

Calculating Nitric Acid Volume

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Response: To find the correct expression for the required volume of 70.0% ($\frac{w}{w}$) concentrated HNO_3 , let's break down the calculation step-by-step:

1. Molar Mass of HNO_3

$$\text{Molar mass of } \text{HNO}_3 = 1 + 14 + (3 \times 16) = 63 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$$

2. Required Amount of HNO_3 (Moles)

To prepare 300 cm^3 of a $0.150 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ solution:

$$\text{Moles of } \text{HNO}_3 = \frac{0.150}{1000} \times 300 \text{ mol}$$

3. Required Mass of HNO_3 (Grams)

$$\text{Mass of pure } \text{HNO}_3 = \left(\frac{0.150}{1000} \times 300 \right) \times 63 \text{ g}$$

4. Required Mass of Concentrated Acid Solution

Since the concentrated solution is 70.0% ($\frac{w}{w}$) HNO_3 , 70.0 g of pure acid is present in 100 g of solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Mass of solution} &= \text{Mass of pure } \text{HNO}_3 \times \frac{100}{70.0} \\ \text{Mass of solution} &= 63 \times \left(\frac{0.150}{1000} \times 300 \right) \times \frac{100}{70.0} \text{ g} \end{aligned}$$

5. Required Volume of Concentrated Acid (cm^3)

Using $\text{Volume} = \frac{\text{Mass}}{\text{Density}}$ (where density = 1.42 g cm^{-3}):

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Volume} &= \frac{1}{1.42} \times \text{Mass of solution} \\ \text{Volume} &= \frac{100}{1.42} \times \frac{63}{70.0} \times \frac{0.150}{1000} \times 300 \text{ cm}^3 \end{aligned}$$

Conclusion

Comparing this with the given choices:

Correct Option: (2) $\frac{100}{1.42} \times \frac{63}{70.0} \times \frac{0.150}{1000} \times 300$
