

## PROBLEM SET

1. To examine the truth of the statement

$$(\exists m \in \mathbb{N})(\exists n \in \mathbb{N})(3m + 5n = 12)$$

Consider the equality being proposed -

$$3m + 5n = 12$$

subtracting  $3m$  from both sides,

$$5n = 12 - 3m$$

$$5n = 3(4 - m)$$

This implies that  $3(4-m)$  is divisible by 5.

So,  $4-m$  should be divisible by 5 as

$3$  &  $5$  are prime and have no common factors

$$\text{i.e. } (\exists m \in \mathbb{N})(4-m = 5p) \\ (\exists p \in \mathbb{N})$$

This is clearly not true for any  $m$  or  $p$  being natural numbers as  $4-m$  is always lesser than  $5p$ .

$\therefore$  This statement is false.

Note:-  $3(4) + 5(0) = 12$  but

zero is not a natural number.