

1) Explain the assumptions inherent in the Dividends do not matter school.

\* A well-known proponent of finance often provides detailed insights into the dividend irrelevance theory, explaining the assumptions behind the "dividends do not matter" school of thought.

\* This theory, originally proposed by Modigliani and Miller (M&M), 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 taxed at the same rate.

\* Buying and selling shares is costless, meaning there are no brokerage fees, bid ask spreads, 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 dividends or from the appreciation of the stock.

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