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ASSESSMENT TEST: Semester 2, 2007-2008

STUDY UNIT: **PHI 1070 Plotinus**

DATE: Tuesday 3rd June

TIME: 18.00 – 19.00

Please remember to write your name and surname as well as the question number on each foolscap.

Answer the following question

“The philosopher was a professor and a spiritual guide, whose goal was not to set forth his vision of the universe, but to mold his disciples by means of spiritual exercises. Thus Plotinus’ writings are above all either sermons or textual explanations; often they are merely the transcripts of his public classes” (Hadot, P., *Plotinus*, 1993).

Discuss these themes even in the light of your own reading and experience of Plotinus’ philosophy.