Helium atom is two times heavier than a hydrogen molecule. At 298 K, the average kinetic energy of a helium atom is (1982 - 1 Mark)

- (a) two times that of a hydrogen molecule.
- (b) same as that of a hydrogen molecule.
- (c) four times that of a hydrogen molecule.
- (d) half that of a hydrogen molecule.

Answer:

(b) Average kinetic energy depends only on temperature and does not depend upon the nature of the gas. (:: K.E. = 3/2 KT)