ConcepTest on Calculating Molar Mass from Formula

Question for determination of molecular weight and reinforce significant figures.

Nicotine, $C_{10}H_{14}N_2$, is a powerful stimulant found in tobacco leaves. What is the molar mass of nicotine, to 4 significant figures?

- 1. 162 g/mol
- 2. 162.2 g/mol
- 3. 280.0 g/mol
- 4. 148.2 g/mol

Correct Answer: 2. 162.2 g/mol

Comment to Instructor: choice 1 indicates they do not recognize 4 significant figures; choice 3 was obtained by multiplying the subscripts; choice 4 was calculated with 1 less nitrogen in the formula.