

Appeals book

Sussex: In 1977 Lionel Jansen petitioned against the lower-second classification of his degree in social anthropology at the University of Sussex to its Visitor, the Queen.

His petition was turned down, but the experience of the system of classification and appeal led him to write, 36 years later, the first of a two-volume analysis of the English examination system from a social anthropological perspective: *Degree of Failure?* (Aspect Design).

In the *Times Higher* Jan Marsh, of Newnham College, Cambridge, describes the book as a “thought-provoking essay” which “recounts his 1977 battle with a UK university to appeal a degree class that precluded postgraduate study. A second section dissects the downgrading in 2013 of some GCSE results.”

More details of the book can be seen at:
<http://amzn.to/1dYPa2W>