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Buffer basics

What could you mix with 100. mL of 2.00 M HNO_2 (nitrous acid) to make a buffer?

What is the pH of the best buffer made from nitrous acid, HNO_2 ?

K_a of $\text{HNO}_2 = 4.0 \times 10^{-4}$.

Adjusting the pH of a buffer

The weak acid, HCN, could be used to make a buffer. The K_a for HCN is 6.2×10^{-10} .
What is the pH of the best buffer made from HCN?

What ratio of $[\text{HCN}]$ to $[\text{CN}^-]$ is needed to have a buffer with $\text{pH} = 9.00$?

Multiple Choice Question:

Which of the following mixtures would result in a buffer solution?

- I. 10 mL 0.20 M HCl and 10 mL 0.40 M NH_3
- II. 10 mL 0.20 M HF and 10 mL 0.20 M NaF
- III. 10 mL 0.40 M $\text{HC}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2$ and 10 mL 0.20 M NaOH

- A) II only
- B) II and III only
- C) I and III only
- D) I, II and III
- E) None of these will result in a buffer solution.