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- ce f de ce ca lea e ab, be aced the end de eft he ttte 'leet pad, e, ft le a age et eft he a, t eft he eal ge elt te a a, ab, et e t de t.

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O é a ,, the a dt tea fe dt hat the U pé t ' je ce e and le ced le fe le t glad at e le peach le gla e a e a effect e ce til b t e te to a age e t e ft he a, t a d t a da d e ft he e le gla e a d e et t he e e et a e e ft he lece t e ft he Code of practice for the assurance of academic quality and standards in higher education (Code of practice), Section 1: Postgraduate research programmes.

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t de t 'fp,, acce 'te et dia, e a di'le elit e a peb te. Thetea e pe ed th de e p et becapet e de ab, en head e f de part e et et dia, e a p b, t e e le le a p b le gla e de et e dia, e a p di elle p ade a p b le gla e e die e dia, e a p di elle p ade that a p de at e e f, a die p e e te, e t dia, e a e di'le e lit ale a t e t, c, e ai, t e, t t a die t a d e, de c e t e d.

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39 St de talen den ne, ed the U elit na, ta a age et te .
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53 n A patt oft St det p it e, c the U et than eted ting, the ache e ha ce et pea ie: the e biad facte Agt pe He eadther e, a le e-te ce tie filit det eit (ai agia h 32). It han a e to dei ab e effeit te the de e et a de e e ft VLE feit to det a d taff. The VLE ie de a ab e p feit ape e glad ate ,, a ia a a die e e e a de e p et, t det p gite e it te, a d the Codenof practice; ta e a ie e e te if ie U eit p gite e ta de e ft det and taff a a feat ie e f greed in act ce, a deted to tet a feit ie et goe ai ab e e eie ce a de e gabilat e ait ei.

De alt et alele ledte lefet en the le ha ce et that ege d le gana a d eledele e, athe ghe elapet ee b the adtea ce ten ed ttoe e de ce e f te ta e b de alt et te e ha ce ant the gh te an ce a gulph del the e n at la e e le, the head e facade ca d el pce de alt et le dicena ande alt eta, le e, (alagla h 22, 35) h ch pc, de lefet en en a dn a fel e ha ce et. The ffel eteta, fel hal g gred la ce a dle e g e ha ce et. He e el, el de le get

ged kad ce at aktor did he e. The keecet, ke ede de de de kat ep he she she she akt did na dthe ke ce he de edte the grhe the trite a e dight of akt did he e.

66 p. A e et pa de a at e appliange et feli ce pabellat e le et p de tp ale p ge et ed b the U elit 'lieg pat e a dieced le . Ge pabellat e le e alique ge pet p appealed at thet peef a dat ep. Piepolian et pa a aget he date da abla ge et a de plet hat a e et e delate p, til ale pd, a pleedbac ale a le litate. The adt tea fe de pecape hele a e pet lact cep alit elih a poet la abla te li pelit p pelit p pelit p pelit p pelit p pelit p pelit ad ad pe et a pet a dad ep the U elit tepe plet hat each alit eli tit e delita da de e et a plee at U elit leg pat e a dieced le .

67 Etela e a el ce abeliat e le en alea e ted b the U el te the a e ba a fel 'he e' le gla e . A a e e fe a el 'le e lit gget ed that le gla e el ta a e "abeliat e-3.2 f0 -1.2279 (e g)-29 (the)-TJ-3.2 J0 -1. el the ) de c

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- 88 Di gthe a dt, t de toe fi edthat b, hed fei at e pie edt e a dthe eb te had bee acciate, a dthat i e gia e had et hei e edate.
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- 90 The Paa g Off ce ha le e b, t a le la gthe acc lac enf H ghel Ed cate statt c Age c (HESA) data, a dth g a g a dacc late fel at e had bee edte HESA a d e adedte the U tatte.
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- Let hat a, a ald coat f cate a dtl a d t lef, ed f, the lece t ft he Code of practice, Section 2: Collaborative provision and flexible and distributed learning (including e-learning) (alagla h 36, 68)
- e kethat each akt ek ttte dektadad e et a,, ke, e at U ekt keg, at • a d ke cedke (akagkah 66, 68, 89).
- 95 Rece e date feliate that de labe:
- ee data a pa a detecte e a dtheir et a e ha cethe a, tefthe t dete de ce (alagia h 35,54).

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