



	ENGLISH The Portrait of a Lady and A Photograph	
Name: _____	Date: _____	Class: XI

Answer the following questions in 30-40 words:

1. Mention the odd way in which the author's grandmother behaved just before she died.
2. Mention the way in which the sparrows expressed their sorrow when the author's grandmother died.
3. The author's grandmother was a religious person. What are the different ways in which we come to know this?
4. The grandmother has been portrayed as a very religious lady. What details in the story create this impression?
5. The grandmother had a divine beauty. How does the author bring it out?
6. What proof do you find of friendship between the grandmother and grandson in the story?
7. The grandmother was a kind-hearted woman. Give examples in support of your answer.
8. "This was the turning point in our friendship." What was the turning point?
9. Draw a comparison between the author's village school education and city school education
10. What was the happiest moment of the day for grandmother?
11. What was the last sign of physical contact between the author and the grandmother? Why did the author think that to be the last physical contact?
12. Everybody including the sparrows mourned the grandmother's death. Elaborate.
13. What does the word 'cardboard' denote in the poem? Why has this word been used?
14. What has the camera captured?
15. What has not changed over the years? Does this suggest something to you?
16. The poet's mother laughed at the snapshot. What did this laugh indicate?
17. What is the meaning of the line "Both wry with the laboured ease of loss."
18. What does "this circumstance" refer to?
19. The three stanzas depict three different phases. What are they?
20. Why does the poet feel nostalgic?
21. What does the poet say about her mother's face?
22. Does the poet appear to be grieving?