Alternative Assessments Resource:

The Assignment Tool

Alternative to an Open-Ended Questions Exam
Were you planning to assess students in your course by having them complete an assignment answer open-end questions in an exam setting? Many questions posed to students on a written final exam can be transferred to an assignment that students complete and submit via the Assignments tool in Brightspace. It works like a virtual dropbox where students can submit their assignments.

You can provide the assignment to students through the Assignments tool. Instructions and a blank assignment document can be attached to the folder for students to download and complete/submit. This enables you to control when students access and submit assignments and the duration of time they have to complete it. In this way, it emulates some of the benefits of an exam. As no invigilation is provided, you may wish to remind students of the university’s commitment to academic integrity.

Some Benefits of the Assignments tool:
- You can set the box availability (and release conditions):
  - opening and closing date and time.
- You can link the box to your Gradebook in Brightspace.
- You can link rubrics to the assignment to assist with grading.
- You can see when students submitted their assignment.
- You can provide feedback and grades electronically though the Assignments tool using either the Evaluate Submission page or in the assignment submission folder (box) itself.
- You can provide brief audio- or video-based feedback using the features in the Assignments tool.

You can find easy-to-follow instructions on how to use the Assignments Folders (box) on the Technology Resources site at CITL.

For more help preparing alternative assessments, contact CITL’s Remote Instruction Transition Team

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