

**18** The density of argon gas at a pressure of  $1.00 \times 10^5$  Pa and a temperature of 300 K is  $1.60 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$ . Assuming that it behaves as an ideal gas, what is the root-mean-square speed of argon atoms at this temperature?

**A**  $216 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

**B**  $250 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

**C**  $306 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

**D**  $433 \text{ m s}^{-1}$