## MY FAVORITE MISTAKE

Identify where the mistake is in the steps and answer the questions in the table that follow.
Problem: How many moles of $\mathrm{O}_{2}$ do you need to burn 3 moles of $\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{10}$ ?
Given equation: __ $\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{10}+\ldots 13 \mathrm{O}_{2} \rightarrow \ldots \mathrm{CO}_{2}+\ldots \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$
Step 1: Balance the equation:
$2 \mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{10}+5 \mathrm{O}_{2} \rightarrow 8 \mathrm{CO}_{2}+10 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$
Step 2: Mole-to-mole ratio:
2 moles $\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{10}$ require 26 moles $\mathrm{O}_{2}$
Step 3: Using the given information solve the problem:

| 3 moles $\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{10}$ | 5 moles $\mathrm{O}_{2}$ |
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|  | 2 moles $\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{10}$ |$=39$ moles $\mathrm{O}_{2}$

Q1. What are two things that are done well?

Q2. Where is the mistake?

Q3. What should be done differently?

Q4. What is the correct answer?

