

Q3 ⇒ What do you understand by capital structure? Also explain the theories of capital structure in brief.

A ⇒ In financial management, capital structure theory refers to a systematic approach to financing business activities through a combination of equities and liabilities. There are several competing capital ~~structure~~ theories, each of which explores the relationship between debt financing, equity financing, and the market value of the firm slightly differently.

⇒ Net Income Approach to Capital Structure Theory :-

David Durand first suggested this approach in 1952, and he was a



proponent of financial leverage. He postulated that a change in financial leverage results in a change in capital costs. In other words, if there's an increase in the debt ratio, capital structure increase, and the weighted average cost of capital (WACC) decrease, which results in higher firm value.

A. In this approach to capital structure theory, the cost of capital is a function of the capital structure. It's important to remember, however, that this approach assumes an optimal capital structure. Optimal capital structure implies that at a certain ratio of debt to equity, the cost of capital is at a minimum, and the value of the firm is at a maximum.