**WORKSHEET ON PORTRAIT OF A LADY**

**SHORT ANSWER Type Questions**

1. Despite her physical appearance, the grandmother has been called beautiful. Why?
2. "Old, so terribly old that she could not have grown older,." Explain. Why did the author think so?
3. Why did the grandmother chant her prayers continuously and loudly?
4. Who prepared the author for school? How?
5. Why was the author's grandmother unhappy with the city education?
6. HOW did the grandmother react hearing that music lessons were given at the English school?
7. Mention some instances to show that the grandmother was highly composed and patient.
8. The sparrows ignored the author's mother's generous attempt to feed them.
What were the possible reasons?
9. "When the people are pious and good, even  their death." Justify.

**LONG ANSWER Type Questions**
10. The grandmother herself was not formally educated but was serious about the author's education. How does the text support this? What values does the grandmother display through her seriousness towards education?
11. Gradually the author and the grandmother saw less of each other and their friendship was broken. Was the distancing in the relationship deliberate or due to the demand of the situation? What values do you learn from their relationship? What would you do if you are caught in a similar situation?
12. The old are treated unfavourably by their family members. What can one do to improve the condition of elderly people? How can they be made an integral part of society?
13. Our elders are the ones who cared for us their whole life. In old age they need us the most. Write an article on the topic 'Respect the Old'.
14. Love between generations has become a thing of the past. In today's time, young people have no time for their old family members. Discuss the urgent need to give love and protection to the older generation.