagement System)

Listening, Reading and Writing Assessment Room or Zoom?

Before March 2020

- Tasks conducted in a venue away from regular classroom where possible
- Student:teacher ratio 18:1

After March 2020

- Tasks conducted in venue of student's choice
- Students supervised via Zoom using a separate device with a camera
- Task completed using a lockdown browser
- Student:teacher ratio 6:1
- Potential technical problems
- Issues with camera view of student
- Frequent breaches of exam conditions

Listening, Reading and Writing Assessment Room or Zoom?

From December 2023

- Tasks conducted in a venue away from regular classroom where possible

Speaking Assessment Room or Zoom?

Before March 2020

- Students arrive at task venue at specified time
- Tasks supervised and assessed by two teachers
- No recording, no capacity for review

After March 2020

- Students join Zoom meeting at a specified time
- Tasks supervised and assessed by two teachers
- Task automatically recorded and stored

Speaking Assessment Room or Zoom?

From December 2023

– Zoom?