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- $S(n)$ and $\neg \text{NOT}(3|n)$
- $3|0$ so it ~~is not~~ $\notin C$
- Since $m > 0$, atleast one stamp must have been used. Discarding any one stamp leaves with a valid postage. Since only 6 or 15 cent stamps are there, $S(m-6)$ or $S(m-15)$ holds.
- $m-6 < m$ and if $\text{NOT}(3|m-6)$ then $m-6 \in C$ contradicting minimality of m .
- ~~C is empty~~ - Since $3|m-6$ and $3|m$, $3|(m-6)+6$ hence $3|m$
- C must be empty. So, there are no counterexamples

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Let C be the set of counterexamples to the proposition. i.e.

$$C := \{n \mid \sum_{k=0}^n k^2 \neq \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}\}$$

Assume C is non-empty for proof by contradiction. By w.o.f, there is a smallest element $m \in C$.

This $m > 0$ because

$$\sum_{k=0}^0 k^2 = 0^2 = 0 = \frac{0 \times (0+1) \times (2 \times 0 + 1)}{6}$$

and hence $0 \notin C$.

Since m is the smallest element of C $m-1 \notin C$

and $m-1 \in \mathbb{N}$ as $m > 0$.

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} k^2 = \frac{(m-1)(m-1+1)(2m-2+1)}{6}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now, } \sum_{k=0}^m k^2 &= \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} k^2 + m^2 \\
 &= \frac{(m-1)(m)(2m-1)}{6} + m^2 \\
 &= m \left[\frac{2m^2 - 3m + 1}{6} + m \right] \\
 &= \frac{m(2m^2 + 3m + 1)}{6} \\
 \sum_{k=0}^m m^2 &= \frac{m(m+1)(2m+1)}{6}
 \end{aligned}$$

This is a contradiction to $m \in C$. Hence C must be empty, proving the proposition.

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Let C be the set of all 'a's such that from all (a, b, c, d) such that the equation is satisfied
 $C := \{a \mid 8a^4 + 4b^4 + 2c^4 = d^4 \text{ for some } b, c, d \in \mathbb{N}^+\}$

Assume C is non-empty for proof by contradiction.

By WOP, there is a smallest element $p \in C$
 $\Rightarrow 8p^4 + 4b^4 + 2c^4 = d^4$ for some $b, c, d \in \mathbb{N}^+$

Since $2 \mid \text{LHS}$, $2 \mid d^4$ and hence $2 \mid d$
 $\Rightarrow d = 2s$ for some $s \in \mathbb{N}^+$

$$\Rightarrow 8p^4 + 4b^4 + 2c^4 = 16s^4$$

Dividing by 2
 $4p^4 + 2b^4 + c^4 = 8s^4$

Again $2 \mid \text{RHS} \Rightarrow 2 \mid \text{LHS} = 4p^4 + 2b^4 + c^4 \Rightarrow 2 \mid c^4 \Rightarrow 2 \mid c$
 $\Rightarrow c = 2r$ for some $r \in \mathbb{N}^+$

$$\Rightarrow 4p^4 + 2b^4 + 16r^4 = 8s^4$$

Dividing by 2

$$2p^4 + b^4 + 8r^4 = 4s^4$$

Similar to previous arguments $2|b$ and hence $b = 2q$ for some $q \in \mathbb{N}^+$

$$\Rightarrow 2p^4 + 16q^4 + 8r^4 = 4s^4$$

Divide by 2

$$p^4 + 8q^4 + 4r^4 = 2s^4$$

Again, $2|p$ and hence $p = 2t$ for some $t \in \mathbb{N}^+$

$$\Rightarrow 16t^4 + 8q^4 + 4r^4 = 2s^4$$

Divide by 2

$$\Rightarrow 8t^4 + 4q^4 + 2r^4 = s^4$$

Hence, (t, q, r, s) is a solution of the equation.
But $t = \frac{p}{2} < p$ and $t \in \mathbb{C}$.

This contradicts the minimality of p and hence \mathbb{C} must be empty proving that there are no solutions $\in \mathbb{N}^+$.

4

Let $\mathbb{C} := \{n \mid \text{Property } n \text{ does not hold}\}$.

Assume \mathbb{C} is non-empty for proof by contradiction.
By wop, there is a smallest element $n \in \mathbb{C}$.

$n \neq 0$ because $2^{0+1} = 2$ and both $0, 1 < 2$ can be found with selecting the 1 dollar envelope and not selecting any envelope.

Hence Property $(n-1)$ holds as n is the minimum element of \mathbb{C} . Also since $n > 0$ $n-1 \in \mathbb{N}$.

We use case-analysis

Case 1: The target dollars $0 \leq t < 2^n$

Since property $(n-1)$ holds, the selection can be made from $1, 2, 4, \dots, 2^{n-1}$ envelopes and not selecting 2^n envelope.

Case 2: Target $2^n \leq t < 2^{n+1}$

Let us select the 2^n envelope.

Then remaining $t' = t - 2^n$ are constrained by $0 \leq t' < 2^n$ which can be made from $1, 2, 4, \dots, 2^{n-1}$ envelope.

Hence, property n holds contradicts $n \in C$.
Hence C must be empty, proving that property n holds $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

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Let $P(n) := n$ can be represented as the sum of non-negative integer multiples of 6, 10, 15

Let $C := \{ n \geq 30 \mid P(n) \text{ not } (P(n)) \}$

Assume C is non-empty for proof by contradiction.
By wop, there is a smallest $m \in C$.

Now: $P(n)$ is true for $n \in \{30, 31, \dots, 35\}$ as

$$30 = 5 \times 6 + 0 \times 10 + 0 \times 15$$

$$31 = 1 \times 6 + 1 \times 10 + 1 \times 15$$

$$32 = 2 \times 6 + 2 \times 10 + 0 \times 15$$

$$33 = 3 \times 6 + 0 \times 10 + 1 \times 15$$

$$34 = 4 \times 6 + 1 \times 10 + 0 \times 15$$

$$35 = 0 \times 6 + 2 \times 10 + 1 \times 15$$

Hence, $m \geq 35$. Also $P(m-6)$ is true because $m-6 \geq 30$ and m is minimum element of C .

$$\Rightarrow m-6 = 6a+10b+15c \quad a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$= 6(a+1)+10b+15c$$

As $a+1, b, c \in \mathbb{N}$ $P(m)$ is true, contradicting $m \in C$.
Therefore, C is empty. and hence $P(n)$ is true
 $\forall n \geq 30$.