What does the Harvard referencing system look like?

1. Paraphrase
Other surveys have shown that women are more often involved in trading and other informal sector activity than men, although usually on a part-time basis (Garnaut, Wright and Curtain 1977; Walsh 1982). Similarly many urban residents....

2. Direct quote
According to O'Neill (1970:263), to promote literacy it is important to 'keep all the words and the world together and [children] involved in it'.

3. Long quote (more than three lines long)
As Lal and Slatter (1982:131) point out:

Women's role has come to be, at least ideologically, localized in the home where domestic duties have been made their primary responsibilities, despite the fact that they have extended their production-for-consumption activities to bring in income.

It is now recognised that one of the legacies of the religious and economic intervention by Westerners....

4. Common abbreviations used in the Harvard system (note punctuation)

In the text:

- et al. (et alii/alia, Latin, 'and others'). This term may be used in text to indicate more than two authors.
  Typically, the full list of authors is mentioned first (Smith, Jones and Harbin 1973), and then subsequently the authors may be referred to as (Smith et al. 1973). Usually the term et al. does not appear in the references list - the full list of authors is given.

In the references list:

- ed. (short form of ‘editor’).
- eds (short form of ‘editors’).

Direct links to Harvard style


Harvard Style (University of Melbourne) - comprehensive, with examples and animation: http://www.lib.unimelb.edu.au/cite/harvard_dis/book_dist.html

University of Portsmouth Harvard Style Guide: http://www.referencing.port.ac.uk/

Coventry University Harvard Style Guide: http://home.ched.coventry.ac.uk/caw/harvard/