

12. Why does EBIT fall as the firm takes more debt?

* EBIT (Earnings Before Interest and Taxes) should not directly fall as a firm takes on more debt. In fact, EBIT is a measure of a firm's operating income and does not include the cost of debt (Interest expenses).

* EBIT represents a firm's operating income before taking into account interest and taxes.

* When a firm takes on more debt, it incurs financial obligations in the form of interest payments -

* These interest payments don't directly reduce EBIT, as EBIT is measured before interest, but there are indirect effects.

* Taking on more debt increases financial risk, but it may also affect operating risk indirectly.

* When a company borrows heavily, its management may become more risk-averse in business operations.

* EBIT is measured before interest, heavy debt can indirectly affect a firm's operating efficiency, risk management, and a long-term perspective, leading to a potential decline in EBIT.