Much of what passes for advice is, on examination, self-contradictory. "Never give anyone advice," Don't listen to what others tell you," "God-damn all profanity," and "Avoid iambic meter, son" are examples. In the quiz below, thirty bits of paradoxical linguistic "advice" have been split into two parts, the first in the left-hand column and the second in the right-hand one. Can you re-combine each half with its illogical mate? Answers are found in Answers and Solutions at the end of this issue.

1 punctuate  a Latinate verbiage
2 never use  b dead as a doornail
3 vulgarity  c quasi-operative
4 slang's  d to slogans
5 hyphens are  e sucks
6 the passive voice  f no double negatives
7 foreign terms are  g use of sexist language
8 when dangling,  h into lerable
9 coinages are  i colloquialisms
10 steer clear  j don't use participles
11 don't use  k should be avoided
12 cliches are  l a no-no
13 stamp out  m malapropisms
14 a writer must limit his  n verboten
15 evacuate  o a bummer
16 it's unacceptable to  p redundancy
17 give up exaggerating  q pretty ugly
18 terminate  r rhetorical questions?
19 shun superfluous  s contractions
20 eliminate  t euphemisms
21 eschew  u star
22 chuck  v obfuscation
23 watch close  w of rhymes
24 why use  x stock phrases
25 dump mixed metaphors  y your syntax
26 proofread  z like the plague
27 just say no  A ever split infinitives
28 oxymorons are  B carefully
29 finish whatever you  C at all costs
30 mistakes are  D this, sentence properly

A simple shifting of the first three steps with the last nine steps

A variation of a word first introduced: February 19...

The letters alphabet uncase it OCCt form the word...

However, in which the to be overlc...

But why s...