Answer the following questions about the solubility of Ca(OH)₂ ($K_{sp} = 1.3 \times 10^{-6}$).

(a) Write a balanced chemical equation for the dissolution of $Ca(OH)_2(s)$ in pure water.

$$Ca(OH)_2 \rightleftharpoons Ca^{2+} + 2OH^-$$

1 point is earned for the correct equation.

(b) Calculate the molar solubility of Ca(OH)₂ in 0.10 M Ca(NO₃)₂.

$$K_{sp} = [\text{Ca}^{2+}] [\text{OH}^-]^2$$

$$1.3 \times 10^{-6} = (0.10 + x) (2x)^2 \approx (0.10) 4x^2$$
 [assuming $x \ll 0.10$]

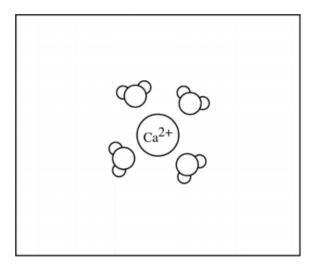
$$1.3 \times 10^{-5} = 4x^2$$

$$x = 0.0018 M$$

Molar solubility of $Ca(OH)_2 = 0.0018 M$

1 point is earned for the correct stoichiometry and setup.

1 point is earned for the final answer.



[The diagram should show the oxygen side of the water molecules oriented closer to the Ca²⁺ ion.]

1 point is earned for a correct diagram that shows at least three of the four water molecules oriented as described.