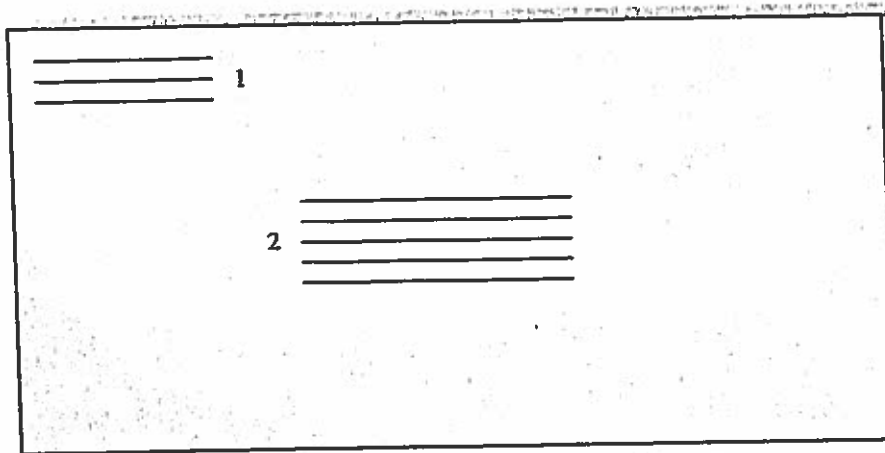


Addressing an Envelope



1. Return Address

The return address is the name and address of the person sending the letter. The return address appears in the top left corner of the envelope and consists of the sender's name, post office box number (if applicable), apartment or unit number followed by a hyphen (if applicable), street address (if applicable), city or town, province, and postal code.

JEAN BROWN
PO BOX 8207
TORONTO ON L2R 3V6

JEAN BROWN
905-12963 61 ST
TORONTO ON L2R 3V6

2. Mailing Address

The mailing address is the name and address to which the letter is being sent. It always appears in the centre of the envelope. In a business letter, the address on the envelope is the same as the inside address of the letter. There may be separate lines for the title of the addressee (e.g., Editor, Director, President), the division or department in which the person works, and the name of his or her company, business, or organization.

SAM HUNT
DIRECTOR
THE KNITTING MILL
1409 3 AVE
TORONTO ON L3V 7O1

Envelope Format

1. Addresses should be typed or written in upper-case or block letters.
2. All lines of the addresses should be formatted with a uniform left margin.
3. Punctuation marks (such as commas and periods) should not be used unless they are part of a place name (e.g., ST. JOHN'S).
4. The postal code should appear on the same line as the municipality and province or territory name, and should be separated from the province by two spaces.
5. The two-letter abbreviation for the province name should be used wherever possible (see next page); abbreviations for street (ST), avenue (AVE), and boulevard (BLVD) should also be used.
6. The return address should be formatted in the same way as the mailing address.

For more information, refer to the "Addressing Guidelines" in the *Canada Postal Guide* at www.canadapost.ca.

Format of a Business Letter

There are three basic business-letter formats. Any of these formats is appropriate and acceptable for the test. What is most important is that students choose one format and use it consistently so that the overall appearance of the letter is attractive.

Note: Students should double-space word-processed work in order to make revisions more easily. This should be applied only to the body of the letter and not to the other parts.

Parts of the Business Letter

(see illustrations on next page)

1. Heading

The heading consists of your address and the date.

PO Box 8207
Toronto ON L2R 3V6
May 12, 2014

905-12963 61 St
Toronto ON L2R 3V6
May 12, 2014

2. Inside Address

The inside address consists of the name and address of the person to whom you are writing. It usually appears four lines below the heading if a word processor is used or one line below if it is handwritten.

Sam Hunt, Director
The Knitting Mill
1409 3 Ave
Toronto ON L3V 7O1

3. Salutation

The most traditional salutation or greeting for a business letter is *Dear* followed by Mr., Ms., Mrs., or Miss, and the person's last name, followed by a colon.

Dear Mr. Smith: Dear Mrs. Brown:
Dear Ms. Black: Dear Miss Green:

4. Body

The body is the main part of the letter in which you write what you have to say to the addressee. Skip one line after the salutation.

- Be concise. Ensure that sufficient information is given so that your purpose is clearly understood and your request is well received.
- Business letters are usually formal, so the language that you use should also be formal.

5. Closing

The closing is the ending to your letter.

It appears at the bottom of the letter, directly under the body. Only the first word in the closing should be capitalized. It is always followed by a comma.

Yours truly,
Sincerely,

6. Signature

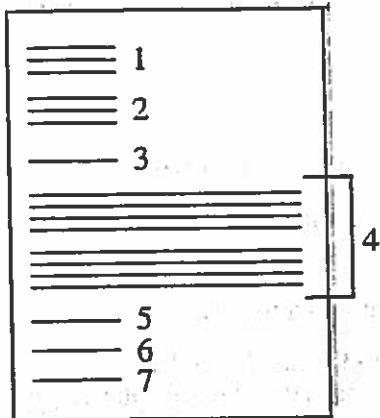
The signature is your full name signed. Your signature should appear directly below the closing. It should always be written in ink.

7. Your Name Printed

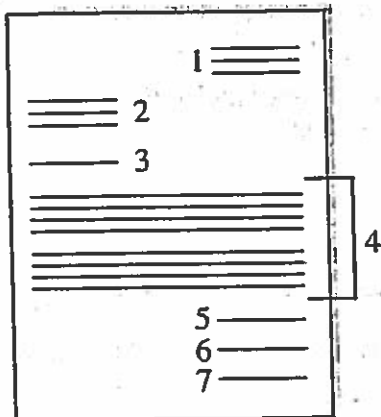
Commonly Used Abbreviations for Provinces and Territories

Province/Territory	Abbreviation
Alberta	AB
British Columbia	BC
Manitoba	MB
New Brunswick	NB
Newfoundland	NL
Northwest Territories	NT
Nova Scotia	NS
Nunavut	NU
Ontario	ON
Prince Edward Island	PE
Québec	QC or PQ
Saskatchewan	SK
Yukon Territory	YT

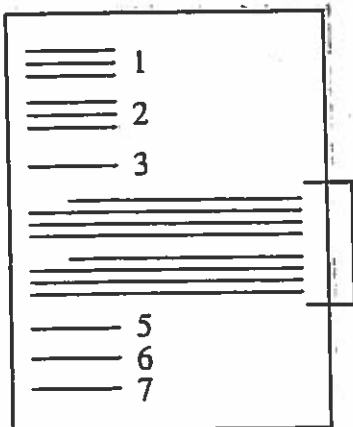
Business Letter Formats



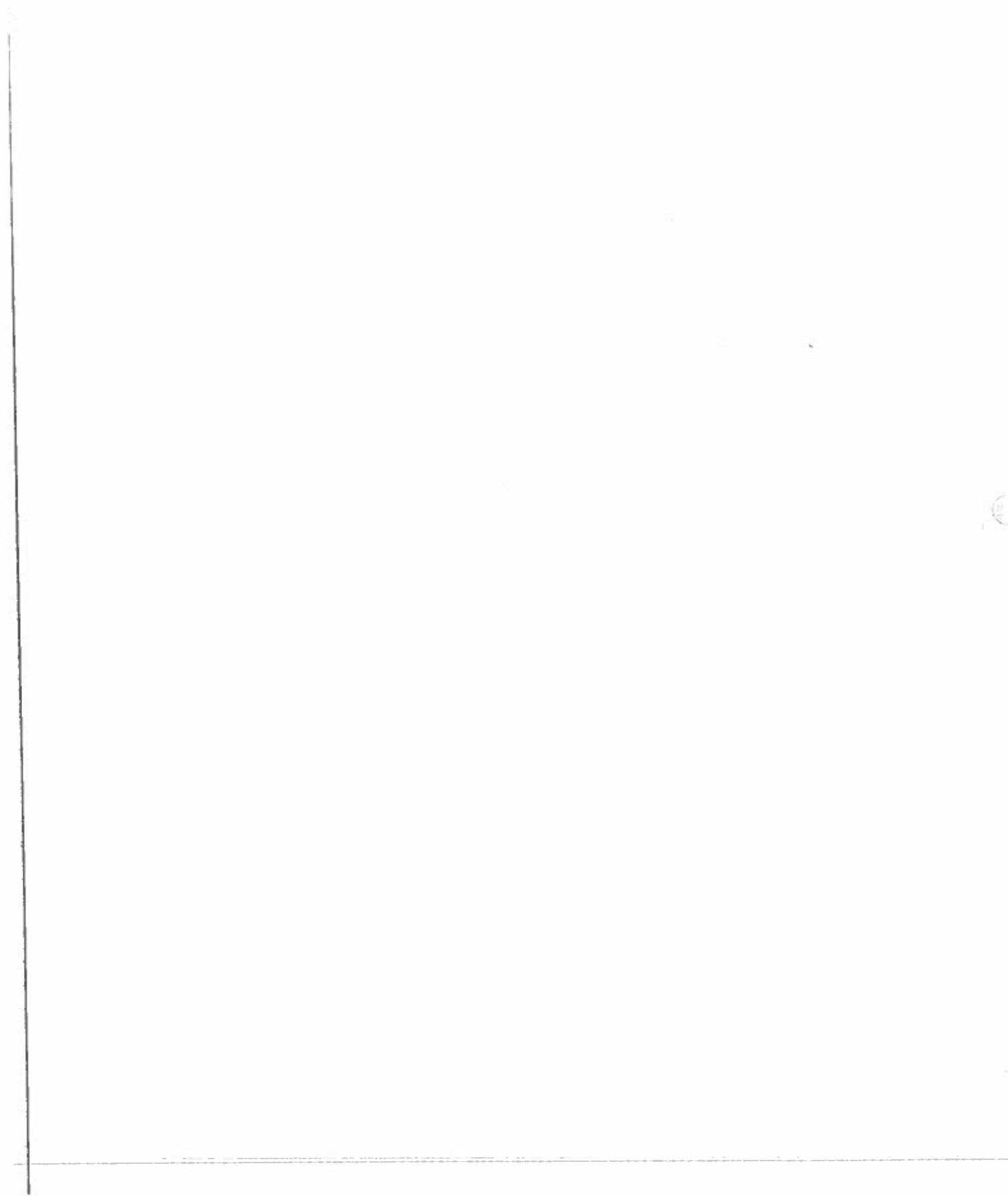
The block format. In this format, all parts of the letter run along the left side of the page (margin). No paragraphs in the body are indented.



The modified block format. In this format, the heading, the closing, and the signature run along the right margin. All the other parts run along the left margin.



The semi-block format. This format is the same as the block format, except that the paragraphs in the body are indented.



Assignment II: Functional Writing

(suggested time—40 minutes)

Read the situation below and complete the assignment that follows.

Situation

You are Jamie Gardner, a grade nine student who attends Inspiration School in Newsome, Alberta. Along with many other students, you believe there is a need to establish a policy regarding the amount of daily homework students are assigned. This policy would promote the development of consistent expectations among students, teachers, and parents regarding homework throughout all schools in the Carver School Division.

While recognizing that homework provides students with opportunities to reinforce classroom learning, you and your classmates see the need for a homework policy that includes the following guidelines:

- cooperation among teachers so that the amount of homework assigned is manageable
- time spent on daily homework increases by 10 minutes with each grade, starting in grade one
- no homework on non-school days
- homework assigned each day is relevant and meaningful
- allows teachers and schools flexibility to accommodate the needs of all students

You have decided to write a letter to the chairperson of the Carver School Board, Mrs. Helen Westminster, to explain why this homework policy is needed. In your letter, be sure to highlight the expected benefits of this policy and consider how any potential problems could be addressed.

Assignment

Write a business letter to Mrs. Helen Westminster, chairperson of the Carver School Board. In your letter, present your ideas regarding the need to establish this homework policy. Provide enough information to convince Mrs. Westminster and members of the school board of the benefits of implementing this policy.

When writing, be sure to

- **identify the purpose of the letter**
- **explain the details of the situation and request**
- **organize your thoughts appropriately in sentences and paragraphs**
- **use vocabulary that is appropriate and effective**
- **sign your letter Jamie Gardner—do not sign your own name**
- **address the envelope on page 14**

Address Information

Use the following information for your letter and to address the envelope below.

Mrs. Helen Westminster

Mrs. Helen Westminster is the chairperson of the Carver School Board. The board office is located in the city of Carrington, Alberta. The board's post office box number is 5140, and the postal code is T2A 4S7.

Jamie Gardner

Jamie Gardner resides in the town of Newsome, Alberta. The postal code is T6Y 0W8. Jamie's home is located at 14522 on 187 Avenue.

Envelope

