

Assignment 4

1) Explain the all or none in tax in the dividends do not matter school.

* A well-known Proposition of Finance often provides detailed insight into the dividend irrelevance thought explaining the assumptions behind the 'dividends do not matter' school of thought.

This theory, originally proposed by Modigliani and Miller (MM), asserts that a firm's dividend policy has no impact on its value in an ideal world.

There are no taxes or, if they exist, capital gains and dividend taxes are fixed at the same rates.

Buying and selling shares is costless, meaning there are no brokerage fees, bid-ask spread, or any other transaction related expenses.

A company can raise funds without facing the risk of financial distress or bankruptcy.

Investors are indifferent to receiving dividends versus capital gains. In other words, they don't care whether their returns come from dividend or from the appreciation of the stock.

Dividends convey no additional information to investors about the company's future prospects or performance.

